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Siam Commercial Bank

FY12 loan growth target raised to 19%

Investment thesis: We have expanded expectations for SCB's FY12 lending growth, due to stronger 1H12 loan growth than modeled of 9.8% YTD. In order to fine-tune for this hefty lending performance, we have revised up our FY12 and FY13 lending assumptions to 19% and 12%, respectively, from 14% and 7%. Thus, our profit forecasts rise by 4% to Bt43.6bn for this year and by 5.5% to Bt52bn for FY13. The higher FY12 bottom-line projection prompted us to increase our YE12 target price 5.4% to Bt177, pegged to a justified YE12 PBV of 2.75x. Our BUY rating stands.

SCB ups FY12 loan growth target: Following 1H12 loan growth of 9.8% YTD and 20.6% YoY, SCB has upgraded its FY12 lending expansion target range to 17-19% from 12-15%. 2H12 growth will be driven by the SME and retail categories and the BOT's soft funding program. As noted above, we have revised up our FY12 loan growth forecast to 19% from 14% formerly.

FY12 NIM raised to 3.1-3.2% from 3.0%: Given a stable interest rate trend and anticipation of further loan growth, SCB now expects an FY12 NIM of 3.1-3.2%; its previous guidance was 3% (NIM was 3.2% last year). Intense competition for deposit mobilization and the imposition of the BOT's blanket 0.47% levy on deposits, B/Es and short-tenor debentures are the main threats to NIM sustainability. Our FY12 NIM forecast is 3.2%.

LLPs to rise: The unfolding EU financial crisis and China's economic slowdown have prompted SCB to raise LLPs from the current Bt1.5bn/quarter. Management hasn't offered guidance, so we have increased our FY12 LLP assumption to Bt7.5bn from Bt6bn.

Curb cost/income target 42-43%: SCB guides for a new FY12 cost/income ratio target of 42-43%, down from 43-44%. The guidance reflects expanded assumptions for lending growth and NIM. We expect a ratio of 41% for FY12, down from 44.5% last year. The bank's 1H12 cost/income ratio was 41.4%.

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BUY (maintained)

Target Price: Bt177.00 Price (27/07/12): Bt151.50 SCB TB / SCB.BK

Key Ratios & Statistics

Market cap			Bt519.22bn
12-mth price range		Bt93.7	75/Bt159.50
12-mth avg daily volume		В	t 1,002.09m
# of shares (m)			3,393.6
Est. free float (%)			71.1
Foreign limit (%)			45.8
Share price perf. (%)	1M	3 M	12 M
Relative to SET	4.1	6.2	16.8
Absolute	5.2	3.4	20.9

Financial summary FY Ended 31 Dec 2010 2011E 2012E 2013E Revenues (Btm) 85,205 118,456 145,984 167,103 Net profit (Btm) 24,206 36,273 43,600 52,000 EPS (Bt) 7.12 12.83 15.30 10.67 BLS/Consensus (x) n.m. n.m. 1.15 1.18 EPS Consensus (Bt) 11.13 n.m. n.m. 13.02 EPS growth (%) +16.6% +49.9% +20.2% +19.3% Core profit (Btm) 27,160 35 610 49 892 58 993 Core EPS (Bt) 8.06 10.48 14 68 17.35 Core EPS growth (%) +7.4% +40.1% +18.2% +30.0% PER (x) 21.5 14.3 11.9 Core PER (x) 19.0 14.6 10.4 P/PPOP (x) 14.2 10.7 8.6 PBV (x) 3.35 2.78 2.37 Dividend (Bt) 3.50 2.50 3.50 3.75 Dividend yield (%) 1.6 23 23 ROE (%) 20.0 15 7 195

CG Rating - 2011

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Company profile

Siam Commercial Bank was established on January 30, 1906. It ranks third among Thai banks in terms of loans (Bt1.2trn) and deposits (Bt1.1trn). SCB's loan portfolio is composed of corporate, housing, SME, and HP lending in the proportions 44:26:18:12. With 1,037 branches across the country, the bank has the most extensive network in Thailand.

