

Sacombank (STB VN)

Still taking a big bath

Share price rallied faster than recovery pace; D/G to HOLD

Under the new leadership, led by Mr. Nguyen Duc Thuy, who is known for his successful restructuring of LPBank, STB has been proactively elevating provisions to clean up legacy assets and reset its balance sheet for future growth. As such, STB's earnings have declined notably YoY over the past three quarters. However, its share price has remained resilient, as the market continues to price in strong expectations for STB's outlook under Mr. Thuy's stewardship. We revise downward our FY26-27E earnings forecasts and accordingly lower our target price, based on 2.1x FY27E P/B (i.e. 2SD above the 5-year mean, unchanged). Downgrade to HOLD. We continue to view STB as suitable for actively managed positions, but recommend accumulating on price weakness.

1H26 performance review: still taking a big bath

STB started a kitchen-sinking strategy in 4Q26, recognizing all legacy troubled assets and accelerating provisioning to expedite balance sheet clean-up without waiting for potential collateral asset sales. As such, its earnings are currently depressed. The bank posted another sharp decline in quarterly profit in 2Q26 (-45% YoY), but still achieved 51% of management's FY26E target. Credit expansion has been muted (+1.5% YTD only), while the bank significantly increased provisioning (+540% YoY). NPL ratios remain elevated at 7.5%, partly due to subdued credit growth.

Earnings growth to gather pace from FY27

STB's loan book is ranked among the top 5 private-sector banks. Hence, we believe that once its profit drivers (i.e. credit growth and provisioning) normalize, its profit can recover to peer levels (around VND12-15 tn in net profit by FY28E, vs. VND6 tn in FY25). Based on the bank's direction and 1H26 results, we revise downward our profit forecasts for STB, with 8% growth in FY26E, followed by +25% and +54% YoY in FY27-28E, respectively. If the management can accelerate the resolution of legacy assets and reduce provisioning, STB's earnings could grow faster than our forecasts.

High expectation keeps valuation at lofty levels

STB is trading at 2x FY26E P/BV, and 1.8x FY27E P/B for a 10-14% ROE profile. We observe that market sentiment towards the stock remains very strong. The market continues to recall LPBank's performance under Mr. Thuy's stewardship and maintains high expectations for STB. In computing the 12-M TP for STB, we also reference LPBank's P/B range (2.1x-3.6x) and assume that a 2x P/B target for STB is achievable over the next 12 months.

FYE Dec (VND b)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Operating income	28,677	32,057	33,149	36,957	43,365
Pre-provision profit	14,695	19,012	19,699	22,450	27,291
Core net profit	8,957	5,286	5,745	7,168	11,007
Core EPS (VND)	4,751	2,804	3,047	3,802	5,838
Core EPS growth (%)	31.2	(41.0)	8.7	24.8	53.5
Net DPS (VND)	0	0	0	0	0
Core P/E (x)	7.8	20.7	23.5	18.8	12.2
P/BV (x)	1.3	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.6
Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Book value (VND)	29,160	31,409	34,803	38,944	45,205
ROAE (%)	17.8	9.3	9.2	10.3	13.9
ROAA (%)	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8
Consensus net profit	-	-	6,993	14,206	20,100
MIBG vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(8.7)	(43.9)	(39.2)

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[Prior:BUY]

Share Price	VND 71,500
12m Price Target	VND 81,000 (+13%)
Previous Price Target	VND 82,000

Company Description

Vietnam's 10th largest bank by banking assets, and top-5 best bank for SME and retail banking in Vietnam.

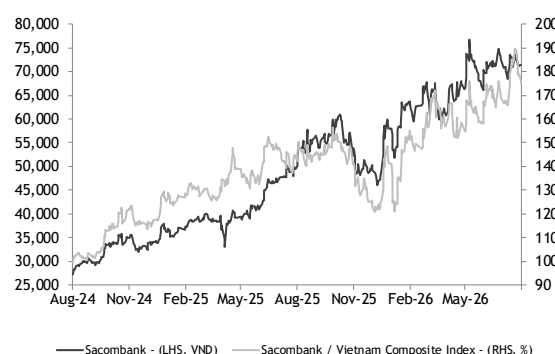
Statistics

52w high/low (VND)	76,800/46,000
3m avg turnover (USDm)	13.7
Free float (%)	67.0
Issued shares (m)	1,885
Market capitalisation	VND134.8T USD5.1B

Major shareholders:

SBV (represented the stake of Mr. Tram B)	33.0%
Dragon Capital	6.0%
Chairman Duong Cong Minh	3.3%

Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	(1)	8	43
Relative to index (%)	4	13	23

Source: FactSet

List of companies mentioned in the report

Vietcombank (VCB VN, BUY, CP: VND59.8k, TP: VND72.7k)
 Techcombank (TCB VN, BUY, CP: VND29.7k, TP: VND40.2k)
 MB Bank (MBB VN, BUY, CP: VND24.2k, TP: VND31.9k)
 VPBank (VPB VN, BUY, CP: VND 25.5k, TP: VND32.0k)
 ACB (ACB VN, BUY, CP: VND22.4k, TP: VND25.9k)
 LPBank (LPB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND53.3k)
 Vietinbank (CTG VN, Non-rated, CP: VND31.9k)
 BIDV (BID VN, Non-rated, CP: VND38.1k)
 HDBank (HDB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND26.6k)
 SHBank (SHB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND11.9k)
 TPBank (TPB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND14.5k)
 VIB (VIB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND14.8k)
 MSB (MSB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND16.0k)
 OCB (OCB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND10.3k)
 Eximbank (EIB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND18.2k)
 Nam A bank (NAB VN, Non-rated, CP: VND12.1k)

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1. 1H26 review: still taking a big bath

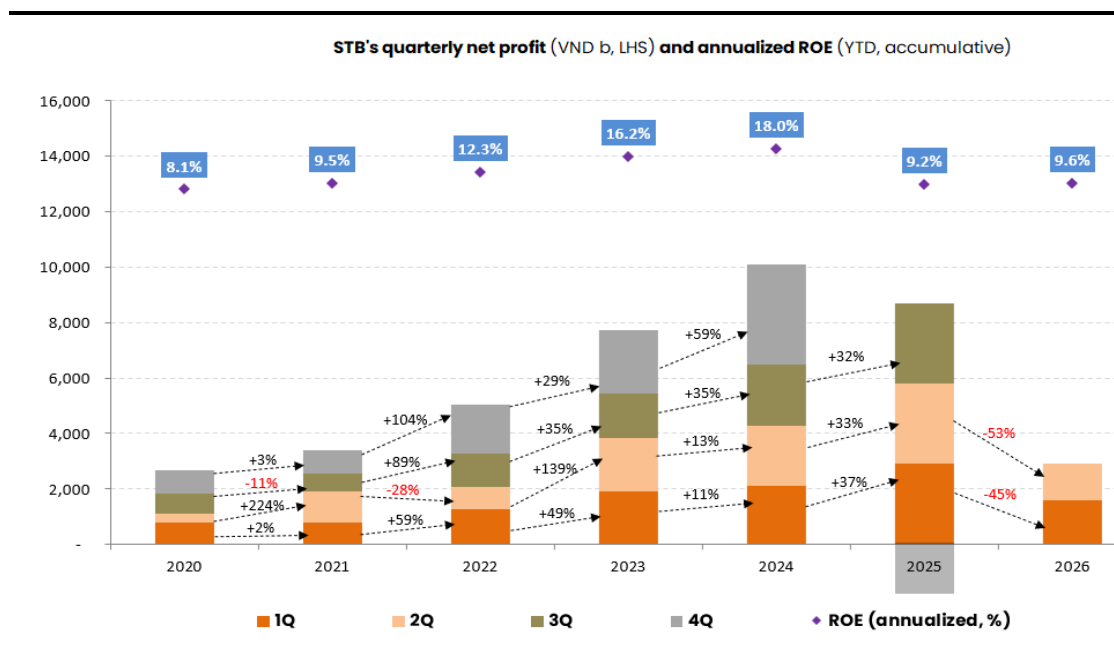
STB continued taking a significant clean-up charge in 2Q26, maintaining elevated provisioning to resolve legacy troubled assets.

STB's net profit fell by 53% YoY in 2Q26 (vs. -45% YoY in 1Q26); hence, its 1H26 profit dropped by 49% YoY, achieving 51% of management's FY26E target.

In fact, the bank appears to be prioritizing balance sheet clean-up (i.e. appointing key management positions, recognizing all troubled assets, and increasing provisioning) more than business expansion at this stage. Therefore, we see that credit growth was very slow in 1H26 (+1.5% YTD only), which partly led to an increase in the NPL ratio (from 6.6% in 1Q26 to 7.6% in 2Q26).

NIM remained fairly resilient at 2.8% in 1H26. Fee income was steady, and operating costs were reined in (-13% YoY) as the bank downsized staff. Meanwhile, provision charges jumped 543% YoY, equivalent to a 2.3% provisioning rate.

