TISCO Financial Group PLC

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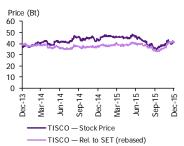
BUY

Stock Data

Last close (Dec 29) (Bt)	41.00
12-m target price (Bt)	45.00
Upside (Downside) to TP (%)	9.76
Mkt cap (Btbn)	32.83
Mkt cap (US\$mn)	910

Bloomberg code	TISCO TB
Reuters code	TISCO.BK
Risk rating	М
Mkt cap (%) SET	0.27
Sector % SET	14.55
Shares issued (mn)	801
Par value (Bt)	10.00
12-m high / low (Bt)	49.3 / 34
Avg. daily 6m (US\$mn)	1.61
Foreign limit / actual (%)	49 / 47
Free float (%)	75.0
Dividend policy (%)	50

Price Performance



Source: SET, SCBS Investment Research

Share performance

	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	(2.4)	15.5	(3.5)
Relative to SET	3.4	21.4	12.5

Source: SET, SCBS Investment Research

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Easing provisions brings earnings recovery

TISCO is seeing less need for provisions and that plus lower cost of funds is bringing earnings back up in 4Q15 and 2016. At the same time, though we see no catalyst from loan growth until 2017, valuation is cheap and we continue to Buy with a target price of Bt45.

4Q15F preview. We forecast 4Q15F net profit at Bt1.2bn, essentially flat YoY but up 49% QoQ without the extra provisions for SSI loans. MoM loan growth has been back in the positives for two consecutive months (October and November), mainly from corporate loans. We expect loan growth expansion QoQ but shrinkage YoY. Backed by lower cost of funds, TISCO expects NIM to improve 5-10 bps QoQ, following an impressive +34 bps QoQ in 3Q15. We expect non-NII to ease QoQ, dragged down by a limp capital market. Cost to income ratio and provisions is expected to return to normal after last quarter's cut in opex to partly offset the extra provisions for SSI loans. Cost to income ratio is expected to normalize at 37-38% vs. 23% in 3Q15. With a slight reduction in NPL amount and without the extra provisions for SSI loans, TISCO expects its provisions to normalize at 1.4-1.5% vs. 3.65% in 3Q15. We conservatively forecast credit cost at 1.6% as we believe it will gradually rebuild LLR coverage.

Easing provisions. Lower provisions will be the main driver for earnings in 2016. TISCO expects credit cost to normalize to 1.3-1.4% of total loans in 2016 from 1.5% (2.46% including provisions for SSI loans) in 2015F, as a result of easing NPLs from auto loans. LLR coverage against NPLs fell to 74% at 3Q15 from 107% at 2Q15 as a result of the reclassification as NPLs of the Bt4.4bn SSI loans (Bt3.6bn for SSI UK and Bt821mn for SSI Thailand) and a write-off of the SSI UK loans. Although TISCO says it believes its 153% LLR coverage against NPLs net of collateral is sufficient and there is no need to boost LLR coverage, we conservatively forecast credit cost at 1.6% in 4Q15F and 2016F as we believe it will gradually rebuild LLR coverage.

Rising NIM. TISCO expects NIM to continue to widen in 4Q15 by 5-10 bps QoQ, in large part from a further fall in cost of funds. The reduction in cost of funds comes primarily from stepping back from its savings deposit campaign ("diamond savings"). However, TISCO sees no room to bring cost of funds down any further in 2016 and expects to hold NIM at the 4Q15 peak in 2016 (assuming no hike in policy rate). We thus estimate a rise in 2016 NIM of 10 bps YoY.

Flattish loans in 2016. TISCO targets loan growth at 3% in 2016F (vs. SCBS forecast of 0%), expecting retail loans to be stagnant and mid to high single-digit growth in corporate & SME loans. We expect loans to be flat in 2016 before returning to material growth in 2017 when loans extended in the 2012-2013 peak are paid off. We maintain our loan growth forecast of -11% in 2015F, 0% in 2016F and 5% in 2017F.

Valuation over-penalized. We Buy TISCO. It is trading at a deep discount to valuation at 7x PER despite the fact that earnings are recovering in tandem with easing provisioning needs for auto loans, plus NIM is improving from lower cost of funds.