Bank

Overweight

Outlook

New FY12 loan growth forecast to 17-19%: Management has raised its FY12 loan growth target range to 17-19% from 12-14% formerly after strong lending expansion of 9.8% YTD during 1H12. Disaggregated by category, SME business grew 14% YTD in 1H12, retail by 13% and corporate by 4%. As such, our earlier FY12 loan growth projection of 14.7% YoY now looks too conservative. We have revised up our full-year number to 19% (the upper bound of SCB's guidance). Management guides that 2H12 lending growth momentum will be sustained, driven by a retail recovery (HP and mortgages), aggressive SME lending (loans sized at Bt50m or more per client) and big-ticket corporate loan draw-downs.

SCB's capital adequacy ratio was 15.2% (Tier-1: 10.6%) at end-June, more than adequate to accommodate business expansion for the next couple of years without need for capital-raising. Furthermore, including 1H12 earnings into the capital base, the implied CAR would be 16.8% (Tier-1: 12.1%).

Fee income should inch up HoH: In tandem with 10% QoQ loan growth for 1H12, SCB's fee income (net fee and service income, gains on FX and bancassurance sales) for the period grew 13.4% YoY, led by bancassurance and FX gains on trading finance. The bank believes that fee-based income will expand further in 2H12, driven by the retail and SME categories. Management expects FY12 fee income to achieve its target of 15% growth. Our model also still assumes FY12 fee income expansion of 15%.

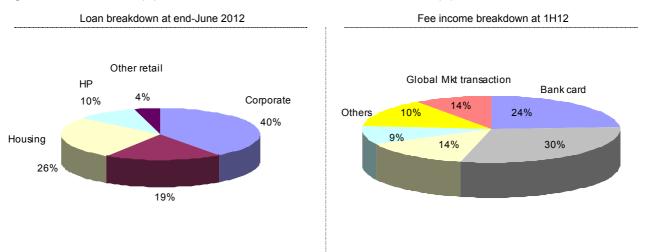


Figure 1: Loan breakdown (%) at end-March 2012 and fee income breakdown in 1H12 (%)

Sources: Company data, Bualuang Research

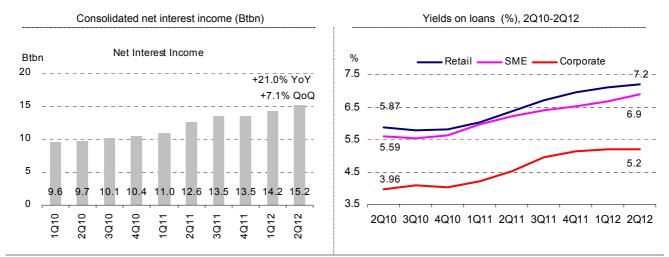
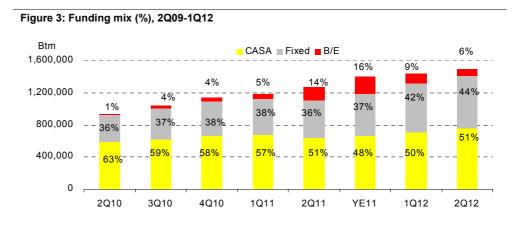


Figure 2: SCB's net interest income (Btbn), 1Q10-1Q12, and yields on corporate, SME and retail loans (%)

Sources: Company data and Bualuang Research

Interest spread target raised to 3.1-3.2%: SCB revised up its FY12 NIM objective to 3.1-3.2% from 3% because of strong YTD loan growth. Management believes that intensifying competition for deposit mobilization is the main threat to margin going forward-the bank may not have much scope to re-price. As such, NIM has only modest scope for upside. Our FY12 NIM projection remains unchanged at 3.2%. Note that SCB's 1H12 NIM was 3.23%. We expect a 2H12 NIM of close to the 1H12 level. Its lending focus will be retail (HP and mortgages) and SME, both of which pay higher yields than corporate loans.



