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ECL ที่เพิ่มขึ้นจะกดดันกำไร 1QFY24

- คาดกำไร 1QFY24 จะลดลงโดยมีปัจจัยถ่วงจากผลขาดทุนทางเครดิตที่คาดว่าจะ เกิดขึ้น (ECL) ที่สูงขึ้นตามการเพิ่มของหนี้ด้อยคุณภาพ (NPL)
- คุณภาพสินทรัพย์พลิกเป็นลบโดยมีแผนผ่อนคลายการชำระสินเชื่อส่วนบุคคลขั้นต่ำใน 2QFY24
- คงคำแนะนำถือหลังปรับลดราคาเป้าหมายปี FY24 เป็น 145 บาท

ปัจจัยด้านฤดูกาลและ ECL ที่สูงขึ้นจะฉูดกำไร 1QFY24

เราคาดกำไรสุทธิ 1QFY24 อยู่ที่ 744 ลบ. ลดลงแรงถึง 31.9% q-q แต่ยังเพิ่ม 20.5% y-y คิด เป็น 23% ของประมาณการกำไรสุทธิทั้งปีของเรา ECL และต้นทุนความเสี่ยงในการปล่อย สินเชื่อ (Credit cost) ที่คาดว่าจะเพิ่มขึ้นอาจหักล้างการฟื้นตัวในธุรกิจหลัก เราคาดว่ากำไร ก่อนหักสำรอง (PPOP) จะปรับขึ้น 12.9% q-q และ 4.5% y-y เป็น 3.03พัน ลบ. และคาดว่า สินเชื่อจะทรงตัว q-q แต่ลดลง 2.4% y-y จากการดัดจำหน่ายหนี้เสียอย่างมีนัยสำคัญ โดยเฉพาะอย่างยิ่งในกลุ่มสินเชื่อบุคคลและบัตรเครดิต ในทางตรงกันข้ามกลุ่มสินเชื่อเช่าซื้อ รถจักรยานยนต์และรถยนต์มือสอง (7% ของสินเชื่อรวม) คาดเติบโตต่อเนื่องเป็นไตรมาสที่ห้า จากผลตอบแทนสินเชื่อที่น่าสนใจ โดยกลุ่มสินเชื่อที่มีส่วนช่วยสำคัญประกอบด้วยสินเชื่อบุคคล (48%) และบัญชีลูกหนี้บัตรเครดิต (45%) น่าจะหดตัวและขยายตัว ตามลำดับ

คุณภาพสินทรัพย์มีความเสี่ยง NPL พลิกเป็นลบ

เราคาดว่าสัดส่วนหนี้ด้อยคุณภาพ (NPL ratio) ใน 1QFY24 จะเพิ่มเป็น 5.20% โดยเฉพาะใน กลุ่มบัตรเครดิตจากการเพิ่มอัตราการชำระเงินขั้นต่ำสำหรับบัตรเครดิตเป็น 8% นอกจากนี้เรา ยังคาดด้วยว่า Credit cost จะเพิ่มเป็น 8.76% ซึ่งน่าจะทำให้สัดส่วนสำรองต่อหนี้ด้อยคุณภาพ (Coverage ratio) ลดลงเหลือ 178% นอกจากนี้ AEONTS ยังเปิดเผยแผนลดอัตราการชำระ เงินขั้นต่ำสำหรับสินเชื่อส่วนบุคคลจากเกือบ 3% เป็น 2% ตั้งแต่ 2QFY24 เป็นต้นไปเพื่อช่วย ลูกค้าที่ได้รับผลกระทบจากการขึ้นอัตราการชำระเงินขั้นต่ำสำหรับบัตรเครดิต แม้เราจะคาดว่า คุณภาพสินทรัพย์สินเชื่อส่วนบุคคลจะดีขึ้นและรายได้ดอกเบี้ยจะสูงขึ้น เรามองว่ากลยุทธ์ ดังกล่าวจะไม่เป็นผลดีในระยะยาวในแง่ของการเก็บเงินสดที่ลดลงและการเลื่อนชั้นของหนี้เป็น NPL ที่เพิ่มขึ้น

เน้นสินเชื่อบัตรเครดิตและเช่าซื้อใน FY24

เราคงประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี FY24-26 โดยคาดว่ากำไรสุทธิ FY24 จะหดตัว 0.4% y-y ก่อน ปรับขึ้น 6.0% y-y ในปี FY25 และ 8.2% y-y ในปี FY26 ในส่วนของเป้าประมาณการปี FY24 ปัจจัยหนุนน่าจะมาจากการเติบโตของสินเชื่อที่พื้นตัวโดยเฉพาะในกลุ่มสินเชื่อเงินสดจากบัตร เครดิตและเช่าซื้อ

