

# Siam Commercial Bank (SCB TB)

#### **FUNDAMENTAL VIEW 1**

As of 18 Jun 2025

- Siam Commercial Bank (SCBTB) has been a sound and profitable bank. It has a
  focus on the retail segment and targets to increase margins by growing its nontraditional banking businesses. It announced a major business overhaul in
  September 2021 to establish a new parent company called SCB X to segregate the
  group's core banking services (Gen 1) from its new fintech and digital businesses
  and to enable greater flexibility and independence.
- Recent credit costs however have been elevated due to the riskier exposure that
  these entail. However, profitability remains healthy and the capital buffer is
  strong at both the Holdco (SCB X) and Bank (SCB) level.

### **RISKS & CATALYSTS**

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- We see a significant impact to the Thai economy from potential US tariffs, with
  ripple effects in the form of lower bank NIMs and higher credit costs than earlier
  guided for this year. Moody's also downgraded its rating outlook on the Thailand
  sovereign, and consequently the Thai banks including SCB X, to negative on 29
  April 2025, citing increased risks to Thailand's economic and fiscal strength, partly
  due to the potential impact of new US tariffs.
- Margin pressure at SCB X however is mitigated by a strong deposit franchise and a
  growth focus on higher yielding retail loans. Loan growth though is likely to
  remain modest in FY25 given a still soft growth outlook for Thailand.
- The group's strategic direction is sensible given limited domestic growth
  opportunities, but it comes with execution risk since the fintech and platform
  space are new to SCB, as well as higher credit costs. However, SCB X's higher NIM
  and low-40%s cost-income ratio provide comfortable room for that to be
  absorbed. We also take comfort in the ringfencing of the bank unit (SCB) from the
  Group's riskier business units, and management's minimum CET1 ratio of 16% at
  SCB.



KEY METRICS	As of 18 Jun 2025
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THB MN	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	1Q25
PPP ROA	2.63%	2.50%	2.88%	2.87%	2.98%
ROA	1.1%	1.1%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
ROE	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.1%	10.1%
Equity/Assets	13.4%	13.5%	14.1%	14.2%	14.6%
CET1 Ratio	17.6%	17.7%	17.6%	17.7%	17.6%
Reported NPL ratio	3.79%	3.34%	3.44%	3.37%	3.45%
Provisions/Loans	1.84%	1.45%	1.82%	1.76%	1.59%
Gross LDR	93%	93%	99%	97%	98%
Liquidity Coverage Ratio	202%	216%	217%	n/m	n/m

#### **BUSINESS DESCRIPTION**

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- Siam Commercial Bank was founded as the "Book Club" in 1904. In 1907, it started
  operating as a commercial bank and was renamed as "The Siam Commercial
  Bank". It completed its IPO on the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 1976.
- The bank is 23.58% owned by the King of Thailand, and a further 23.32% is owned by the Vayupak Fund 1, which is controlled by the government.
- SCB is the fourth largest Thai bank by assets and is known for its robust retail franchise.
- Its loan profile was 36% corporate, 17% SME, and 47% retail as of March 2025.

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