Forecasts and valuation

FY Dec	Unit	2013	2014	2015F	2016F	2017F	
Pre-provision profit	(Btmn)	8,390	8,676	9,549	8,672	8,862	
Net profit	(Btmn)	4,249	4,250	4,215	4,861	5,111	
PPP/Sh	(Bt)	10.48	10.84	11.93	10.83	11.07	
EPS	(Bt)	5.31	5.31	5.26	6.07	6.38	
BVPS	(Bt)	28.71	32.14	35.40	39.63	43.95	
DPS	(Bt)	2.00	2.00	1.84	2.06	2.01	
PER	(x)	7.73	7.72	7.79	6.75	6.42	
P/PPP	(x)	3.91	3.78	3.44	3.79	3.70	
EPS growth	(%)	4.26	0.02	(0.82)	15.34	5.15	
PBV	(x)	1.43	1.28	1.16	1.03	0.93	
ROE	(%)	20.63	17.45	15.59	16.18	15.28	
Dividend yields	(%)	4.88	4.88	4.49	5.03	4.90	

Source: SCBS Investment Research

Financial statement

Profit and Loss Statement (Btmn)												
FY December 31	2013	2014	2015F	2016F	2017F							
Interest & dividend income	19,272	18,891	16,880	15,723	16,093							
Interest expense	10,304	9,351	6,762	6,221	6,544							
Net interest income	8,968	9,540	10,119	9,503	9,549							
Non-interest income	5,933	5,757	5,720	5,885	6,365							
Non-interest expenses	5,340	5,605	5,407	6,100	6,390							
Earnings before tax & provision	9,561	9,692	10,432	9,287	9,523							
Tax	1,064	1,043	1,036	1,159	1,220							
Equities & minority interest	107	-27	-75	-80	-86							
Core pre-provision profit	8,390	8,676	9,471	8,209	8,389							
Provision	4,141	4,426	5,250	3,494	3,424							
Core net profit	4,249	4,250	4,221	4,715	4,965							
Extra item	0	0	0	0	0							
Net profit	4,249	4,250	4,221	4,715	4,965							
EPS (Bt)	5.31	5.31	5.27	5.89	6.20							
DPS (Bt)	2.00	2.00	1.85	2.00	1.95							

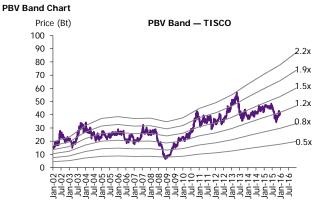
Profit and Loss Statement (Btmn)													
FY December 31	4Q14	2,014	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15								
Interest & dividend income	4,530	18,891	4,374	4,263	4,176								
Interest expense	2,089	9,351	1,974	1,815	1,559								
Net interest income	2,441	9,540	2,400	2,448	2,617								
Non-interest income	1,501	5,757	1,542	1,446	1,456								
Non-interest expenses	1,524	5,605	1,501	1,434	928								
Earnings before tax & provision	2,418	9,692	2,441	2,461	3,145								
Tax	297	1,043	292	243	197								
Equities & minority interest	(5)	(27)	(15)	(30)	(27)								
Core pre-provision profit	2,127	8,676	2,164	2,248	2,975								
Provision	892	4,426	972	1,244	2,166								
Core net profit	1,234	4,250	1,192	1,004	810								
Extra item	0	0	0	0	0								
Net profit	1,234	4,250	1,192	1,004	810								
EPS (Bt)	1.54	5.31	1.49	1.25	1.01								

Balance Sheet (Btmn)					
FY December 31	2013	2014	2015F	2016F	2017F
Cash	1,131	1,180	1,166	1,113	1,212
Interbank assets	53,242	38,058	38,058	38,058	37,297
Investments	11,490	15,003	10,502	10,502	10,502
Gross loans	292,151	262,784	232,905	232,905	244,551
Accrued interest receivable	536	556	556	556	556
Loan loss reserve	6,354	6,950	6,100	6,594	7,018
Net loans	286,332	256,390	227,362	226,868	238,089
Total assets	359,263	317,657	284,194	283,732	294,379
Deposits	264,641	205,384	176,733	171,961	178,066
Interbank liabilities	16,703	10,897	10,897	10,897	10,897
Borrowings	44,084	65,406	57,000	57,000	57,000
Total liabilities	336,044	291,833	255,750	252,050	259,334
Minority interest	231	93	93	93	93
Paid-up capital	8,007	8,007	8,007	8,007	8,007
Total Equities	22,987	25,731	28,351	31,588	34,951
BVPS (Bt)	28.71	32.14	35.41	39.45	43.65

Balance Sheet (Btmn)					
FY December 31	4Q14	2,014	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15
Cash	1,180	1,180	1,082	1,022	955
Interbank assets	38,058	38,058	30,057	37,003	34,880
Investments	15,003	15,003	15,673	9,298	8,805
Gross loans	262,784	262,784	254,437	249,341	237,260
Accrued interest receivable	556	556	546	554	530
Loan loss reserve	6,950	6,950	7,096	7,650	5,813
Net loans	256,390	256,390	247,887	242,245	231,976
Total assets	317,657	317,657	302,207	297,279	283,639
Deposits	205,384	205,384	200,149	184,354	162,105
Interbank liabilities	10,897	10,897	11,305	12,917	9,207
Borrowings	65,406	65,406	52,927	62,733	76,438
Total liabilities	291,833	291,833	275,215	270,833	256,679
Minority interest	93	93	99	104	100
Paid-up capital	8,007	8,007	8,007	8,007	8,007
Total Equities	25,731	25,731	26,893	26,342	26,860
BVPS (Bt)	32.14	32.14	33.59	32.90	33.55

