

Bangkok Bank (BBL TB)

FUNDAMENTAL VIEW¹

As of 23 Feb 2023

- Bangkok Bank (BBL: Baa1 (stable)/ BBB+ (stable)/ BBB(stable)) is a family run conservative financial institution, with high capital and liquidity levels.
- It acquired Indonesia's Permata Bank in 2020 which resulted in a meaningful decline in its CET1 ratio to 14%. Management aims to maintain the CET1 ratio ideally at the 15-16% level, but the timelines are unclear.
- Its profitability as measured by ROA and ROE is below the industry average, due in part to higher exposure to the lower-yielding corporates segment that has resulted in a lower NIM. That said, this has supported its asset quality outperformance versus peers, and better positions the NIM to benefit from the rising rate environment given that debt servicing capabilities of households and SMEs remain fragile.

RISKS & CATALYSTS

As of 23 Feb 2023

- Profitability has been the main issue with BBL as its returns have perennially been below the industry average. This is down to its primarily corporates focus leading to the lowest margins among its country peers.
- However, the greater resilience of corporates against the ill-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic than the SME and retail sectors has made for lower pandemic-related losses and restructured loans, supporting BBL's asset quality outperformance against its peers. In the current rising rate environment, its corporates focused book should also better withstand rate hike pass throughs, which augurs well for its NIM.
- The acquisition of Bank Permata of Indonesia in May 2020 provides BBL with exposure to the high growth opportunities of the Indonesian market, which is the bank's identified main base for overseas expansion, but this also presents higher risks.

CREDIT QUALITY SCORE (CQS)²

As of 15 Nov 2021

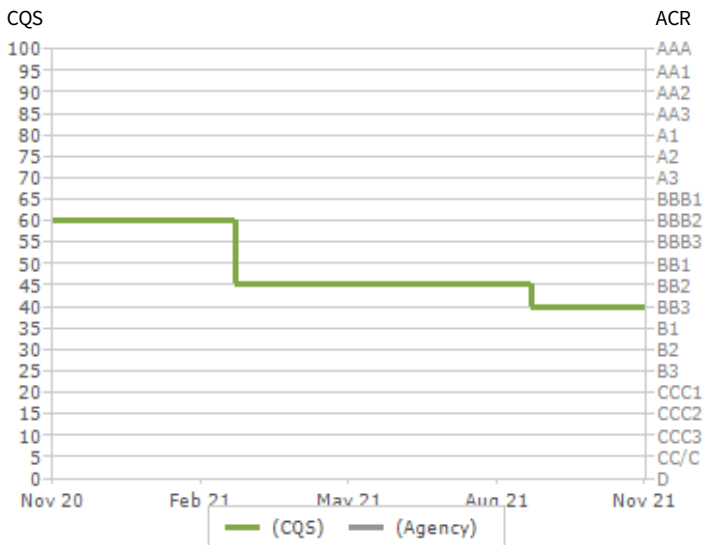
CURRENT CQS

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CQS OUTLOOK³

NEGATIVE STABLE POSITIVE

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



KEY METRICS

As of 23 Feb 2023

THB MN	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18
PPP ROA	1.60%	1.65%	1.50%	2.49%	2.14%
ROA	0.67%	0.65%	0.49%	1.13%	1.14%
ROE	5.9%	5.6%	3.9%	8.5%	8.7%
Equity / Assets	11.5%	11.4%	11.8%	13.3%	13.3%
CET1 Ratio	14.9%	15.2%	14.9%	17.0%	16.4%
Calculated NPL ratio	3.10%	3.20%	3.90%	3.40%	3.40%
Provisions / Loans	1.24%	1.38%	1.41%	1.56%	1.07%
Gross LDR	84%	82%	84%	88%	86%

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

As of 23 Feb 2023

- Bangkok Bank was set up in 1944 and was listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 1975. It is a family-run bank and the current President of the bank, Chartsiri Sophonpanich, is the grandson of the founder of the bank.
- It is the largest bank by assets in Thailand. It was briefly surpassed by Kasikornbank in 2018, but the Bank Permata acquisition has taken BBL back to No.1.
- The bank is corporate-loan focused, and the loan book was split 43% corporate (~60% including international loans), 20% SME, 12% retail, and 25% international as at 4Q22. It is by far the most international amongst the Thai banks, with branches in 14 countries.
- BBL's overseas presence has been enhanced by the acquisition of Bank Permata, the 12th largest bank in Indonesia. Bank Permata's asset size is ~10% of that of BBL.

GLOSSARY

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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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