คงคำแนะนำถือหลังปรับลดราคาเป้าหมายปี FY24 ลงเหลือ 145 บาท

เราปรับลดราคาเป้าหมายปี FY24 ของเราลงเหลือ 145 จาก 170 บาท (GGM) หลังปรับเพิ่ม ค่า COE เป็น 10.0% (จาก 9.0%) เราคงคำแนะนำถือเนื่องจากหุ้นมี Upside จำกัดเมื่อเทียบ กับราคาในปัจจุบันและปัจจัยกดดันที่คาดว่าจะเกิดต่อเนื่องในปี FY24-25 ในส่วนของการ เติบโตที่คาดว่าจะมีจำกัดเพื่อรักษาคุณภาพสินทรัพย์และกฎระเบียบในธุรกิจบัตรเครดิตที่ เข้มงวดมากยิ่งขึ้น

AEONTS TB

HOLD

UNCHANGE

TARGET PRICE	THB145.00
CLOSE	THB130.50
UP/DOWNSIDE	+11.1%
PRIOR TP	THB170.00
CHANGE IN TP	-14.7%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-20.8%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Feb (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit	4,161	4,150	4,398	4,753
Net profit	3,259	3,245	3,440	3,721
EPS (THB)	13.04	12.98	13.76	14.88
vs Consensus (%)	-	(13.0)	(13.9)	(0.2)
Recurring net profit	3,259	3,245	3,440	3,721
Core EPS (THB)	13.04	12.98	13.76	14.88
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	(14.6)	(0.4)	6.0	8.2
Core P/E (x)	10.0	10.1	9.5	8.8
Dividend yield (%)	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.8
Price/book (x)	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
ROE (%)	13.8	12.8	12.6	12.7
ROA (%)	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5



1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
(15.3)	(11.2)	(29.8)
(12.2)	(6.9)	(19.8)
		890
D m)		1.4
		41
AEON Financia	al Service Co	Ltd (32%)
	189	.00/126.00
		250
	(15.3) (12.2) SD m)	(15.3) (11.2) (12.2) (6.9) SD m) AEON Financial Service Co

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

We maintain our unfavorable view on AEONTS' business and reiterate our HOLD call at the current price due to:

- The credit card and personal loan segments should continue to experience headwinds in FY24, particularly the credit card segment, which should persist until FY25 on the lifting of the minimum payment to 10% from 8% in FY24.
- 2) Despite its effort to reduce NPLs and credit costs with a less stringent policy, we view this as neutral since it could lead to higher expected credit losses (ECLs) and NPL migration afterward amid the sluggish economic outlook.
- 3) We expect FY24-26 net profit to grow by just c4.5% p.a. CAGR.

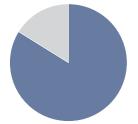
Company profile

AEONTS' main business activity is providing a variety of retail finance services: credit cards, personal loans, hire purchase, a life-insurance broker business, non-life insurance broker business, debt collection and others. As of 28 Feb 2023, AEONTS had a total of 104 branches, of which 31 branches are in Bangkok and the vicinity while the remaining are distributed nationwide. As of 31 Aug 2023, the company had 3.33m ready-to-use credit cards and 6.61m membership cards for personal loans.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

Net interest income - 83.9 %



Non-interest income - 16.1 %

Source: Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand)

Major shareholders

- AEON Financial Service Co Ltd -32.2 %
- ACS Capital Corp Co Ltd 19.2
- Aeon Holding Thailand Co Ltd -8.8 %
- Others 39.9 %



Source: Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand)

Catalysts

- 1) Better-than-expected loan growth.
- 2) Better-than-expected spread.
- 3) Lower-than-expected NPLs and credit cost.
- 4) Lower-than-expected operating expenses.

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-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.

Event calendar

Date	Event
Jul 2024	1QFY24 results announcement

Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Loan growth	7.01%	8.82%	8.90%
Interest spread	16.66	16.76	16.74
Net fee income growth	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Cost to income	38.25%	38.24%	38.21%
Credit cost (bp)	776	782	772
NPL ratio	5.20%	5.50%	5.50%
ROE	12.78%	12.59%	12.66%
ROA	3.43%	3.42%	3.43%

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

			FY2024	
Loan growth	±2ppt	5.01	7.01	9.01
% change in net profit		(1.1)		1.1
Spread (%)	±10bp	16.56	16.66	16.76
% change in net profit		(0.7)		0.7
Credit cost (bp)	±10bp	766	776	786
% change in net profit		2.4		(2.4)

Source: FSSIA estimates

Low season and a rise in ECLs to drag 1QFY24 profit

We estimate a 1QFY24 net profit of THB744m, marking a sharp drop of 31.9% q-q but a jump of 20.5% y-y, accounting for 23% of our full-year net profit forecast. An expected increase in ECLs and credit costs could offset its core business recovery. We expect PPOP to increase by 12.9% q-q and 4.5% y-y, amounting to THB3.03b. We expect flat q-q loan growth, but a decline of 2.4% y-y on the back of significant bad debt write-offs, particularly in the personal and credit card segments.

