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Top Story

Kasikornbank (KBANK TB, BUY, TP: THB150.00)

Bracing For a Tougher 2H21; Stay BUY

Results Review

Stay BUY, new THB150.00 TP from THB160.00, 43% upside with c.3% yield. Kasikornbank's 2Q21 earnings surpassed our expectations on lower-than-expected provisions. We expect management to adopt a more cautious stance in 2H21, on concerns over slowing GDP growth and potential asset quality stress. We raised earnings estimates on the lower credit cost, but cut our TP to reflect heightened risks. At THB105.00, its valuation remains compelling at 0.5x FY21F P/BV vs ROE of c.8%.

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Other Story

TMBThanachart Bank (TTB TB, NEUTRAL, TP: THB1.00)

De-Risking Amidst Headwinds; Still NEUTRAL

Results Review

NEUTRAL, new TP of THB1.00 from THB1.26, 1% upside with 4.5% FY21F yield. TMBThanachart Bank's 2Q21 lower-than-estimated earnings fell on a sharp decline in non-II, and this could not be offset by its lower opex and stable provisions. We cut FY21-23F earnings to reflect a more conservative view against uncertainties stemming from the pandemic. With the bank's focus on integration and balance sheet preservation, we expect underlying operations to stay soft until the situation improves. At 0.4x FY21F P/BV, its risk-reward profile appears fair, given the slow ROE recovery.

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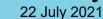




Chart 1: SET intra-day graph



SET	2018	2019	2020	2021F
PE (x)	16.23	18.10	26.21	29.32
P/BV (x)	1.74	1.70	1.62	1.70
Yield (%)	3.35	3.26	2.75	2.34
SET Value by investor Type: Daily		Buy (THBm)	Sell (THBm)	Net (THBm)
Institution		4,917.12	4,922.58	-5.46
Proprietary		7,557.98	7,698.74	-140.76
Foreign		31,256.19	32,517.29	-1,261.09
Retail		29,952.17	28,544.86	1,407.31
SET Value by investor Type			MTD	YTD
3L1 Value by Ilivesion Type			(THBm)	(THBm)
Institution			-8,529.86	-49,321.61
Proprietary			2,530.60	9,079.42
Foreign			-11,948.34	-88,210.53
Retail			17,947.60	128,452.71

31,566 55,265

72,596

26,214 57,085

76,128

Institution Foreign Local

Note: *As at 21 Jul 2020 closing

-5,352 1,820 3,532

17,947.60 128,452.71 MTD

41,304 -39,963

-1,341

-3,403 -16,745

20,148

Table 1: Key market indices (22 Jul 2020)

	Index	Chg	% Chg
SET	1540.88	+2.02	+0.13
SET50	922.25	+1.85	+0.20
SET100	2109.02	+3.75	+0.18
Dow Jones	34798.00	+286.01	+0.83
Nasdaq	14631.95	+133.07	+0.92
S&P500	4358.69	+35.63	+0.82
FTSE	6998.28	+117.15	+1.70
FSSTI	3119.00	+7.80	+0.25
Hang Seng	27224.58	-34.67	-0.13
Nikkei	27548.00	+159.84	+0.58
KLCI	1516.52	-3.45	-0.23
SHANGHAI SE	3562.66	+25.87	+0.73
JCI	6029.98	+12.59	+0.21