Sources: Company data, Bualuang Research

Loan loss provisions to increase: Gross NPLs declined slightly to Bt34.7bn (2.25% of total loans) at end-June 2012 from Bt35.5bn (2.39% of total lending) at end-March. This was attributable to fast lending growth and good asset quality management. Its loan loss coverage ratio rose to 140% at end-June from 132% at end-March. The bank has already achieved its YE12 NPLs/loans ratio target of below 2.5%. SCB now plans to set provisions in excess of its earlier FY12 target of Bt6bn. Although we don't have any concerns about the bank's asset quality, due to its low NPLs/loans ratio and high coverage ratio, we have raised our FY12 loan loss provision assumption to Bt7.5bn from Bt6bn-coverage against possible fallout from the EU crisis and China's economic slowdown.

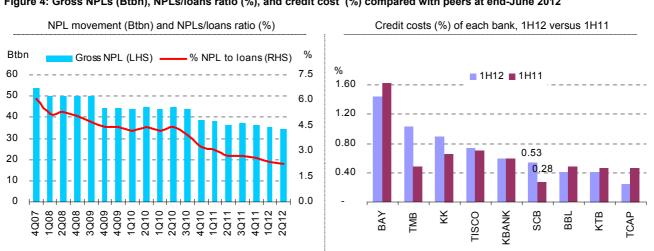
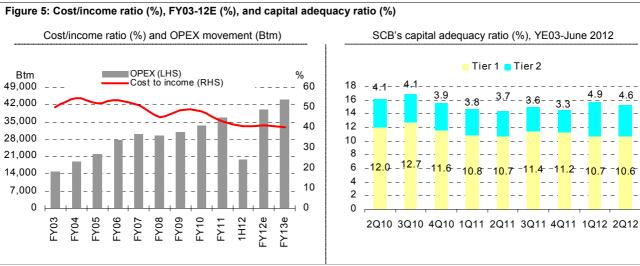


Figure 4: Gross NPLs (Btbn), NPLs/loans ratio (%), and credit cost (%) compared with peers at end-June 2012

Sources: Company data, Bualuang Research

Lower FY12 cost/income ratio target: Because of its strong loan growth and NIM, SCB has cut its cost/income ratio target to 42-43% from 43-44% formerly. The bank now has 1,112 branches, the most extensive network in Thailand. It plans to open only another 38 offices during 2H12. We expect an FY12 cost/income ratio of 41% (including bancassurance sales)—aggressive lending and expanding bancassurance sales should make the top-line rise faster than OPEX. The 1H12 cost/income ratio was 41.4%.

Management's higher loan growth and NIM expectations for the year also prompted it to revise up its FY12 ROE guidance to 18-20% from 17-19%. We have upgraded our FY12 ROE assumption to 20% from 19.5%. SCB has the highest ROE of any of the big-five banks.



Sources: Company data, Bualuang Research

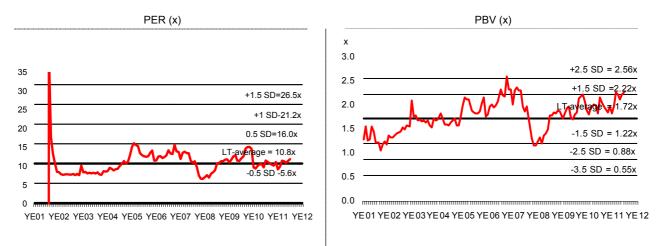
Recommendation and valuation

Reiterate BUY: We have revised up our FY12-13 earnings projections by 4% and 5.5%, respectively, to Bt43.6bn and Bt52bn. The upgrades were prompted by superior 1H12 loan growth, a well-managed NIM and strong fee-based income. Thus, our FY12 ROE assumption has increased from 19.5% to 20.1%—the highest of any big bank. Based on industry growth of 5% and Ke of 10.5%, we have arrived at a new YE12 target price of Bt177 (up from Bt168), pegged to a justified YE12 PBV of 2.75x. The good 2H12 macro-economic outlook and SCB's superior efficiency make it worthy of a BUY rating.