In contrast, the motorcycle and used car HP segment (c7% of total) could grow for five consecutive quarters, following their attractive loan yields. The main contributors, personal loans (48%) and credit card receivables (45%), should contract and expand, respectively. In addition, AEONTS has addressed a sharp rise in credit card fees owing to its aggressive marketing campaign to stimulate spending, not lending, leading to a decrease in demand for funding during the quarter. Consequently, we expect a higher loan spread of 18.38% from a drop in the cost of funds and higher loan yields.

Vulnerable asset quality; NPLs turn negative

The 1QFY24E NPL ratio jumps to 5.20%, particularly in the credit card segment, due to the increase in the minimum payment for credit cards to 10%. We also project credit costs to rise to 8.76% from the abnormal low of 5.61% in 4QFY23, dropping the coverage ratio to 178%. In addition, AEONTS disclosed its plan to reduce the minimum payment of personal loans from nearly 3% to 2% starting from 2QFY24 to assist its customers affected by the credit card minimum payment raise. Despite the expectation of better personal loan asset quality and higher interest income, we view this strategy as unfavorable in the end in terms of lower cash collection and more funding cost burdens.

Credit card and HP lending focus in 2024

We maintain our FY24-26 net profit forecast, with FY24E net profit contracting by 0.4% y-y, followed by an increase of 6.0% y-y in FY25 and 8.2% y-y in FY26. Regarding the FY24 guidance, the driver should come from recovering loan growth, particularly in the credit card cashing segment and HP lending.

Reiterate our HOLD call and cut FY24 TP to THB145

We trim our FY24 GGM-TP to THB145 (from THB170) following the COE uplift to 10.0% (from 9.0%). We reiterate HOLD due to the stock's limited potential upside at the current price and the anticipated headwinds continuing in FY24-25 regarding limited growth to protect its asset quality and stricter credit card business regulations.

Exhibit 1: AEONTS – 1QFY24 earnings preview

AEONTS	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24E	Cha	nge	% of	FY23	FY24E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	FY24E	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Interest income	4,726	4,770	4,650	4,622	4,940	6.9	4.5	26	18,767	18,802	0.2
Interest expense	527	574	511	550	519	(5.6)	(1.5)	25	2,162	2,084	(3.6)
Net interest income	4,199	4,196	4,139	4,072	4,421	8.6	5.3	26	16,605	16,717	0.7
Non-interest income	734	907	755	793	807	1.7	10.0	25	3,189	3,174	(0.5)
Operating income	4,932	5,102	4,894	4,866	5,228	7.4	6.0	26	19,794	19,891	0.5
Operating expenses	2,033	2,071	2,114	2,183	2,200	0.8	8.2	26	8,394	8,407	0.2
PPOP	2,899	3,031	2,780	2,682	3,028	12.9	4.5	26	11,400	11,484	0.7
Expected credit loss	2,094	1,949	1,899	1,298	2,000	54.1	(4.5)	27	7,240	7,327	1.2
Profit before tax	805	1,082	881	1,394	1,033	(25.9)	28.4	25	4,161	4,150	(0.3)
Income tax expense	161	218	171	273	203	(25.9)	25.9	25	824	821	(0.3)
Net profit	617	842	706	1,093	744	(31.9)	20.5	23	3,259	3,245	(0.4)
EPS (THB)	2.47	3.37	2.82	4.37	2.98	(31.9)	20.5	23	13.04	12.98	(0.4)
Key balance sheet highlights	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)		(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Loan - gross	93,721	93,886	93,814	91,231	91,503	0.3	(2.4)		91,231	97,630	7.0
Interest bearing debt	64,701	65,621	65,624	63,204	64,677	2.3	(0.0)		63,204	65,063	2.9
Leverage ratio	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)				(x)	(x)	
IBD/E (x)	2.77	2.78	2.77	2.58	2.64				2.58	2.47	
D/E (x)	3.02	2.99	2.95	2.76	2.81				2.76	2.65	
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	(%)	
Gross NPLs (THB m)	5,541	5,810	5,854	4,534	4,760	5.0	(14.1)		4,534	5,080	12.0
NPL ratio	5.91	6.18	6.23	4.97	5.20				4.97	5.20	(0.72)
Coverage ratio - LLR/ NPLs	184	174	162	183	178				183	163	(6.79)
Credit cost	8.93	8.31	8.10	5.61	8.76				7.82	7.76	(0.04)
LLR/TL	10.87	10.74	10.11	9.08	9.27				9.08	8.46	
Profitability ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	(%)	
Cost-to-income ratio	37.16	36.46	39.11	40.21	38.23				38.21	38.25	1.87
Yield on loans	20.15	20.34	19.82	19.98	21.63				20.28	19.91	(0.35)
Cost of funds	3.20	3.52	3.12	3.41	3.25				3.32	3.25	0.46
Spreads	16.95	16.82	16.70	16.57	18.38				16.96	16.66	(0.81)
Net interest margin (NIM)	17.91	17.89	17.64	17.61	19.35				17.94	17.70	(0.62)
ROE	10.70	14.34	11.93	18.16	12.16				13.78	12.78	
ROA	2.61	3.56	2.98	4.68	3.27				3.47	3.43	
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	(%)	
Loan growth q-q	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)	(2.8)	0.3						
у-у	1.2	(0.0)	(1.3)	(2.8)	(2.4)				(2.8)	7.01	
YTD	(0.2)	0.0	(0.1)	(2.8)	0.3						

