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Krung Thai Bank (KTB TB)

FUNDAMENTAL VIEW [1]

As of 24 Jul 2025

- Krung Thai Bank is the 3rd largest bank by assets in Thailand, with a 55.07% state ownership through the Financial Institutions Development Fund. We see strong government support underpinning 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 24 Jul 2025

- 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 KTB, 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.
- NIM pressure is set to continue into the coming quarters on the back of rate cuts to support growth, exacerbated by KTB's domestically and large corporates focused book. Loan growth will also remain middling across the Thai banks due to a focus on quality amid the current backdrop.
- However, we take comfort in KTB's conservative focus on the government agencies/SOEs segment, which is supporting asset quality well amid the challenging environment.

CREDIT QUALITY SCORE (CQS) [2]

As of 08 Aug 2025

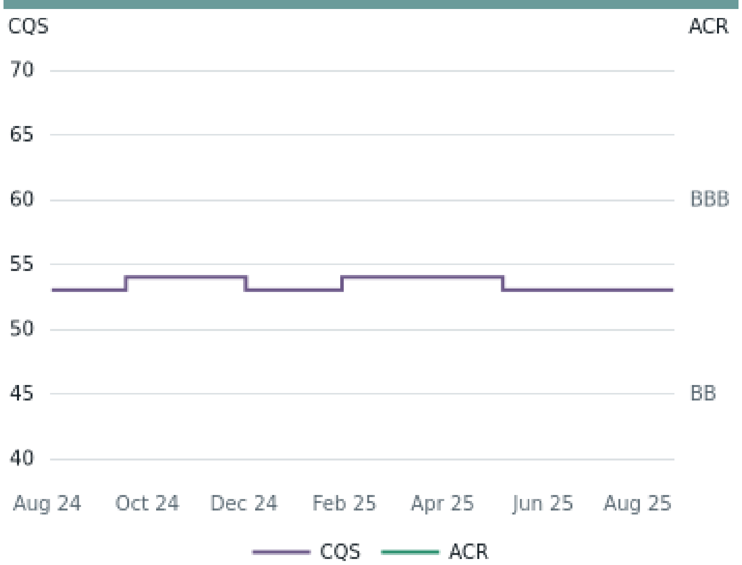
CURRENT CQS

53

CQS OUTLOOK [3]

NEGATIVE | **STABLE** | POSITIVE

HISTORICAL RATINGS: AVERAGE AGENCY RATING (ACR)[4] VS CQS



KEY METRICS

As of 24 Jul 2025

THB MN	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	1H25
PPP ROA	1.83%	1.98%	2.40%	2.45%	2.50%
ROA	0.63%	0.94%	1.01%	1.20%	1.21%
ROE	6.1%	9.2%	9.4%	10.6%	10.3%
Equity/Assets	10.5%	10.9%	11.4%	12.3%	12.2%
CET1 Ratio	15.6%	15.6%	16.5%	17.9%	18.3%
Calculated NPL ratio	3.50%	3.26%	3.08%	2.99%	2.94%
Provisions/Loans	1.31%	0.93%	1.43%	1.18%	1.23%
Gross LDR	99%	98%	104%	100%	97%
Liquidity Coverage Ratio	196%	201%	202%	207%	n/m

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

As of 24 Jul 2025

- 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%.
- 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 45% retail, 25% private corporates, 10% SME, and 20% Government & SOEs at June 2025.

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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