Key Assumptions and Financial Ratios										
	2013	2014	2015F	2016F	2017F					
Growth										
YoY loan growth	17.65	(10.05)	(11.37)	0.00	5.00					
YoY fee & insurance income growth	25.70	(4.13)	(0.89)	3.80	8.38					
Profitability										
Yield on earn'g assets (%)	5.99	5.62	5.65	5.59	5.61					
Cost on int-bear'g liab (%)	3.51	3.08	2.57	2.57	2.69					
Spread (%)	2.48	2.54	3.08	3.02	2.92					
Net interest margin(%)	2.79	2.84	3.39	3.38	3.33					
ROE (%)	20.63	17.45	15.61	15.73	14.92					
Asset Quality										
NPLs/Total Loans(%)	1.76	2.61	3.33	3.33	3.33					
LLR/NPLs(%)	128.01	102.97	78.64	85.00	86.17					
Provision expense/Total loans (%)	1.42	1.68	2.25	1.50	1.40					
Liquidity										
Loans/Deposits & borrowings (%)	94.63	97.04	99.65	101.72	104.04					
Efficiency										
Cost to income ratio (%)	35.84	36.64	34.14	39.65	40.15					
Capital Fund										
Capital adequacy ratio(%)	13.38	16.80	17.31	18.67	19.28					
Tier-1(%)	9.15	12.56	12.63	13.98	14.79					
Tier-2(%)	4.22	4.24	4.68	4.69	4.49					

Financial Ratios					
	4Q14	2,014	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15
YoY loan growth	(10.05)	(10.05)	(8.78)	(9.12)	(11.33)
YoY fee & insurance income growth	2.55	(4.13)	0.72	4.02	(5.82)
Yield on earn'g assets (%)	5.80	5.62	5.68	5.72	5.79
Cost on int-bear'g liab (%)	3.00	3.08	2.89	2.77	2.46
Net interest margin(%)	3.12	2.84	3.12	3.29	3.63
Cost to income ratio (%)	38.66	36.64	38.07	36.81	22.79
NPLs/Total Loans(%)	2.57	2.57	2.65	2.86	3.30
LLR/NPLs(%)	102.97	102.97	105.24	107.18	74.14
Provision expense/Total loans (%)	1.36	6.74	1.53	2.00	3.65



12-Month Cumulative directors trade

12 Month cumulative chg in foreign ownership versus cumulative chg in SET index



Source: SET, SCBS Investment Research



Figure 1: Valuation summary (Closing price as of Dec 29, 2015)

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	Rating	Price	Target	ETR	P	/E (x)		EPS gi	owth (%)	P/	BV (x)		RC)E (%)		Div. \	/ield (%	6)
		(Bt/Sh)	(Bt/Sh)	(%)	14A	15F	16F	14A	15F	16F	14A	15F	16F	14A	15F	16F	14A	15F	16F
BAY	Sell	30.00	30.0	2.4	12.9	12.4	10.9	19	4	13	1.4	1.1	1.0	11	11	10	2.3	2.4	2.7
BBL	Buy	154.00	190.0	27.6	8.1	8.4	8.5	1	(3)	(1)	0.9	0.8	0.8	12	10	9	4.2	4.2	4.3
KBANK	Buy	151.00	215.0	45.4	7.8	9.0	8.2	12	(13)	10	1.4	1.3	1.1	19	15	14	2.6	3.0	3.3
KKP	Neutral	35.75	34.0	0.3	11.4	9.5	8.4	(41)	20	13	0.8	8.0	8.0	7	9	9	4.4	5.2	5.9
KTB	Buy	16.70	20.0	24.3	6.9	8.2	7.5	0	(16)	9	1.0	0.9	0.9	16	12	12	5.4	4.5	4.9
LHBANK	Sell	1.65	1.4	(13.0)	18.1	14.0	13.1	30	29	7	1.3	1.3	1.2	8	9	9	0.2	2.1	2.3
TCAP	Buy	36.25	42.0	20.3	9.0	8.4	7.5	(45)	8	12	0.9	8.0	8.0	10	10	11	4.4	4.4	4.4
TISCO	Buy	41.00	45.0	14.2	7.7	7.8	6.8	0	(1)	15	1.3	1.2	1.0	17	16	16	4.9	4.5	5.0
TMB	Sell	2.42	2.4	1.7	11.1	11.7	10.4	66	(5)	12	1.5	1.4	1.3	15	12	13	2.7	2.6	2.9
Average					10.1	9.8	8.9	4	(8)	8	1.2	1.1	1.0	14	12	12	3.6	3.8	4.1

Source: SCBS Investment Research