Sources: AEONTS; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: AEONTS – Staged loans and ECL

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Loans and accrued interest					% Staged loar	ns		
Stage 1	79,447	82,899	85,032	83,792	90.9	91.1	90.5	91.8
Stage 2	2,944	3,702	3,565	2,979	3.4	4.1	3.8	3.3
Stage 3	5,042	4,427	5,340	4,534	5.8	4.9	5.7	5.0
Total	87,433	91,028	93,937	91,305	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Expected credit loss (ECL)					% ECL to stag	jed loans		
Stage 1	5,969	5,564	4,398	3,748	7.5	6.7	5.2	4.5
Stage 2	1,579	1,917	1,658	1,301	53.6	51.8	46.5	43.7
Stage 3	4,045	3,470	4,069	3,239	80.2	78.4	76.2	71.4
Total	11,593	10,951	10,125	8,288	13.3	12.0	10.8	9.1
LLR / Loans								
Stage 1	7.51	6.71	5.17	4.47				
Stage 2	53.63	51.80	46.51	43.67				
Stage 3	80.23	78.38	76.20	71.43				
Total	13.26	12.03	10.78	9.08				
NPL / TL	5.77	4.86	5.69	4.97				
LLR / NPL	230	247	190	183				
NPLs + stage 2 loans / total loans	9.13	8.93	9.48	8.23				
LLR/(NPLs + stage 2 loans)	145	135	114	110				

Sources: AEONTS; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: AEONTS - GGM-based 2024 TP

Gordon Growth Model	New	Previous
Sustainable ROE	12.7%	12.7%
g	3.0%	3.0%
ROE-g	9.7%	9.7%
Beta	1.2	1.0
Risk free rate	3.0%	3.0%
Risk premium	6.0%	6.0%
COE	10.0%	9.0%
COE-g	7.0%	6.0%
ROE-g/COE-g	1.38	1.61

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 5: AEONTS - one-year prospective P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: Share price performance of non-banks under coverage, as of 24 June 2024

		Pri	ce performa	nce	
	1M	3M	6M	1Y	YTD
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
TIDLOR TB	(7.4)	(12.3)	(16.4)	(15.7)	(13.8)
MTC TB	(1.7)	(3.3)	(5.3)	14.9	(1.7)
SAWAD TB	(13.5)	(7.7)	(10.3)	(18.8)	(4.3)
AEONTS TB	(15.3)	(10.9)	(15.8)	(29.8)	(18.4)
KTC TB	(1.7)	(6.1)	(6.6)	(16.3)	(2.9)
SAK TB	(4.4)	10.7	28.0	4.9	29.8
ASK TB	(8.6)	(19.8)	(31.0)	(44.8)	(30.7)
THANI TB	(4.3)	0.0	(8.1)	(24.0)	(5.2)
JMT TB	(16.0)	(31.6)	(44.0)	(60.0)	(42.4)
BAM TB	(10.9)	(22.8)	(1.9)	(27.1)	(4.3)
CHAYO TB	(11.6)	(30.7)	(35.2)	(41.0)	(35.8)
SETFIN	(7.8)	(12.1)	(15.6)	(23.6)	(13.6)
SET	(3.5)	(4.1)	(6.5)	(12.5)	(7.0)

