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# **Tisco Financial Group Pcl (TISCO)**

Rating: HOLD (from Buy)

## Fair price: Bt104.0

### Close price: Bt99.25

#### **Company Information** TISCO TB Ticker: Sector: Finance Shares outstanding (m): 800.65 Market capitalization (Btm): 79,464.08 Trading vol/day (Btm): 386.34 Free float (%): 73.84 0.43 Beta: **Major Shareholders CDIB & Partners Investment** 10.00% Thai NVDR 8.92% South East Asia UK Type C 6.98% 4.93% Tokyo Century Corp **Consensus Bloomberg** 2024F EPS (Bt): 9.15 Target price (Bt): 104.89 **Price Performance** 103.5 / 89.5 52 Wk high/low: **1**Y YTD **1M 3M** Absolute (%) -0.8 1.3 -2.7 -0.5 Relative (%) 0.6 2.3 11 9 3.0 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 18/04/23 23/05/23 27106/23 01/08/23 191223 23/01/24 27/02/24 14103123 05/09/23 10/10/23 14/11/23 -TISCO SET

Rating	CGR	Thai CAC	SET ESG
TISCO		Certified	AAA

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### 1Q24 came in a bit weak

- TISCO posted a net profit of Bt1.73bn, down 3.3% YoY and 2.6% QoQ for 1Q24. The 1Q24 results came in slightly below the Bloomberg consensus estimate of Bt1.78bn. Expected credit loss (ECL) rose YoY and QoQ (or 0.47% of loans). Preprovision operating profit (PPOP) rose 5% YoY and 1% QoQ on rising operating income and declining operating expenses. Total loans were flat QoQ (+0.2%) at end-March 2024 with NIM falling faster than expected. Domestic car sales for the first two months fell by 21.5% YoY to 107,657 units. TISCO's auto-HP penetration rate was 4.4%.
- 2H23 DPS of Bt5.75 offers a strong yield of 5.8%. The XD date is 24 April for payment on 15 May. The full year pay-put ratio was at 85% (or at Bt7.75).
- During 1Q24, the retail lending portfolio declined by 1.3% QoQ, consisting of car and motorcycle HP loans (of 65.4%), loans against auto licenses (of 26.2%), housing loans (of 5.1%) and other retail loans (of 3.4%). The HP loans declined 2% QoQ due to a 3% contraction in new car HP loans following cautious underwriting policy. The used car HP and motorcycle HP loans grew by 2.5% and 4.2%, respectively following the high yield loan expansion strategy.
- Loans against auto licenses (Auto-cash loans) increased just 0.4% QoQ partly boosted by the high-yield Somwang channel (674 branches nationwide), up by 2.5% QoQ.
- Housing loans (5.1%) fell 4.8% QoQ on competitive market and rising risks. Corporate loan expanded by 1.8% QoQ boosted by the public utility, service, real estate, and construction sectors. Commercial lending portfolio grew by 10% QoQ from expansion in car inventory financing.
- NIM fell by 19bps QoQ to 4.76% in 1Q24, with rising cost of fund by 15bps on fixed deposit repricing versus 2bps increase in loan yield.
- Non-interest income fell by 5.5% YoY but rose 3.8% QoQ to Bt1.3bn. The YoY decline
  was due to declining bancassurance business following lower new business volume
  on declining domestic car sale. Brokerage fee income also fell 33.5% YoY. The QoQ
  improvement in non-interest income was thanks to higher dividend income.
- Cost-to-income ratio stood at 48.1% for 1Q24, with operating expenses fell by 0.8% YoY and 3.8% QoQ to Bt2.26bn.
- Credit costs came in higher at 47bps of loans in 1Q24 (or +206% YoY and +49% QoQ to Bt279m), up from 16bps a year ago.
- NPL ratio was up a bit QoQ from 2.22% to 2.27%. LLR/NPL ratio declined from 189.8% at end-4Q23 to 177.8% at end-March 2024.
- Total CAR for the bank remained solid at 20.9%, with Tier-1 capital of 18.7%.
- Downgraded to HOLD. We slash our 2024-5F earnings estimates by 4% and 3%, respectively on softening net interest income outlook. We prefer to downgrade our call from Buy to HOLD with a revised price target of Bt104.0 (from Bt108.8), based on 1.9x book at end-2024F. The stock trades at P/E of 11.2x our 2024F estimate. The key downside risks are rising market competition and a weak capital market depressing non-interest income.