Fig 1: STB's quarterly net profit growth and ROE - the big bath taken since 4Q25 temporarily depressed the earnings and ROE through 2Q26



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

Fig 2: STB's key operating metrics (by quarters) - a temporary disruption in 4Q25-2Q26 due to kitchen-sinking by the new leadership

Key ratios	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26
ROE (annualised)	19.2%	18.7%	15.3%	20.2%	18.0%	18.0%	17.5%	27.1%	20.5%	19.7%	18.9%	-18.0%	10.4%	8.7%
NIM (annualised)	4.3%	4.1%	3.3%	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%	3.5%	3.8%	3.5%	4.0%	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%
Fee income/Total incomes	9.7%	9.7%	12.1%	8.7%	8.4%	9.5%	10.4%	13.0%	9.3%	11.8%	7.7%	9.9%	9.9%	32.2%
Cost-to-Income ratio (CIR)	50.2%	45.3%	50.9%	50.8%	51.5%	55.9%	45.4%	42.5%	50.4%	41.2%	46.6%	23.7%	45.2%	28.4%
Cost of Credit (annualised)	0.9%	1.2%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%	0.9%	-0.3%	0.1%	0.6%	0.7%	6.0%	1.3%	3.2%
Gross NPL	1.19%	1.79%	2.20%	2.28%	2.28%	2.43%	2.47%	2.40%	2.51%	2.46%	2.75%	6.41%	6.62%	7.54%
Loan Loss Coverage	104%	77%	64%	69%	73%	70%	75%	68%	75%	75%	93%	50%	53%	57%
Loan-to-Deposit ratio (LDR)	94%	92%	93%	95%	94%	94%	93%	95%	96%	94%	95%	101%	104%	98%
CASA mix	17.4%	17.0%	17.3%	18.6%	18.5%	18.8%	17.7%	18.3%	17.5%	17.8%	15.7%	15.3%	16.2%	16.8%
CAR				9.1%				10.1%				8.5%		
TA/TE (x)	14.7	14.9	14.9	14.7	14.5	14.6	13.7	13.6	13.1	13.5	13.5	15.3	14.0	14.0

Source: Company

Fig 3: STB's NIM - Peer comparison

NIM	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26
VCB	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%	3.4%	3.0%	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%
BID	2.7%	3.0%	3.2%	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.4%	2.5%	2.3%	2.5%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.5%	2.0%	2.2%
TCB	5.7%	6.0%	5.5%	5.3%	4.6%	4.2%	3.9%	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%	4.8%	4.4%	4.1%	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	3.7%	4.0%
CTG	2.9%	2.7%	3.0%	3.2%	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%
VPB	7.3%	7.8%	7.7%	7.5%	7.3%	6.3%	5.3%	5.0%	5.9%	5.9%	6.2%	5.9%	6.6%	5.8%	5.3%	5.4%	5.7%	5.3%	5.2%
MBB	5.5%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	6.1%	6.0%	5.2%	5.2%	4.5%	4.2%	4.7%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%	4.2%
ACB	4.2%	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%	4.6%	4.3%	4.2%	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.8%	3.1%
HDB	4.6%	4.7%	5.3%	5.1%	5.5%	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%	6.5%	5.6%	5.8%	5.7%	5.6%	4.7%	5.8%	4.4%	5.1%	3.9%	4.2%
STB	2.2%	2.2%	2.0%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.2%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	3.8%	3.5%	3.9%	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%
TPB	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%	5.1%	4.3%	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%	3.7%	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.9%	2.9%
EIB	2.6%	3.1%	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	2.9%	2.5%	1.9%	3.0%	2.9%	3.1%	3.0%	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.7%	2.1%	2.2%
VIB	5.0%	4.9%	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	5.1%	5.0%	5.1%	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	3.1%
OCB	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	4.1%	3.2%	3.0%	3.2%	3.2%	2.9%	3.0%
MSB	3.8%	4.3%	4.6%	4.9%	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%	4.4%	4.0%	3.7%	3.5%	3.4%	4.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%
SHB	4.4%	3.7%	3.6%	4.2%	3.6%	4.7%	3.2%	3.4%	4.0%	3.7%	3.0%	2.1%	5.2%	3.2%	5.0%	2.8%	0.1%	2.7%	3.2%
LPB	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	3.6%	3.5%	3.0%	3.1%	3.8%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	3.9%	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%	2.8%	2.7%
SSB	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	3.6%	3.2%	2.6%	2.9%	3.7%	3.1%	4.2%	4.2%	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%	2.7%	2.6%	2.3%
Sector	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%	3.7%	3.4%	3.6%	3.2%	3.3%	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%

