

# Shinhan Financial Group (SHG US)

## FUNDAMENTAL VIEW <sup>1</sup>

As of 06 May 2025

- Shinhan FG was the best-managed of the large Korean financial groups over many years. During the Asian Financial Crisis, it took advantage of the opportunity to acquire competitors and other businesses, increasing its scale and expanding its business lines.
- Its performance has been more variable in the past few years. After a bumpy 2020, it had a better FY21 and FY22, thanks to rising interest rates. However, operating performance turned weak again in FY23, and its FY24 profit growth was softer than peers, impacted by non-bank performance.
- In addition to owning a Big 4 bank in Korea, Shinhan FG also has a diversified non-banking business portfolio, including a leading credit card company and a top 10 securities firm.

## RISKS & CATALYSTS

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- As one of Korea's "Big Four" financial groups, we believe Shinhan FG would likely receive governmental support if needed.
- Asset quality pressure has been rising from domestic real estate project financing at non-bank subsidiaries, with credit costs rising from very low levels. Management expects FY25 credit costs to normalize to the mid-30 bp from 47 bp in FY24, though we remain cautious about this outlook.
- Loan growth is expected to slow down this year due to both weaker demand and the need to defend its 13% CET 1 ratio target.
- Profit growth may encounter challenges if there is volatility in the KRW, which could lead to significant FX losses, or if the high-rate environment in the US persists, causing further overseas CRE valuation losses.

## CREDIT QUALITY SCORE (CQS) <sup>2</sup>

As of 07 May 2025

### CURRENT CQS

57

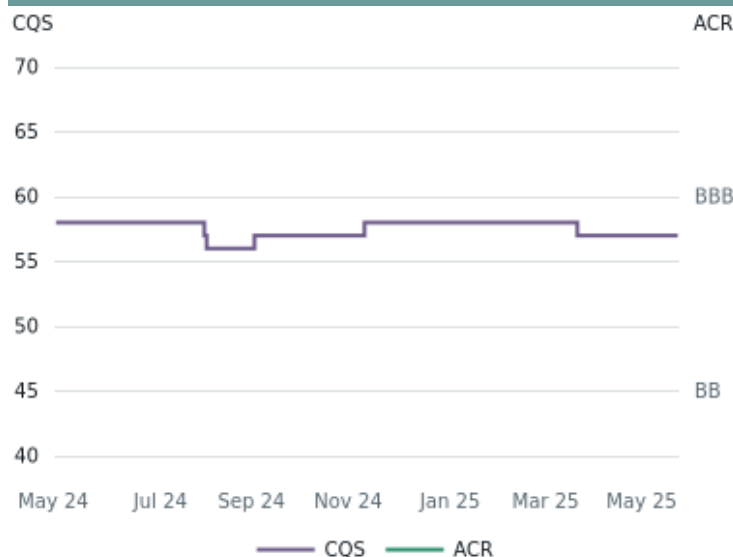
### CQS OUTLOOK <sup>3</sup>

NEGATIVE

STABLE

POSITIVE

### HISTORICAL RATINGS: AVERAGE AGENCY RATING (ACR) <sup>4</sup> VS CQS



## KEY METRICS

As of 06 May 2025

KRW BN	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	1Q25
Pre-Provision Profit ROA	1.11%	1.10%	3.89%	3.89%	1.28%
ROA	0.66%	0.72%	0.66%	0.63%	0.83%
ROE	9.2%	10.0%	8.6%	8.4%	11.4%
Provisions/Average Loans	0.28%	0.34%	0.78%	0.66%	0.41%
NPL Ratio	0.39%	0.41%	0.56%	0.71%	0.81%
CET1 Ratio	13.10%	12.79%	13.17%	13.06%	13.27%
Equity/Assets	7.3%	7.6%	7.8%	7.6%	7.6%
Net Interest Margin	1.81%	1.96%	5.91%	5.85%	1.91%

## BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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- Shinhan Financial Group (Shinhan FG) is one of Korea's most diversified financial groups and the holding company of the second largest Korean bank - Shinhan Bank. It also has credit cards, securities, asset management and insurance subsidiaries.
- Shinhan Bank was set up in 1982 with seed capital from Korean residents in Japan. It was more professionally managed than the heavily politicised older banks and came through the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis in relatively good shape, taking the opportunity to acquire the larger and much longer-established Chohung Bank in 2003.
- In 2007, it made another timely acquisition, buying LG Card from its creditors after it failed during the 2003 Korean consumer lending crisis. Shinhan Card is the largest card issuer in Korea.
- Shinhan is also looking for overseas opportunities where growth is strong and Korean businesses have a presence, with a focus on Vietnam (where Shinhan Card also bought a consumer finance business in 2019) and Indonesia.

## GLOSSARY

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

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