#### **Investment summary**

Investment sur	nmary					
FY Dec 31	2021	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net profit (Btm)	6,785	7,224	7,303	7,104	7,295	7,645
Change (%)	11.9	6.5	1.1	-2.7	2.7	4.8
PPOP (Btm)	10,557	9,714	9,705	10,077	10,756	11,382
Change (%)	-3.1	-8.0	-0.1	3.8	6.7	5.8
EPS (Bt)	8.47	9.02	9.12	8.87	9.11	9.55
Change (%)	11.9	6.5	1.1	-2.7	2.7	4.8
P/E (x)	11.7	11.0	10.9	11.2	10.9	10.4
DPS (Bt)	7.15	7.75	7.75	7.54	7.75	8.12
Yield (%)	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.2
BVPS (Bt)	51.45	53.44	53.02	54.35	55.71	57.14
P/BV (x)	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7
ROAA (%)	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
ROAE (%)	16.8	17.2	17.1	16.5	16.6	16.9
Source: Company and IVG estimates						

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#### Results

(Btm)	1Q24	1Q23	% YoY	4Q23	% QoQ	2023	2022	% YoY
Net interest income	3,395	3,223	5.4	3,502	(3.0)	13,829	12,734	8.6
Non-interest income	1,307	1,384	(5.5)	1,260	3.8	5,217	5,571	(6.4)
Operating income	4,703	4,606	2.1	4,762	(1.2)	19,046	18,305	4.0
Opex	2,263	2,282	(0.8)	2,353	(3.8)	9,340	8,591	8.7
PPOP	2,440	2,325	5.0	2,409	1.3	9,705	9,714	(0.1)
ECL	279	91	206.4	187	49.1	613	723	(15.1)
Pre-tax profit	2,161	2,233	(3.3)	2,222	(2.8)	9,092	8,991	1.1
Тах	428	441	(3.0)	442	(3.2)	1,789	1,767	1.2
Net profit	1,733	1,793	(3.3)	1,780	(2.6)	7,303	7,224	1.1
EPS (Bt)	2.16	2.24	(3.3)	2.22	(2.6)	9.12	9.02	1.1

Source: Company and IVG estimates

#### **Key Financial Ratios**

(%)	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24
Loan growth YTD	0.5	5.2	5.8	7.2	0.2
NIM	4.88	5.02	5.14	4.95	4.76
Fee income (% YoY)	(0.6)	(0.9)	(4.7)	(7.4)	(7.8)
Non NII growth	2.2	(8.8)	0.2	(17.0)	(5.5)
Cost to income	49.5	50.1	48.4	49.4	48.1
Credit cost (% of loans)	0.16	0.11	0.25	0.32	0.47
Loan-to-deposit	106.9	110.8	111.0	108.7	109.1
NPL	2.13	2.20	2.25	2.22	2.27
LLR/NPL	248.1	224.0	205.8	189.8	177.8
Tier I	19.7	19.5	19.0	18.9	18.7
Total CAR	23.5	23.0	22.6	22.3	20.9

Source: Company and IVG estimates

#### **Quarterly Income**

(Btm)	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24
Net interest income	3,287	3,420	3,557	3,565	3,395
Non-interest income	1,384	1,324	1,250	1,260	1,307
Operating income	4,671	4,743	4,807	4,825	4,703
Opex	2,282	2,378	2,329	2,353	2,263
PPOP	2,389	2,366	2,478	2,473	2,440
Provisions	155	63	147	248	279
Pre-tax profit	2,233	2,303	2,332	2,224	2,161
Tax	441	449	457	442	428
Net profits	1,793	1,854	1,874	1,782	1,733
EPS (Bt)	2.24	2.32	2.34	2.23	2.16