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 6: AEONTS – one-year prospective PER band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: Peer comparisons, as of 24 June 2024

Company name	BBG	Rec	Share	Target	Up	PE	Ē	PB	V	RO	E	Div y	/ld
	code		price	price	side	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)
Auto title													
Muangthai Capital	MTC TB	BUY	44.25	50.00	13.0	14.9	11.9	2.5	2.1	18.1	19.0	0.6	0.8
Srisawad Corp	SAWAD TB	HOLD	35.25	40.00	13.5	9.8	8.6	1.7	1.5	18.4	18.2	5.1	1.2
Ngern Tid Lor	TIDLOR TB	BUY	18.70	27.00	44.4	11.7	9.8	1.7	1.5	15.4	16.2	2.6	3.1
Saksiam Leasing	SAK TB	HOLD	5.40	5.28	(2.2)	13.6	11.9	1.8	1.7	13.7	14.4	3.1	3.5
Unsecured finance													
AEON Thana Sinsap (Thailand)	AEONTS TB	HOLD	130.50	145.00	11.1	10.1	9.5	1.2	1.2	12.8	12.6	4.2	4.4
Krungthai Card	KTC TB	HOLD	42.25	46.00	8.9	14.2	13.6	2.7	2.5	20.3	19.0	3.2	3.3
Hire-purchase truck													
Asia Sermkij Leasing	ASK TB	HOLD	13.60	18.00	32.4	8.2	7.1	0.7	0.6	8.1	9.1	7.3	7.1
Ratchthani Leasing	THANI TB	HOLD	2.16	2.28	5.6	9.7	9.4	1.0	0.9	10.1	10.0	5.7	5.8
AMCs													
Bangkok Commercial Asset Mgmt.	BAM TB	HOLD	7.80	8.75	12.2	14.2	13.3	0.6	0.6	4.1	4.3	4.8	4.9
JMT Network services	JMT TB	HOLD	14.70	17.00	15.6	13.1	10.8	0.8	0.8	6.1	7.2	4.6	5.5
Chayo Group	CHAYO TB	HOLD	3.50	4.20	20.0	13.7	8.8	1.0	0.9	8.1	11.1	1.9	1.7
Average						12.1	10.4	1.4	1.3	12.3	12.8	3.9	3.8

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand)

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Feb	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Interest Income	19,055	18,767	18,802	20,382	22,160
nterest expense	(1,904)	(2,162)	(2,084)	(2,192)	(2,369)
Net interest income	17,151	16,605	16,717	18,190	19,791
Net fees & commission	3,015	2,880	2,862	2,893	2,926
Foreign exchange trading income	-	-	-	-	
Securities trading income	_	-	-	_	-
Dividend income	-	_	_	_	
Other income	261	318	312	315	318
Non interest income	3,277	3,198	3,174	3,208	3,244
Total income	20,428	19,803	19,891	21,398	23,035
Staff costs					
	(7,962)	(8,211)	(8,214)	(8,818)	(9,496)
Other operating costs	(253)	(191)	(200)	(210)	(220)
Operating costs	(8,215)	(8,402)	(8,415)	(9,028)	(9,716)
Pre provision operating profit	12,213	11,402	11,476	12,370	13,319
Expected credit loss	(7,263)	(7,240)	(7,327)	(7,973)	(8,566)
Other provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Operating profit	4,950	4,161	4,150	4,398	4,753
Recurring non operating income	0	0	0	0	C
Associates	-	-	-	-	
Goodwill amortization	-	-	-	-	
Non recurring items	0	0	0	0	C
Profit before tax	4,950	4,161	4,150	4,398	4,753
Тах	(996)	(824)	(821)	(870)	(941)
Profit after tax	3,954	3,338	3,328	3,527	3,813
Non-controlling interest	(139)	(79)	(83)	(87)	(92)
Preferred dividends	. ,	-	-	-	. ,
Other items	-	_	_	_	
Reported net profit	3,815	3,259	3,245	3,440	3,721
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	0	0	0,721
Recurring net profit	3,815	3,259	3,245	3,440	3,721
	0,010	0,200	3,243	5,110	5,721
Per share (THB)	45.00	10.01	10.00	10.70	44.00
Recurring EPS *	15.26	13.04	12.98	13.76	14.88
Reported EPS	15.26	13.04	12.98	13.76	14.88
DPS	5.50	5.50	5.48	5.81	6.28
Growth					
Net interest income (%)	6.1	(3.2)	0.7	8.8	8.8
Non interest income (%)	13.4	(2.4)	(8.0)	1.1	1.1
Pre provision operating profit (%)	9.0	(6.6)	0.7	7.8	7.7
Operating profit (%)	8.2	(15.9)	(0.3)	6.0	8.1
Reported net profit (%)	7.4	(14.6)	(0.4)	6.0	8.2
Recurring EPS (%)	7.4	(14.6)	(0.4)	6.0	8.2
Reported EPS (%)	7.4	(14.6)	(0.4)	6.0	8.2
Income Breakdown					
Net interest income (%)	84.0	83.9	84.0	85.0	85.9
Net fees & commission (%)	14.8	14.5	14.4	13.5	12.7
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	-	-	-	-	
Securities trading income (%)	<u>-</u>	_	_	_	
Dividend income (%)	-	-	-	-	•
. ,	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
Other income (%)	1.3	1.0	0.1	1.5	1.4
Operating performance	00.00	04.00	00.07	04.04	
Gross interest yield (%)	22.02	21.38	20.87	21.01	21.14
Cost of funds (%)	2.86	3.32	3.25	3.24	3.23
Net interest spread (%)	19.16	18.06	17.62	17.77	17.91
Net interest margin (%)	19.8	18.9	18.6	18.8	18.9
Cost/income(%)	40.2	42.4	42.3	42.2	42.2
Cost/assets(%)	8.8	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0
Effective tax rate (%)	20.1	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	36.0	42.2	42.2	42.2	42.2
ROE (%)	17.9	13.8	12.8	12.6	12.7
ROE - COE (%)	7.8	3.8	2.8	2.6	2.6
ROA (%)	4.3	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5
RORWA (%)	4.0	J.U -	J.J -	J.J -	3.0
NONVIA (70)	-	-	-	-	
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					

