TISCO Financial Group PLC



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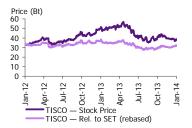
BUY

Stock Data

| Last close (Jan 13) (Bt) | 39.75 |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 12-m target price (Bt) | 48.00 |
| Upside (Downside) to TP (%) | 20.75 |
| Mkt cap (Btbn) | 31.83 |
| Mkt cap (US\$mn) | 966 |

| Bloomberg code | TISCO TB |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Reuters code | TISC.BK |
| Risk rating | М |
| Mkt cap (%) SET | 0.28 |
| Sector % SET | 16.69 |
| Shares issued (mn) | 801 |
| Par value (Bt) | 10 |
| 12-m high / low (Bt) | 60.8 / 34.5 |
| Avg. daily 6m (US\$mn) | 2.78 |
| Foreign limit / actual (%) | 49 / 43 |
| Free float (%) | 79.1 |
| Dividend policy (%) | 50 |
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Price Performance



Source: SET, SCBS Investment Research

| Share performances | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 1M | 3M | 12M | | | | | |
| Absolute | 3.2 | -4.8 | -25.7 | | | | | |
| Relative to SET | 6.9 | 8.3 | -17.5 | | | | | |
| Source: SET, SCBS Investment Research | | | | | | | | |

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4Q13A: Unpleasant surprise in asset quality

4Q13A below estimates. 4Q13A net profit decreased 19% YoY and 29% QoQ to Bt804mn, below our forecast of Bt1.184bn. There was a negative surprise in the area of NPLs and provisions, which was offset partly by lower opex than anticipated.

Key points:

- 1. Loan growth: In line with expectations, +2.6% QoQ, +18% YoY. 4Q13 loan growth came primarily from corporate loans with a small rise in auto loans.
- 2. Net interest margin: Worse than expected, -14 bps to 2.6%. Yield on earning assets fell 14 bps QoQ as a result of a higher proportion of corporate loans. Cost of funds was stable QoQ.
- 3. Non-interest income: Slightly better than estimated, +6 QoQ, mainly driven by gain on investment and foreign exchange.
- 4. Cost to income: Substantially better than anticipated, falling to 19.1% (lower than usual) from 38.5% in 3Q13. There was an unusual 38% QoQ reduction in personnel expenses that indicates TISCO's cost tightening policy.
- 5. Asset quality: Worse than expected: NPLs surged 18% QoQ, pushing NPL ratio up to 1.7% from 1.47% in 3Q13, mainly used car hire-purchase loans. Provision expense doubled QoQ, bringing full-year credit cost to 1.42%, well above the guidance of 1.2%. LLR coverage shrank to 128% from 136% at 3Q13.
- **Maintain Buy.** We maintain Buy on TISCO, seeing it as undervalued at this point. We believe the current share price already reflects the potential slowdown in loan growth and its deterioration in asset quality. There is upside risk from a further cut in the policy rate as the central bank tries to cope with the slowing economy, which is beginning to feel the pain of the political unrest. Our earnings forecast and target price are under review pending the analyst meeting on January 15.

Forecasts and valuation

| FY Dec | Unit | 2012 | 2013 | 2014F | 2015F | 2016F |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Pre-provision profit | (Btmn) | 5,627 | 8,390 | 8,727 | 9,427 | 10,312 |
| Net profit | (Btmn) | 3,705 | 4,249 | 4,550 | 5,107 | 5,877 |
| PPP/Sh | (Bt) | 7.73 | 10.48 | 10.90 | 11.77 | 12.88 |
| EPS | (Bt) | 5.09 | 5.31 | 5.68 | 6.38 | 7.34 |
| BVPS | (Bt) | 25.00 | 28.71 | 31.99 | 35.97 | 40.44 |
| DPS | (Bt) | 2.40 | 2.40 | 2.40 | 2.87 | 3.30 |
| PER | (x) | 7.81 | 7.49 | 7.00 | 6.23 | 5.42 |
| Р/РРР | (x) | 5.14 | 3.79 | 3.65 | 3.38 | 3.09 |
| EPS growth | (%) | 13.42 | 4.26 | 7.07 | 12.26 | 15.08 |
| PBV | (x) | 1.59 | 1.38 | 1.24 | 1.11 | 0.98 |
| ROE | (%) | 21.54 | 20.63 | 18.72 | 18.77 | 19.21 |
| Dividend yields | (%) | 6.04 | 6.04 | 6.04 | 7.22 | 8.31 |