Source: Company

#### Key Financial Ratios

(%)	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	2021	2022	2023
Loan growth YTD	0.3	0.2	5.0	7.9	(9.7)	7.9	7.2
NIM	5.09	5.05	5.15	5.09	4.84	5.09	4.95
Fee income (% YoY)	(17.2)	(4.6)	12.4	(19.9)	9.1	(9.5)	(3.5)
Non NII growth	(31.8)	(6.9)	15.9	(11.0)	9.8	(12.1)	(6.4)
Cost to income	47.5	46.5	48.1	46.2	44.0	47.1	49.0
Credit cost (% of loans)	0.17	0.27	0.22	0.69	1.0	0.3	0.26
Loan-to-deposit	113.0	114.7	111.7	111.0	115.8	111.0	108.7
NPL	2.15	2.20	2.08	2.09	2.44	2.09	2.22
LLR/NPL	262.1	253.1	248.0	258.8	236.8	258.8	189.8
Tier I	19.9	21.0	20.2	19.6	20.2	19.6	18.9
Total CAR	24.3	25.3	24.3	23.4	25.2	23.4	22.3

Source: Company and IVG estimates

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TISCO IVG ESG Rating : GOOD	85%
E: Environmental	10%
Energy Efficiency Management	50%
Climate-Related Management	50%
Sustainable Water Management	50%
Sustainable Waste Management	50%
S: Social	15%
Human Rights Management	50%
Education and Training Policy	50%
Occupational Health and Safety Policy	100%
Corporate Social Responsibility Policy	100%
G: Governance	60%
Corporate Governance Rating (CGR)	100%
Employees Trained on Anti-Corruption	100%
Supporting Green Financial Products	100%
Risk and Crisis Management	100%
Cybersecurity and Customer Data Privacy Protection	100%
Digitalization and Innovation	100%
Customer Relationship Management	100%

Banking sector		Scores	Weights	TISCO
E: Environmental		8	20%	10%
S: Social		8	20%	15%
G: Governance		17	60%	60%
Total		33	100%	85%
Company ESG Policy Priorities				
POOR	MEDIUM		GOO	D
1-50%	>50 - 700	%	>70 - 1	00%

Source: Sustainability report from company 2022 and Criteria by IVG

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#### Sector Recommendations

#### Stock Recommendations

**OVERWEIGHT:** The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to outperform the relevant primary market index by at least 10% over the next 12 months.

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 $\ensuremath{\text{BUY:}}$  Expecting positive total returns of 15% or more over the next 12 months.

**HOLD:** Expecting total returns of not more than -10% to +10% over the next 3 months.

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{SELL:}}$  Expecting negative total returns of 15% or more over the next 12 months

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Level 5 Extended	Extension of the anti-corruption policy to business partners in the supply chain, and disclosure of any cu investigations, prosecutions or closed cases						
Level 4 Certified	Audit engagement by audit committee or auditors approved by the office of SEC, and receiving certification or assurance by independent external assurance providers (CAC etc.)						
Level 3 Established	Carrying out preventive measures, risk assessment, communication and training for all employees, including consistent monitoring and review processes. (3A: Established by Declaration of Intent, 3B: Established by Internal Commitment and Policy)						
Level 2 Declared	Public declaration statement to participate in Thailand's private sector Collective Action Coalition Against Corruption (CAC) or equivalent initiatives						
Level 1 Committed	Organization's statement or board's resolution to work against corruption and to be in compliance with all relevant laws						
Partially progress	Insufficient or not clearly defined policy						
No progress	Data not available / no policy						

Excellent
Very good
Good

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