Sources: Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand); FSSIA estimates

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Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand)

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Feb	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross customer loans	94,462	92,132	98,567	107,348	117,000
Allowance for expected credit loss	(10,125)	(8,288)	(8,268)	(9,136)	(9,939)
nterest in suspense	(598)	(901)	(937)	(1,107)	(1,308)
Net customer loans	83,739	82,943	89,362	97,105	105,754
Bank loans	218	63	46	55	66
Government securities	0	0	0	0	0
Frading securities	-	-	-	-	-
nvestment securities	-	-	-	-	-
Cash & equivalents	3,816	2,797	2,847	2,488	2,132
Other interesting assets	73	75	73	73	74
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	-
Other intangible assets	1,816	1,482	1,481	1,346	1,238
Other assets	3,054	2,820	2,997	3,199	3,429
Total assets	95,207	92,499	96,806	104,267	112,694
Customer deposits	-	-	-	-	-
Bank deposits	-	-	-	-	-
Other interest bearing liabilities	67,057	63,204	65,063	70,262	76,246
Non interest bearing liabilities	4,718	4,230	4,761	4,968	5,189
Hybrid Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	71,859	67,437	69,823	75,230	81,435
Share capital	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves	22,093	23,744	25,607	27,595	29,746
Total equity	22,821	24,472	26,335	28,323	30,474
Non-controlling interest	527	589	648	713	785
Total liabilities & equity	95,207	92,499	96,806	104,267	112,694
Supplementary items					
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	-	-	-	-	-
Average interest earning assets	86,535	87,758	90,075	97,001	104,841
Average interest bearing liabilities	66,592	65,131	64,133	67,662	73,254
CET 1 capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital	0	0	0	0	0
Gross non performing loans (NPL)	5,340	4,534	5,080	5,847	6,366
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	91.29	97.89	105.34	113.29	121.90
Tangible book value per share	-	-	-	-	-
Growth					
Gross customer loans	3.2	(2.5)	7.0	8.9	9.0
Average interest earning assets	4.7	1.4	2.6	7.7	8.1
Fotal asset (%)	5.2	(2.8)	4.7	7.7	8.1
Risk weighted assets (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Customer deposits (%)	-	-	-	-	-
_everage & capital measures					
Customer loan/deposits (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Equity/assets (%)	24.0	26.5	27.2	27.2	27.0
Fangible equity/assets (%)	22.1	24.9	25.7	25.9	25.9
RWA/assets (%)	-	- -	-	-	-
DET 1 CAR (%)	-	_	_	-	-
Fotal CAR (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)					
Change in NPL (%)	20.6	(15.1)	12.0	15.1	8.9
NPL/gross loans (%)	5.7	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.4
Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	10.7	9.0	8.4	8.5	8.5
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)	189.6	182.8	162.8	156.3	156.1
/aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	8.6	10.0	10.1	9.5	8.8
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	9.5	11.1	11.2	10.5	9.7
Reported P/E (x)	8.6	10.0	10.1	9.5	8.8
Dividend yield (%)	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.8
		1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Price/book (x)					1.1
Price/book (x)	1.4	-	_	_	
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x) Price/tangible book @ target price (x)		-		-	-