Note: *As at 21 Jul 2020 closing





Top BUYs				
	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts	
Airports of Thailand (AOT TB)	73.50	26.18	 3QFY21 (Sep) is likely the weakest quarter, as domestic aviation has led AOT's performance and the severe COVID-19 third wave may dampen local tourism activities. Cost optimisation efforts have been implemented effectively since 3QFY20, but variable expenses rose in tandem with a recovery in aeronautical activities post lockdown Regarding the Government's border re-opening scheme from Jul 2021 onwards, we expect some positive sentiment on the Phuket Sandbox Model towards AOT, as Phuket International Airport is its third-largest property As the first-tier tourism player, AOT may strongly underpin the revival of the tourism industry, while the weakening short-term sentiment and earnings present investors with an opportunity to BUY 	
Home Product Center (HMPRO TB)	17.00	23.19	 Expecting normalising earnings in FY21 – to be supported by full-year operations of all stores and retail malls vs a temporary closure from late March to mid-May, with profit margins approaching pre-pandemic levels HMPRO's investment in Vietnam may strongly benefit growing urbanisation and a potential rise in the construction sector Quarterly earnings momentum will continue its upward trajectory in 1Q21 Rapid improvement in sustainability development may allow the stock to continue trading at a premium 	
Kasikornbank (KBANK TB)	150.00	42.86	 One of opening theme plays, given the highest exposure to the small & medium enterprise or SME portion among the banks we cover or TH Banks Investors should look forward to an eventual recovery, as the recovery in the short term is likely to be uneven and take time before reaching pre-COVID-19 levels The bank trends to disrupt itself with new technologies. We believe this strategy will help the bank to improve profitability and quality in the long run FY21F earnings outlook is forecasted to rebound 8.5% in line with sector earnings. This is due to lower provisions and a rebound in net fees income Our valuation is conservative and its share price is trading below -1SD from the historical mean, which is compelling 	
Mega Lifesciences (MEGA TB)	43.00	2.99	 Rising health consciousness post-COVID-19 and an aging society may be tailwinds for demand on wellness products. These factors may strongly support MEGA's longer-term outlook based on its key strategies: New product launches in consumer and pharmaceutical healthcare, penetration into new markets, and capturing vast growth opportunities at existing underpenetrated destinations Eyeing to launch its hemp-based products (tablets and liquid), with its strength in owned R&D processes. It is waiting for the Government's finalised regulations, likely by 2H21 Operations in Myanmar (c.40% of revenue) may see modest impact from the political unrest. Its Maxxcare distribution business remains operational To continue to deliver YoY profit growth in 2Q21 despite being the weakest quarter, driven by its branded business. Possible recovery in Thailand's local activities and a seasonality effect may improve MEGA's 2H21F earnings momentum vs 1H21F 	
PTT Exploration & Production (PTTEP TB)	131.00	21.30	 We like PTTEP as a good proxy to stronger commodity prices 2Q21 earnings are expected to register stronger results on the back of stronger sales volumes and crude prices 	
PTT Global Chemical (PTTGC TB)	76.00	32.17	 Bumper 1H21 earnings expected from robust petrochemical product spreads to translate into a strong FY21F rebound in YoY performance Current uptrend in oil prices also expected to see PTTGC regain its gas-based crackers' relative cost advantage over industry peers operating naphtha-based crackers 	
Siam Cement (SCC TB)	500.00	22.55	 Petrochemicals is currently in an upcycle. HDPE-naphtha spread in 1Q21 should remain as high as levels recorded in 4Q20, while the polypropylene-naphtha spread reached another high in 1Q21. SCC's polyolefin sales volumes returned to normal levels after the turnaround of the Map Ta Phut olefin cracker was completed in 4Q20 The improvement in cement & building materials business should be noticeable in 1Q21, with cement demand growing 1-2% in Thailand. This would be due to stronger demand from the residential property sector in provincial areas, and continuously solid demand stemming from government infrastructure projects FY21 will start out with strong earnings growth in 1Q21, while the petrochemical division may be driven by higher production volume after de-bottlenecking the Map Ta Phut olefin cracker finishing 2Q21. For 2H21, we expect a brighter outlook for the cement & building materials business especially in ASEAN, when construction activities resume to normal 	
Tisco Financial (TISCO TB)	111.00	26.86	 Superior asset quality to peers and strong capital base – highest among TH Banks – made TISCO deserve to trade at premium valuation. Its c.7% dividend yield is compelling and relatively highest among TH Banks, with full-year payment basis. We believe TISCO's conservative strategy amidst the pandemic will be proper, allowing the bank to survive post COVID-19 FY21 earnings is expected to rebound 7%YoY mainly on lower provisions and a rebound in net fees income, despite moderated NII and a slight increase in overheads 	





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