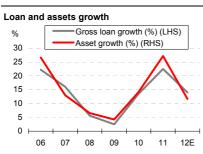
Figure 6: Sector com	parisons										
			PER		2-Yr EPS	PB	v	Div Yl	d (%)	ROE	(%)
Company	Ticker	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	Growth (%)	FY12E	FY13E	FY12E	FY13E	FY12E	FY13E
Hang Seng Bank	11 HK	12.8	12.0	10.9	8.8%	2.4	2.2	5.0%	5.0%	20.6	21.7
BOC Hong Kong	2388 HK	13.0	13.5	12.2	3.3%	1.9	1.7	4.7%	5.2%	13.9	15.0
Wing Hang Bank	302 HK	13.1	11.9	10.8	10.6%	1.2	1.1	2.5%	2.9%	10.4	11.0
DBS group Holding	DBS SP	11.8	11.8	10.9	3.8%	1.2	1.1	4.2%	4.3%	10.0	10.2
UOB	UOB SP	13.3	12.9	11.6	7.0%	1.4	1.3	3.6%	3.9%	10.8	10.9
Malayan Bank	MAY MK	12.3	13.4	12.3	-0.4%	1.9	1.8	6.0%	6.2%	14.6	14.7
CIMB Group Holding Bhd	CIMB MK	14.7	14.0	12.1	10.8%	2.1	1.9	3.8%	4.3%	15.5	16.6
China Citic Bank	601998 CH	5.9	5.1	4.5	15.8%	0.9	0.8	5.3%	6.2%	19.4	18.7
China Construction Bank	601939 CH	5.8	4.9	4.2	18.1%	1.1	0.9	7.5%	8.5%	22.9	23.4
Bank Rakrat	BBRI IJ	12.3	10.6	9.0	18.2%	2.7	2.2	2.0%	2.4%	28.9	27.8
Bank of Philippines	BPI PM	20.8	18.3	15.6	16.9%	2.8	2.5	2.7%	2.8%	15.2	16.6
CICI Bank LTD	ICICIBC IN	18.8	15.9	14.0	17.2%	1.8	1.7	1.7%	2.0%	12.6	12.7
AXIS Bank Ltd	AXSB IN	12.5	10.5	8.7	21.9%	1.9	1.6	1.6%	1.8%	19.9	20.4
Bank Mandiri Tbk PT	BMRI IJ	14.5	12.9	10.8	17.0%	2.5	2.2	2.5%	2.9%	21.3	21.9
Bank Central Asia Tbk PT	BBCA IJ	19.7	17.2	14.6	17.5%	4.1	3.4	1.9%	2.2%	25.4	25.0
Bangkok Bank	BBL TB	13.3	10.4	8.6	27.7%	1.4	1.2	3.7%	4.2%	13.2	14.5
KASIKORNBANK	KBANK TB	16.4	12.1	9.3	38.1%	2.0	1.6	1.7%	1.8%	18.2	18.8
Siam Commercial Bank	SCB TB	14.3	11.9	10.0	21.7%	2.4	2.0	2.3%	2.5%	20.0	20.2
Krung Thai Bank	KTB TB	10.5	7.8	7.4	20.7%	1.3	1.2	5.1%	5.4%	16.5	15.5
Bank of Ayudhya	BAY TB	20.8	13.2	10.7	47.4%	1.7	1.5	2.6%	3.2%	13.5	15.1
Thanachart Capital	TCAP TB	8.2	7.3	6.3	15.0%	1.0	0.9	4.9%	4.9%	13.6	14.3
TMB Bank	TMB TB	16.0	12.8	10.2	28.2%	1.2	1.1	2.7%	3.4%	9.0	10.4
TISCO Financial Group	TISCO TB	8.8	7.7	6.5	17.9%	1.6	1.4	5.7%	5.7%	20.2	21.0
Kiatnakin Bank	KK TB	8.8	9.7	8.1	4.5%	1.0	1.0	6.3%	6.3%	10.6	11.9
Avg 24 regional banks		13.3	11.6	10.0	17.0%	1.8	1.6	3.7%	4.1%	16.5	17.0
Avg only 9 Thai banks		13.0	10.3	8.6	24.6%	1.5	1.3	3.9%	4.1%	15.0	15.7