Sources: Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand); FSSIA estimates

AEON Thana Sinsap (Thailand) (AEONTS TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

Exhibit 8: FSSIA ESG score implication

33.86 /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.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 9: 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		
BAM	55.19		Y	Y	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	47.11	В		49.29	14.00	2.88	51.77
JMT	35.60				4.00	5.00	Declared	Medium		BBB		12.70	13.00		39.90
KTC	71.80		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	57.22	Α		64.48	59.00	4.96	57.09
SAWAD	46.52		Y	Y	4.00	5.00		Medium	43.97	BB		20.18	13.00	1.93	40.04

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 10: ESG disclosure from the company's one report

FY ending Feb 28	FY 2022	FY ending Feb 28	FY 2022
Environmental		Governance	
Climate change policy		Board size / Independent directors (ID) / Female	12/4/2
Climate change opportunities discussed		No. of board meetings for the year / % attendance	12 / 98.61%
GHG scope 2 location-based policy	Yes	Company conducts board evaluations	Yes
Biodiversity policy		Number of non-executive directors on board	2
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Director share ownership guidelines	No
Electricity used	Yes	Board age limit	No
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel		Age of the youngest / oldest director	61 / 75
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Number of executives / female	11/3
Water policy	Yes	Executive share ownership guidelines	No
Water consumption	1,133.13	Size of audit committee / ID	3/3
Social		Audit committee meetings	10
Human rights policy	Yes	Audit committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Policy against child labor		Size of compensation committee	
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Number of compensation committee meetings	
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Compensation committee meeting attendance (%)	
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Size of nomination committee / ID	
Gender pay gap breakout		Number of nomination committee meetings	
Pct women in workforce	Yes	Nomination committee meeting attendance (%)	-
Business ethics policy	Yes	Board compensation (THB m)	24.21
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Auditor fee (THB m)	7.59
Health and safety policy	Yes	(Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Jaiyos Audit Company	
Lost time incident rate - employees		Limited)	
Training policy	Yes		
Fair remuneration policy	Yes		
Number of employees - CSR			
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	324		
Social supply chain management			