Source: Company

Fig 4: STB's NPL ratio - peer comparison

NPL ratio	VCB	BID	TCB	CTG	VPB	MBB	ACB	HDB	STB	TPB	EIB	VIB	OCB	MSB	SHB	LPB	SSB	17-listed
1Q20	0.82%	1.74%	1.09%	1.83%	3.03%	1.62%	0.65%	1.47%	1.97%	1.86%	1.85%	1.80%	1.68%	1.71%				1.59%
2Q20	0.83%	2.00%	0.91%	1.70%	3.19%	1.37%	0.68%	1.55%	2.15%	1.45%	2.08%	1.96%	1.93%			1.65%		1.63%
3Q20	1.01%	1.97%	0.60%	1.87%	3.65%	1.50%	0.83%	1.83%	2.13%	1.77%	2.46%	2.14%	2.15%	2.32%	2.47%	1.64%		1.74%
4Q20	0.62%	1.76%	0.47%	0.94%	3.41%	1.09%	0.59%	1.32%	1.70%	1.17%	2.52%	1.75%	1.68%	1.96%	1.83%	1.43%	1.86%	1.31%
1Q21	0.88%	1.76%	0.38%	0.88%	3.46%	1.28%	0.91%	1.51%	1.48%	1.18%	2.64%	1.73%	1.69%	1.86%	1.89%	1.43%	1.80%	1.36%
2Q21	0.74%	1.63%	0.36%	1.34%	3.47%	0.76%	0.68%	1.21%	1.55%	1.14%	2.01%	1.69%	1.53%	1.97%	2.02%	1.34%	1.76%	1.33%
3Q21	1.16%	1.61%	0.57%	1.67%	3.99%	0.95%	0.84%	1.40%	1.56%	1.03%	2.18%	2.12%	1.51%	1.95%	2.22%	1.42%	1.68%	1.54%
4Q21	0.64%	0.98%	0.66%	1.26%	4.56%	0.90%	0.77%	1.65%	1.47%	0.81%	1.96%	2.32%	1.31%	1.74%	1.69%	1.37%	1.65%	1.31%
1Q22	0.81%	0.97%	0.67%	1.25%	4.82%	0.99%	0.82%	1.57%	1.28%	1.14%	1.98%	2.39%	2.16%	1.79%	1.74%	1.42%	1.64%	1.37%
2Q22	0.61%	1.02%	0.60%	1.35%	5.24%	1.20%	0.76%	1.33%	1.27%	0.85%	1.88%	2.45%	1.94%	1.50%	2.55%	1.39%	1.60%	1.40%
3Q22	0.80%	1.35%	0.65%	1.42%	5.00%	1.04%	1.01%	1.54%	0.90%	0.91%	1.90%	2.35%	2.47%	1.50%	2.33%	1.39%	1.59%	1.48%
4Q22	0.68%	1.16%	0.72%	1.24%	5.72%	1.09%	0.74%	1.67%	0.98%	0.84%	1.80%	2.45%	2.23%	1.71%	2.81%	1.45%	1.60%	1.48%
1Q23	0.85%	1.55%	0.85%	1.28%	6.23%	1.75%	0.97%	1.85%	1.19%	1.44%	2.34%	3.64%	3.32%	2.02%	2.83%	1.45%	1.60%	1.77%
2Q23	0.83%	1.59%	1.07%	1.27%	6.51%	1.44%	1.06%	2.15%	1.79%	2.21%	2.75%	3.63%	3.17%	2.56%	2.57%	2.23%	1.73%	1.88%
3Q23	1.21%	1.60%	1.36%	1.37%	5.73%	1.88%	1.20%	2.26%	2.20%	2.97%	2.64%	3.68%	3.73%	2.94%	3.21%	2.79%	1.87%	2.07%
4Q23	0.98%	1.25%	1.16%	1.13%	5.00%	1.60%	1.21%	1.79%	2.28%	2.05%	2.65%	3.14%	2.74%	2.87%	2.85%	1.34%	1.94%	1.74%
1Q24	1.22%	1.51%	1.13%	1.35%	4.83%	2.48%	1.45%	2.24%	2.28%	2.22%	2.86%	3.60%	2.86%	3.18%	3.02%	1.39%	1.96%	1.97%
2Q24	1.20%	1.52%	1.23%	1.57%	5.07%	1.63%	1.48%	2.10%	2.43%	2.05%	2.64%	3.66%	3.07%	3.08%	2.79%	1.73%	1.91%	1.97%
3Q24	1.22%	1.71%	1.29%	1.45%	4.80%	2.23%	1.49%	1.90%	2.47%	2.28%	2.71%	3.85%	3.14%	2.88%	3.09%	1.96%	1.87%	2.04%
4Q24	0.96%	1.41%	1.12%	1.25%	4.19%	1.62%	1.49%	1.93%	2.40%	1.51%	2.52%	3.51%	3.07%	2.65%	2.64%	1.57%	1.89%	1.77%
1Q25	1.03%	1.89%	1.17%	1.55%	4.74%	1.84%	1.48%	2.37%	2.51%	2.27%	2.58%	3.79%	3.81%	2.57%	2.87%	1.73%	1.84%	2.05%
2Q25	1.00%	1.98%	1.26%	1.31%	3.97%	1.60%	1.26%	2.54%	2.46%	2.04%	2.66%	3.56%	3.38%	2.70%	2.56%	1.74%	1.95%	1.94%
3Q25	1.03%	1.87%	1.16%	1.09%	3.51%	1.87%	1.09%	2.90%	2.75%	2.22%	2.98%	3.32%	3.62%	2.79%	3.06%	1.78%	1.95%	1.92%
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Source: Company