Sources: Company data, Bualuang Research estimates, Bloomberg, Reuters estimates

Figure 7: Valuation multiples



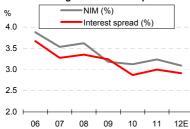
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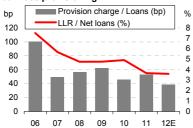
LDR and Loan to deposit +debt



Net interest margin and interest spread



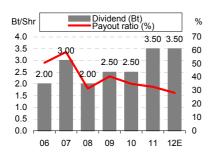
Loan loss provisioning



NPL and Reserve against NPL

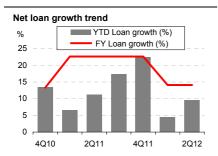


Dividend payout

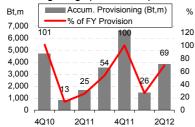


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PROFIT & LOSS (Btm)	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E
Interest income	54,631	53,679	77,947	104,237	120,755
Interest expense	-16,365	-12,950	-27,421	-43,408	-51,494
Net interest income	38,266	40,729	50,526	60,829	69,261
Fee & service income	22,375	27,492	32,351	37,130	41,251
Total non-interest income	25,112	29,697	35,180	40,246	44,848
Operating income	63,378	70,426	85,706	101,075	114,109
Operating expenses Operating profit before provision	-30,793	-33,702 36,723	-36,883	-40,265 60,810	-44,091
Provisioning charges	32,585 -5,605	-4,661	48,822 -6,630	-7,500	70,017 -8,250
Operating profit after provision	26,980	32,062	42,192	53,310	61,767
Exceptional items	947	1,830	5,330	1,500	1,500
Tax	-7,076	-9,563	-11,213	-10,918	-11,025
Minority interest	-93	-122	-36	-292	-243
Net profit (loss)	20,758	24,206	36,273	43,600	52,000
Reported EPS	6.16	7.12	10.67	12.83	15.30
Fully diluted EPS	6.16	7.12	10.67	12.83	15.30
Core net profit Core EPS	25,509 7.50	27,160 7.99	35,610 10.48	49,892 14.68	58,993 17.35
PPOP	32,585	36,723	48,822	60,810	70,017
PPOP/share	9.59	10.80	14.36	17.89	20.60
KEY RATIOS	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E
Revenue Growth (%)	42.08	47.30	68.15	69.51	62.07
PPOP Growth (%)	(9.59)	12.70	32.95	24.55	15.14
EPS Growth (%)	(3.06)	15.60	49.85	20.20	19.27
Net Loan Growth (%)	2.45	13.33	22.66	19.17	12.35
Cum. LLRs to Net loans (%)	4.77	4.93 0.46	3.68	3.59	3.69
Provision charge to loans (%) Yield on Average Assets (%)	0.62 4.21	0.46 3.78	0.53 4.60	0.50 5.16	0.49 5.28
Cost of Funds (%)	0.97	0.91	4.00	2.15	2.25
Interest Spread (%)	3.24	2.87	3.00	3.01	3.03