Source: SCBS Investment Research

Figure 1: Ouarterly results

| P & L (Bt mn) | 4Q12 | 1Q13 | 2Q13 | 3Q13 | 4Q13 | %YoY ch | %QoQ ch | 2012 | 2013 | % YoY ch | % full year |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|
| Interest income | 4,241 | 4,467 | 4,766 | 4,944 | 5,095 | 20 | 3 | 15,211 | 19,272 | 27 | 100 |
| Interest expense | 2,313 | 2,364 | 2,537 | 2,627 | 2,776 | 20 | 6 | 8,166 | 10,304 | 26 | 100 |
| Net interest income | 1,928 | 2,103 | 2,229 | 2,317 | 2,319 | 20 | 0 | 7,044 | 8,968 | 27 | 100 |
| Non-interest income | 1,333 | 1,761 | 1,456 | 1,318 | 1,398 | 5 | 6 | 4,715 | 5,933 | 26 | 100 |
| Operating expenses | 1,425 | 1,449 | 1,388 | 1,401 | 1,102 | (23) | (21) | 5,024 | 5,340 | 6 | 100 |
| Pre-provision profit | 1,836 | 2,416 | 2,297 | 2,234 | 2,615 | 42 | 17 | 6,736 | 9,561 | 42 | 100 |
| Less Provision | 533 | 940 | 810 | 778 | 1,613 | 203 | 107 | 1,922 | 4,141 | 115 | 100 |
| Pre-tax profit | 1,303 | 1,476 | 1,487 | 1,456 | 1,002 | (23) | (31) | 4,814 | 5,420 | 13 | 100 |
| Income tax | 300 | 284 | 303 | 293 | 184 | (39) | (37) | 1,081 | 1,064 | (2) | 100 |
| MI and Equity | (7) | (38) | (25) | (31) | (13) | (72) | 59 | (28) | (107) | (283) | NA |
| Net profit | 996 | 1,154 | 1,159 | 1,132 | 804 | (19) | (29) | 3,705 | 4,249 | 15 | 100 |
| EPS (Bt) | 1.37 | 1.58 | 1.45 | 1.41 | 1.00 | (27) | (29) | 5.09 | 5.31 | 4 | 100 |
| B/S (Bt mn) | 4Q12 | 1013 | 2Q13 | 3Q13 | 4Q13 | %YoY ch | %QoQ ch | 2012 | 2013 | %YoY ch | % full year |
| Gross loans | 248,316 | 266,785 | 280,558 | 284,855 | 292,151 | 18 | 3 | 248,316 | 292,151 | 18 | NM |
| Deposits | 219,823 | 248,914 | 238,093 | 257,217 | 264,641 | 20 | 3 | 219,823 | 264,641 | 20 | NM |
| BVPS (Bt) | 25.00 | 26.52 | 25.24 | 26.69 | 28.71 | 15 | 8 | 25.00 | 28.71 | 15 | NM |
| Ratios (%) | 4Q12 | 1Q13 | 2Q13 | 3Q13 | 4Q13 | %YoY ch* | %QoQ ch* | 2012 | 2013 | YoY ch* | % full year |
| Yield on earn. asset | 6.11 | 5.94 | 6.00 | 6.02 | 5.88 | (0.23) | (0.14) | 6.01 | 5.99 | (0.02) | NM |
| Cost of funds | 3.65 | 3.44 | 3.51 | 3.51 | 3.51 | (0.14) | 0.00 | 3.55 | 3.51 | (0.04) | NM |
| Net interest margin | 2.78 | 2.80 | 2.81 | 2.82 | 2.68 | (0.10) | (0.14) | 2.78 | 2.79 | 0.00 | NM |
| Cost to income | 43.69 | 37.48 | 37.67 | 38.55 | 29.66 | (14.03) | (8.90) | 42.72 | 35.84 | (6.88) | NM |
| NPLs/total loans | 1.25 | 1.28 | 1.45 | 1.47 | 1.70 | 0.45 | 0.23 | 1.25 | 1.70 | 0.45 | NM |
| LLR/NPLs | 165.28 | 167.01 | 145.33 | 136.15 | 127.95 | (37.33) | (8.20) | 165.28 | 127.95 | (37.33) | NM |

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Note: * Percentage points

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