Fig 5: STB's Loan-loss-coverage ratio (LLCR) - Peer comparison

LLCR	VCB	BID	TCB	CTG	VPB	MBB	ACB	HDB	STB	TPB	EIB	VIB	OCB	MSB	SHB	LPB	SSB	17-listed
1Q20	235%	86%	118%	77%	52%	98%	148%	75%	68%	76%	53%	57%	69%					93%
2Q20	255%	80%	109%	81%	49%	121%	144%	72%	69%	113%	62%	60%	60%			73%		96%
3Q20	215%	87%	148%	84%	41%	119%	118%	64%	74%	93%	50%	48%	54%	59%	57%	73%		87%
4Q20	370%	88%	171%	132%	45%	134%	160%	82%	94%	135%	50%	58%	62%	54%	65%	90%		112%
1Q21	279%	108%	220%	155%	44%	128%	120%	69%	107%	135%	46%	62%	63%	55%	59%	95%	63%	106%
2Q21	352%	131%	259%	129%	45%	237%	208%	88%	103%	145%	50%	64%	70%	59%	58%	96%	72%	127%
3Q21	243%	140%	185%	119%	49%	233%	198%	81%	112%	116%	43%	54%	75%	62%	55%	98%	73%	114%
4Q21	421%	220%	163%	180%	61%	268%	209%	73%	123%	153%	61%	51%	83%	95%	76%	111%	85%	143%
1Q22	373%	259%	161%	197%	64%	250%	188%	76%	136%	126%	63%	52%	61%	88%	81%	118%	86%	140%
2Q22	506%	263%	172%	190%	62%	221%	185%	93%	140%	162%	71%	54%	62%	84%	60%	122%	96%	150%
3Q22	402%	214%	165%	222%	62%	208%	138%	81%	156%	142%	56%	54%	53%	96%	74%	143%	94%	139%
4Q22	317%	217%	157%	188%	54%	238%	159%	70%	131%	135%	56%	54%	59%	69%	65%	142%	99%	130%
1Q23	321%	171%	134%	173%	46%	139%	117%	62%	104%	84%	46%	38%	47%	65%	73%	111%	105%	108%
2Q23	386%	153%	116%	169%	43%	157%	108%	61%	77%	61%	44%	39%	48%	64%	69%	78%	99%	104%
3Q23	270%	158%	93%	172%	43%	122%	95%	54%	64%	47%	39%	41%	39%	58%	58%	67%	98%	89%
4Q23	230%	182%	102%	167%	52%	118%	91%	66%	69%	64%	41%	51%	50%	55%	78%	94%	86%	94%
1Q24	200%	153%	106%	151%	54%	80%	79%	57%	73%	60%	37%	50%	55%	54%	69%	89%	85%	85%
2Q24	212%	132%	101%	114%	48%	102%	78%	59%	70%	66%	40%	48%	55%	59%	71%	77%	77%	83%
3Q24	205%	116%	104%	153%	51%	69%	80%	66%	75%	59%	40%	47%	54%	63%	62%	77%	81%	83%
4Q24	223%	134%	114%	171%	56%	93%	78%	69%	68%	81%	42%	50%	48%	64%	65%	83%	83%	90%
1Q25	216%	97%	112%	137%	47%	76%	72%	53%	75%	57%	39%	39%	36%	60%	59%	74%	82%	78%
2Q25	214%	89%	107%	135%	52%	89%	76%	47%	75%	63%	41%	37%	41%	56%	65%	75%	74%	79%
3Q25	202%	95%	119%	176%	55%	80%	84%	44%	93%	61%	35%	39%	41%	54%	57%	76%	72%	81%
4Q25	259%	100%	128%	159%	55%	94%	114%	56%	50%	93%	45%	43%	57%	52%	82%	74%	67%	90%
1Q26	253%	87%	129%	167%	53%	92%	114%	51%	53%	69%	39%	43%	56%	52%	71%	70%	68%	86%
2Q26	279%	76%	126%	134%	56%	94%	105%	51%	57%	67%	33%	44%	60%	52%	83%	67%	67%	85%