Net Interest Margin: NIM (%)	3.18	3.13	3.24	3.20	3.21
Effective tax rate (%)	25.34	28.22	23.60	19.92	17.43
Asset growth (%)	4.22	14.12	27.16	15.12	11.64
Cost/income (%)	49%	48%	43%	40%	39%
BALANCE SHEET (Btm)	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E
Cash & Equivalent	32,868	33,273	33,701	20,500	21,500
Interbank & securities	100,095	149,018	125,003	140,000	165,000
Investment in securities Net Loan & accrued interests	165,419 898,984	153,746 1,018,803	330,774 1,249,688	365,000 1,489,267	381,500 1,673,142
Other assets	96,680	121,894	138,671	147,032	172,396
Total assets	1,294,047	1,476,735	1,877,836	2,161,799	2,413,538
Deposits	955,976	1,092,109	1,184,388	1,391,262	1,569,102
ST debts, REPO & current portion	54,213	54,922	60,336	61,658	61,735
Long-term debt	35,753	62,609	255,843	290,000	55,000
Other liabilities	106,300	111,989	190,086	199,664	468,118
Total liabilities	1,152,242	1,321,630	1,690,654	1,942,584	2,153,956
Paid-up capital	33,992	33,992	33,992	33,992	33,992
Share premium	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124	11,124
Retained earnings Shareholders equity	81,848 141,018	86,445 154,316	112,834 185,871	144,558 217,612	184,682 257,736
Minority interests	787	789	1,312	1,604	1,847
Total Liab.&Shareholders' equity	1,294,047	1,476,735	1,877,836	2,161,799	2,413,538
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Asset quality	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E
Loan loss reserve	42,894	50,180	59,706	68,911	72,017
Average interest earnings assets	1,203,026	1,303,028	1,646,653	1,902,781	2,156,670
Average interest bearing liabilities	1,073,913	1,173,769	1,441,231	1,629,538	1,851,124
P) (por choro	44 70	15 60	55.07	64 40	76 97
BV per share ABV per share	41.72 42.55	45.63 47.18	55.07 55.35	64.49 64.67	76.37 76.47
Aby her share	42.55	71.10	55.35	04.07	76.47
NPL amounts	48,923	46,477	44,153	37,530	31,900
NPL (%)	4.40	3.30	3.38	2.41	2.20
Equity/loans	15.69	15.15	14.87	14.61	15.40
Equity/NPLs	288.25	332.03	420.97	579.84	807.94

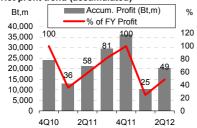
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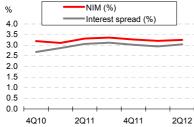
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Net profit trend (accumulated)