Source: 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 bas from the ann	ed on the com	transparent, rules-based npanies' Total Sustainabil al Corporate Sustainabili anies within each industr	ity Scores resulting ty Assessment (CSA).	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)	managing b Candidates 1) no irregul float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	usiness with tr must pass the ar trading of th shareholders some key disque ependent direct related to CG,	ility in Environmental and cansparency in Governand preemptive criteria, with the board members and extended and combined holding republifying criteria include: ctors and free float violation, social & environmental is carnings in red for > 3 year	ce, updated annually. two crucial conditions: kecutives; and 2) free nust be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' mpacts; 4) equity in	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 DJS during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against to 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 narket is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.						
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by Thailand (SI	the Thai IOD,	h in sustainable developr with support from the Sto ts are from the perspectiv s.	ck Exchange of	Good (80-89), and not rated for equitable treatr	3 for Good (70 or scores belo nent of shareh 25%); 4) disclo	ories: 5 for Excel 0-79), 2 for Fair (i w 50. Weightings nolders (weight 2 osure & transpare	60-69), 1 for P s include: 1) th 5% combined	ass (60-69), le rights; 2) an); 3) the role of		
AGM level By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	treatment ar transparent out of five th criteria cove date (45%), circulation of exercised. The and verifiability	re incorporated and sufficiently are CG componer AGM proced and after the resufficient informate second assessity; and 3) openned	which shareholders' rights d into business operations y disclosed. All form imporents to be evaluated ann lures before the meeting uneeting (10%). (The first a tition for voting; and 2) facilitat ess 1) the ease of attending mess for Q&A. The third involve uses, resolutions and voting res	s and information is ortant elements of two ually. The assessment (45%), at the meeting ssesses 1) advance ing how voting rights can be eetings; 2) transparency is the meeting minutes that	ne e						
Thai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)	establishme policies. The (Companies of Declaration of Certification, in managers and	ent of key contr e Certification in leciding to become function to kick off including risk ass	Checklist include corrupti- rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. The a CAC certified member si an 18-month deadline to sub- tessment, in place of policy an ablishment of whistleblowing Il stakeholders.)	nd developing of tart by submitting a mit the CAC Checklist for nd control, training of	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 Sustainalytics	based on ar risk is unma	n assessment of naged. Sources	sk rating provides an ove of how much of a compar s to be reviewed include corp her media, NGO reports/webs	ny's exposure to ESG orate publications and	more risk is un	managed, the	score is the sum higher ESG risk	is scored.			
		ompany feedbac Juality & peer rev	k, ESG controversies, issuer iews.	feedback on draft ESG	NEGL 0-10	Low 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+		
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explai over-weighti	o outperform o of financial m n future risk-ad	sustainable companies the long term. The materiality including inform djusted performance. Math higher materiality and erly basis.	ethodology considers ation that significantly teriality is applied by	The total ESG scores using m	score is calcul ateriality-base	lated as a weight ed weights. The s ndicating better p	ed sum of the	features		
MSCI			measure a company's mand laggards according to						nethodology to		
	AAA	8.571-10.00	0 London	la a dia a ita in duata cia sa		anificant FCC si					
	AA	7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in m	anaging the most s	gnincant ESG fi	sks and opportunitie	55			
	Α	5.714-7.142	2								
	BBB	4.286-5.713	Average:	a mixed or unexceptional industry peers	al track record of ma	anaging the mos	st significant ESG ris	sks and opportu	nities relative to		
	ВВ	2.857-4.285	5								
	В	1.429-2.856	S Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high expos	ure and failure to	o manage significar	nt ESG risks			
	CCC	0.000-1.428	3 334.4.				go oigilillodi				
Moody's ESG colutions	believes tha	t a company ir	gree to which companies ntegrating ESG factors in or shareholders over the	to its business model and							
Refinitiv ESG rating	based on pu	ublicly available	and objectively measure e and auditable data. The ta publicly. (Score ratings a	score ranges from 0 to	100 on relative E	SG performar	nce and insufficie	nt degree of t			
S&P Global			re is a relative score meanin the same industry clas				of ESG risks, op	portunities, ar	id impacts		
Bloomberg	ESG Score Bloomberg score evaluating the company's aggregated Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance. The score is based on Bloomberg's view of ESG financial materiality. The score is a weighted generalized mean (power mean) of Pillar Scores, where the weights are determined by the pillar priority ranking. Values range from 0 to 10; 10 is the best.										
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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand	i) AEONTS TB	THB 130.50	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.
Ngern Tid Lor	TIDLOR TB	THB 18.70	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.
Muangthai Capital	MTC TB	THB 44.25	BUY	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.
Srisawad Corp	SAWAD TB	THB 35.25	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.
Krungthai Card	КТС ТВ	THB 42.25	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.
Saksiam Leasing	SAK TB	THB 5.40	HOLD	Upside risks to our GGM-derived TP include 1) loan expansion following the broad-based economic recovery 2) a reduction in cost of funds due mainly to the downward interest rate trend and 3) an accelerated decrease in credit costs owing to the rise in consumers purchasing power. Downside risks include 1) competition from existing and new players 2) regulatory changes by the Bank of Thailand (BoT) and 3) a slower-than-expected reduction in its cost of funds due to a shift toward more long-term loans.
Asia Sermkij Leasing PCL	ASK TB	THB 13.80	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-derived TP include 1) an economic slowdown, especially for logistics activities and private investment; 2) deteriorating asset quality; and 3) changes in financial regulations from the Bank of Thailand. Upside risks include 1) a better-than-expected macroeconomic improvement; 2) downtrend of policy rate could reduce cost of funds and enhance interest spreads; and 3) a faster-than-expected decline in ECL expense.
Ratchthani Leasing	THANI TB	THB 2.24	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-derived TP include 1) an economic slowdown, especially for logistics activities and private investment; 2) deteriorating asset quality; and 3) changes in financial regulations from the Bank of Thailand. Upside risks include 1) a better-than-expected macroeconomic improvement; 2) a downtrend in the policy rate could reduce cost of funds and enhance interest spreads; and 3) a fasterthan-expected decline in ECL expense.
JMT Network Services	JMT TB	THB 14.70	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
Bangkok Commercial Asset Mngt.	BAM TB	THB 7.80	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	СНАУО ТВ	THB 3.50	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) lower-than-expected bad debt acquisition; and 2) higher-than-expected operating expenses. Upside risks include 1) better-than-expected cash collection performance and lower pressure from ECL, 2) stronger-than-expected loan growth, and 3) better cost control than expected.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Additional Disclosures

Target price history, stock price charts, valuation and risk details, and equity rating histories applicable to each company rated in this report is available in our most recently published reports. You can contact the analyst named on the front of this note or your representative at Finansia Syrus Securities Public Company Limited.

All share prices are as at market close on 24-Jun-2024 unless otherwise stated.

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.