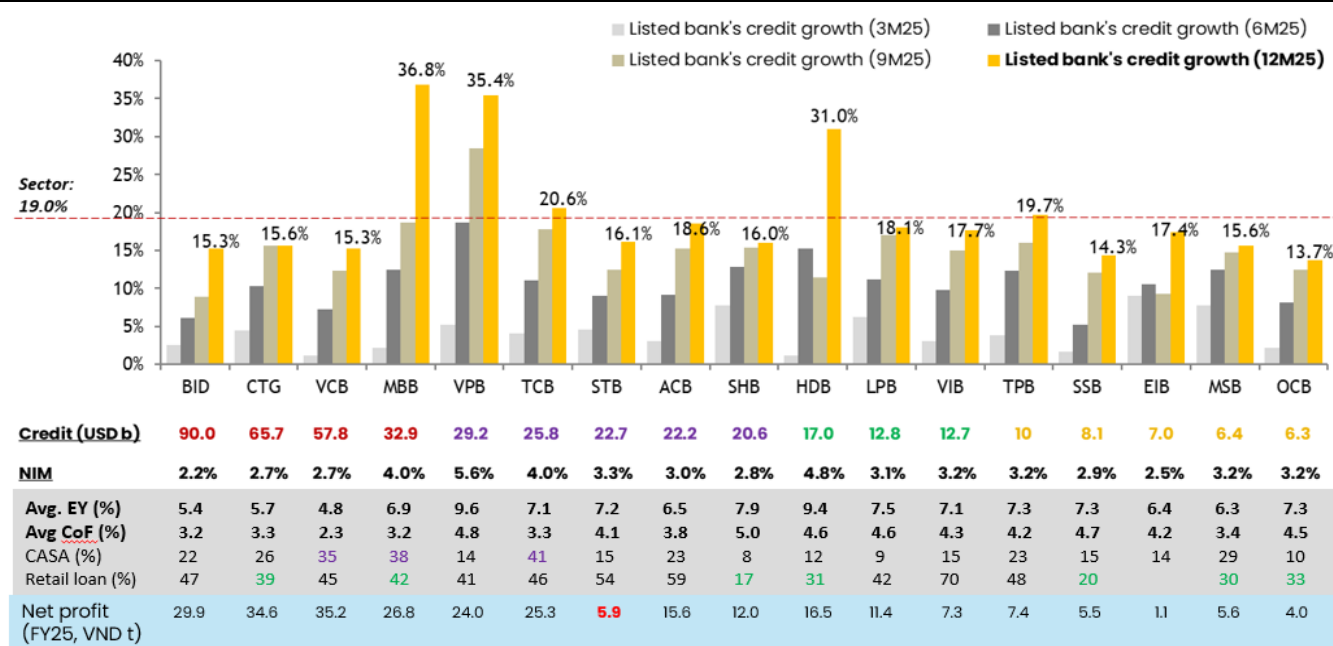
Source: Company

2. FY26-28E outlook: earnings growth to gather pace from FY27E

After having taken a significant clean-up charge in 4Q25 and FY26E, we expect STB can start resuming strong profit growth from FY27E when credit growth recovers, NIM stabilizes, and provisioning (the key factor that has significantly depressed earnings) will gradually normalize and ease.

STB's loan book (USD23b) is ranked among the top five private-sector banks. Hence, we believe that once its earnings drivers (i.e. credit growth, NIM, and provisioning) normalize, its profit can recover to peer levels (i.e. around VND15-16 trillion in net profit by FY28E, vs. VND6 trillion in FY25).

Fig 6: As its key income drivers normalize, STB's net profit can rebound strongly to the top private-sector banks' levels.