Net interest margin



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QUARTERLY PROFIT & LOSS (Btm)	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12
Interest Income	18,259	21,455	22,605	23,763	24,903
Interest Expense	5,707	7,921	9,146	9,592	9,731
Net interest income	12,553	13,533	13,458	14,171	15,172
Fee & service income	7,447	9,005	7,714	9,361	8,885
Other income & MI	498	1,004	534	424	484
Total non-interest income	7,945	10,009	8,248	9,785	9,369
Operating inc	20,498	23,542	21,706	23,956	24,540
Operating expenses	8,747	9,348	10,554	9,623	10,055
Operating profit before provision	11,751	14,194	11,153	14,332	14,485
Provisioning charges	834	1,872	3,075	1,447	2,365
Operating profit after provision	10,917	12,322	8,078	12,886	12,120
Exceptional items	338	(61)	(34)	334	522
Profit before tax	11,255	12,261	8,044	13,220	12,642
Tax	3,059	3,844	1,453	2,805	2,498
Minority Interest	(63)	(66)	147	(72)	(71)
Net profit (loss)	8,132	8,351	6,738	10,342	10,074
EPS	2.39	2.46	1.98	3.04	2.96
Core profit	8,628	10,283	9,847	11,455	11,917
Core EPS	2.54	3.02	2.89	3.37	3.50
KEY RATIOS	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2012
Asset Yield/Avg Assets (%)	4.45	4.95	5.07	4.94	4.99
Funding Cost (%)	1.39	4.95	2.05	1.94	4.99
Interest Spread (%)	3.06		3.02		3.04
,		3.12		2.95	
Net Interest Margin (%)	3.31	3.36	3.27	3.21	3.25
Fee income/total operating income (%)	36.3	38.3	35.5	39.1	36.2
BV (Bt)	51.25	52.32	54.68	57.95	58.45
ROE (%)	18.60	18.84	14.87	21.47	20.24
ROA (%)	1.98	1.93	1.51	2.15	2.02
Assets to Equities (X)	11.05	8.69	1.64	9.62	8.69
Cost to Income (%)	42.7	41.3	49.8	40.9	41.8
Est CAR (%)	14.4	15.0	14.5	15.6	15.2
QUARTERLY BALANCE SHEET (Btm)	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11	1Q12	2Q12
Cash & Equivalent	25,155	23,849	33,701	26,060	25,924
Interbank & securities	202,523	165,312	125,003	164,366	148,057
Investment in securities	194,786	278,819	330,774	340,407	357,460
Gross loan	1,187,157	1,252,580	1,306,393	1,365,027	1,432,002
Other assets	76,649	62,340	81,965	73,411	63,761
Total assets	1,686,270	1,782,901	1,877,836	1,969,272	2,027,205
Deposits	1,097,943	1,116,370	1,184,388	1,309,057	1,414,341
ST debts, REPO & current portion	70,093	76,264	89,155	88,601	103,607
Long-term debt	201,977	283,371	255,843	196,982	154,081
Other liabilities	140,950	127,593	161,268	176,514	155,163
Total liabilities	1,510,963	1,603,598	1,690,654	1,771,154	1,827,192
Paid-up capital	33,929	33,929	33,929	33,929	33,929
Share premium	11,099	11,099	11,099	11,099	11,099
Retained earnings	101,003	106,027	112,834	196,986	198,672
Shareholders equity	174,206	177,828	185,871	196,986	198,672
Minority interests	1,101	1,475	1,312	1,133	1,341
Total Liab.&Shareholders' equity	1,686,270	1,782,901	1,877,836	1,969,272	2,027,205
Asset quality					
	41,853	44,202	45,995	46,758	48,585
Loan loss reserve (net write-off)	41,853 1,515,167	44,202 1,610,166	45,995 1,646,653	46,758 1,784,829	48,585 1,865,458
Loan loss reserve (net write-off) Average interest earnings assets					48,585 1,865,458 1,622,631
Loan loss reserve (net write-off) Average interest earnings assets Average interest bearing liabilities	1,515,167 1,319,332	1,610,166 1,414,392	1,646,653 1,495,642	1,784,829 1,553,881	1,865,458 1,622,631
Asset quality Loan loss reserve (net write-off) Average interest earnings assets Average interest bearing liabilities BV per share ABV per share	1,515,167	1,610,166	1,646,653	1,784,829	1,865,458
Loan loss reserve (net write-off) Average interest earnings assets Average interest bearing liabilities BV per share ABV per share	1,515,167 1,319,332 51.25 52.80	1,610,166 1,414,392 52.32 53.86	1,646,653 1,495,642 54.68 55.35	1,784,829 1,553,881 57.95 58.62	1,865,458 1,622,633 58.49 59.13
Loan loss reserve (net write-off) Average interest earnings assets Average interest bearing liabilities BV per share	1,515,167 1,319,332 51.25	1,610,166 1,414,392 52.32	1,646,653 1,495,642 54.68	1,784,829 1,553,881 57.95	1,865,458 1,622,63 58.4

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Sources: Company data, Bualuang Research

Equity/loans

Equity/NPLs

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