Krung Thai Bank (KTB TB)

FUNDAMENTAL VIEW¹

As of 27 Dec 2024

- Krung Thai Bank is the 3rd largest bank by assets in Thailand, with a 55.07% state ownership through the Financial Institutions Development Fund. Strong government support underpins KTB's underlying credit profile.
- The state influence opens the bank up to potentially government-directed lending; it has secured an increasingly meaningful portion of banking business from government agencies and State Owned Enterprises, which underscored its one-notch upgrade by Fitch in Dec-21.
- KTB was faced with asset quality challenges in the past and had the highest NPL ratio and restructured loans among the major Thai banks. It has since de-risked its loan book, and asset quality has proven to be more resilient than its peers with lower COVID-19 restructured loans.

RISKS & CATALYSTS

As of 27 Dec 2024

- KTB's conservative focus on the government agencies/SOEs segment is supporting asset quality well amid the challenging macro environment and sluggish growth momentum.
- We see KTB's margin coming under greater pressure than peers as rate cuts come through given the larger corporate/SOE loan book (which tend to be floating rate).
- Loan growth has also been middling across the Thai banks due to a focus on quality amid the current backdrop.

CREDIT QUALITY SCORE (CQS) ²			As of 16 Jan 2025		
CURRENT CQS		cQ	S OUTLOO	K ³	
53	NEG	ATIVE	STABLE	POSI	TIVE
HISTORICAL RATINGS: AVI	ERAGE AG	GENCY RAT	ING (ACR) [#] V	s cqs	
CQS					ACR
70					
65					
50					BBB
55					
50					
45					BB
40					
Feb 24 Apr 24 May 24	Jul 24	Sep 24	Nov 24	Jan 25	
0	cos 🗕	ACR			

THB MN **FY20 FY21 FY22 FY23** 9M24 PPP ROA 2.17% 1.83% 1.98% 2.40% 2.51% ROA 0.53% 0.63% 0.94% 1.01% 1.21% ROE 4.9% 6.1% 9.2% 9.4% 10.7% Equity/Assets 10.7% 10.5% 10.9% 11.4% 12.3% CET1 Ratio 15.4% 15.6% 15.6% 16.5% 18.0% Calculated NPL ratio 3.81% 3.50% 3.26% 3.08% 3.14% Provisions/Loans 2.03% 1.31% 0.93% 1.43% 1.26% Gross LDR 99% 99% 98% 104% 97%

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Liquidity Coverage Ratio

KEY METRICS

As of 29 Nov 2024

n/m

n/m

As of 29 Nov 2024

• KTB is the 3rd largest bank by assets in Thailand. The Thai Financial Institutions Development Fund owns 55.07% of the bank, and has a free float of 44.93%.

196%

201%

188%

- Being the largest state-owned bank, it secures a meaningful portion of banking business from government agencies and State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and per the bank, is the preferred bank for the government and SOE employees.
- Though state owned, the bank runs on a commercial basis and is not considered as a policy bank.
- KTB's loan profile comprised 46% retail, 27% private corporates, 11% SME, and 16% Government & SOEs at end-September 2024.

GLOSSARY

¹ The **Fundamental View** is our current assessment of credit quality and our expectation of how credit quality will trend over the next year or longer.

² The **Credit Quality Score (CQS)** is a number between 5 and 100. It is a medium-term credit score for corporates and financial institutions that utilizes a combination of sector fundamental scores and equity market signals. Values of CQS above 50 generally indicate investment grade credit quality.

³ The **Credit Quality Score (CQS) Outlook** is the near-term (3 month) outlook for the CQS, based on its trend, volatility and distance from the adjacent CQS risk bucket.

⁴ The **Agency Composite Rating (ACR)** is the average senior unsecured rating from one or more major rating agencies.

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