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

Based on the bank's direction and 1H26 results, we revise downward our profit forecasts for STB, with 8% growth in FY26E, followed by +25% and +54% YoY in FY27-28E, respectively.

If the management can accelerate the resolution of legacy assets and thereby reduce provisioning, STB's earnings could grow faster than our forecasts.

Fig 7: FY26-27E outlook: strong rebound to its normalized base. We revised down only slightly the FY26-27E earnings forecasts

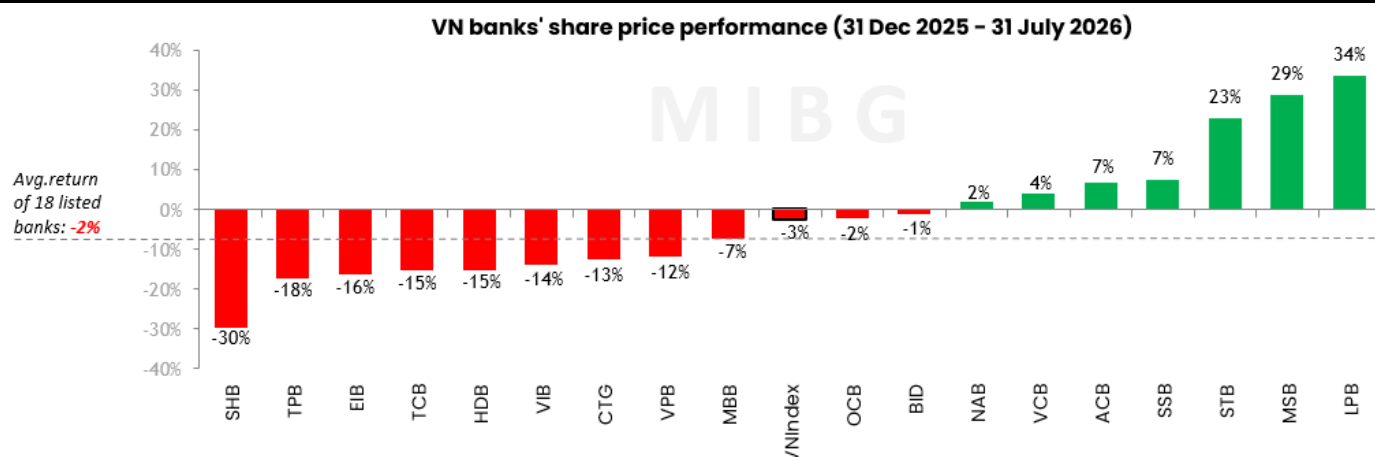
(Unit: VND b)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
Net interest income	9,181	11,527	11,964	17,147	22,072	24,532	26,681	28,186	31,164	36,604
Growth (%)	20.3%	25.6%	3.8%	43.3%	28.7%	11.1%	8.8%	5.6%	10.6%	17.5%
NIM (%)	2.46%	2.74%	2.59%	3.35%	3.79%	3.63%	3.25%	2.90%	2.75%	2.70%
Loan growth (%)	15.3%	14.9%	14.0%	13.0%	10.0%	11.7%	16.1%	16.0%	17.0%	18.0%
Non-interest income	5,455	5,744	5,740	8,994	4,101	4,145	5,376	4,963	5,793	6,761
Growth (%)	34.9%	5.3%	-0.1%	56.7%	-54.4%	1.1%	29.7%	-7.7%	16.7%	16.7%
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	14,635	17,271	17,704	26,141	26,173	28,677	32,057	33,149	36,957	43,365
Growth (%)	25.3%	18.0%	2.5%	47.7%	0.1%	9.6%	11.8%	3.4%	11.5%	17.3%
Operating expenses	9,266	10,895	9,750	10,921	12,890	13,982	13,045	13,450	14,507	16,074
Growth (%)	18.2%	17.6%	-10.5%	12.0%	18.0%	8.5%	-6.7%	3.1%	7.9%	10.8%
Cost-to-income ratio (%)	63.3%	63.1%	55.1%	41.8%	49.2%	48.8%	40.7%	40.6%	39.3%	37.1%
PRE-PROVISION OPERATING PROFIT	5,370	6,376	7,954	15,221	13,283	14,695	19,012	19,699	22,450	27,291
Growth (%)	39.9%	18.7%	24.8%	91.3%	-12.7%	10.6%	29.4%	3.6%	14.0%	21.6%
Provision charges	2,153	3,037	3,554	8,882	3,688	1,974	11,384	11,501	12,220	11,583
Provisioning rate (%)	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%	2.1%	0.8%	0.4%	2.0%	1.7%	1.6%	1.3%
PRE-TAX PROFIT	3,217	3,339	4,400	6,339	9,595	12,720	7,628	8,199	10,230	15,708
Growth (%)	43.2%	3.8%	31.8%	44.1%	51.4%	32.6%	-40.0%	7.5%	24.8%	53.5%
Tax rate (%)	23.7%	19.7%	22.5%	20.5%	19.6%	20.7%	22.1%	22.1%	22.1%	22.1%
Profit after tax	2,455	2,682	3,411	5,041	7,719	10,087	5,939	6,383	7,965	12,230
Growth (%)	37.1%	9.3%	27.2%	47.8%	53.1%	30.7%	-41.1%	7.5%	24.8%	53.5%
Contribution to Bonus fund	419	431	405	554	890	1,131	653	638	796	1,223
Contribution to Bonus fund (%)	17.1%	16.1%	11.9%	11.0%	11.5%	11.2%	11.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
NET PROFIT TO SHAREHOLDERS	2,036	2,251	3,007	4,486	6,828	8,957	5,286	5,745	7,168	11,007
Growth (%)	44.7%	10.6%	33.6%	49.2%	52.2%	31.2%	-41.0%	8.7%	24.8%	53.5%
Key profitability and per-share ratios										
ROAA-adjusted (%)	0.47%	0.48%	0.59%	0.81%	1.08%	1.26%	0.63%	0.59%	0.62%	0.80%
ROAE-adjusted (%)	7.9%	8.1%	9.5%	12.3%	16.2%	17.8%	9.2%	9.1%	10.2%	13.7%
EPS (VND)	1,129	1,248	1,632	2,380	3,622	4,751	2,804	3,047	3,802	5,838
BVPS (VND)	14,826	16,054	18,174	20,489	24,259	29,160	31,756	34,803	38,944	45,205

Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

3. Downgrade to HOLD; Recommend buying into softer price

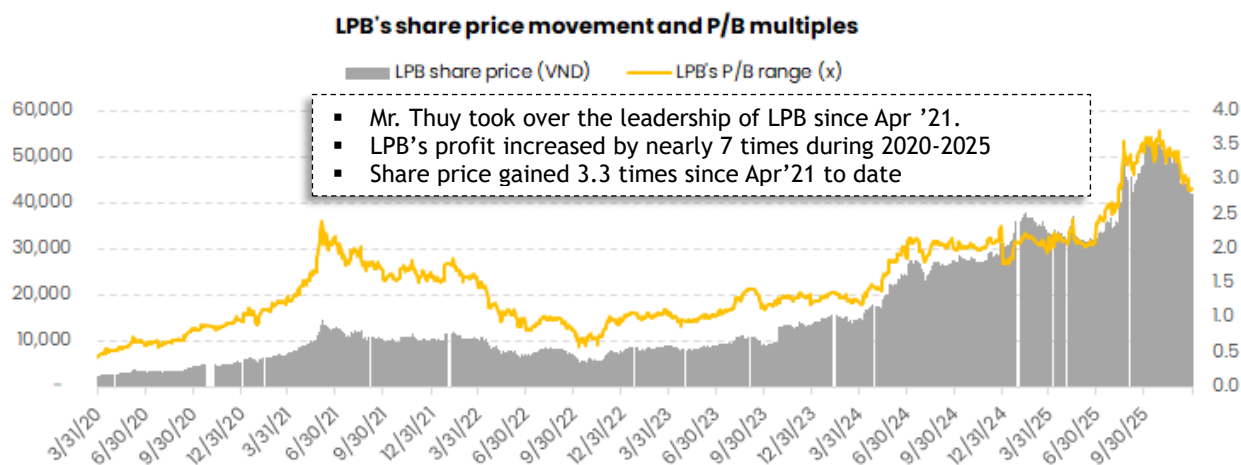
STB continued to outperform the banking sector and the VN-Index in 7M25, as the market maintains high expectations for the bank's growth outlook and share price performance under the new leadership (led by Mr. Nguyen Duc Thuy). Investors have also recalled the strong share price performance of companies associated with Mr. Thuy, namely Thai Holdings (THD VN, Non-rated) and most recently LPBank (LPB VN, Non-rated). Besides, the potential value from the sale of large collateral assets (particularly the 33% stake held by the State Bank of Vietnam) remains a strong catalyst.

Fig 8: STB gained 32% in 2024 and 6% in 4M25, outperforming the market



Source: Maybank IBG Research

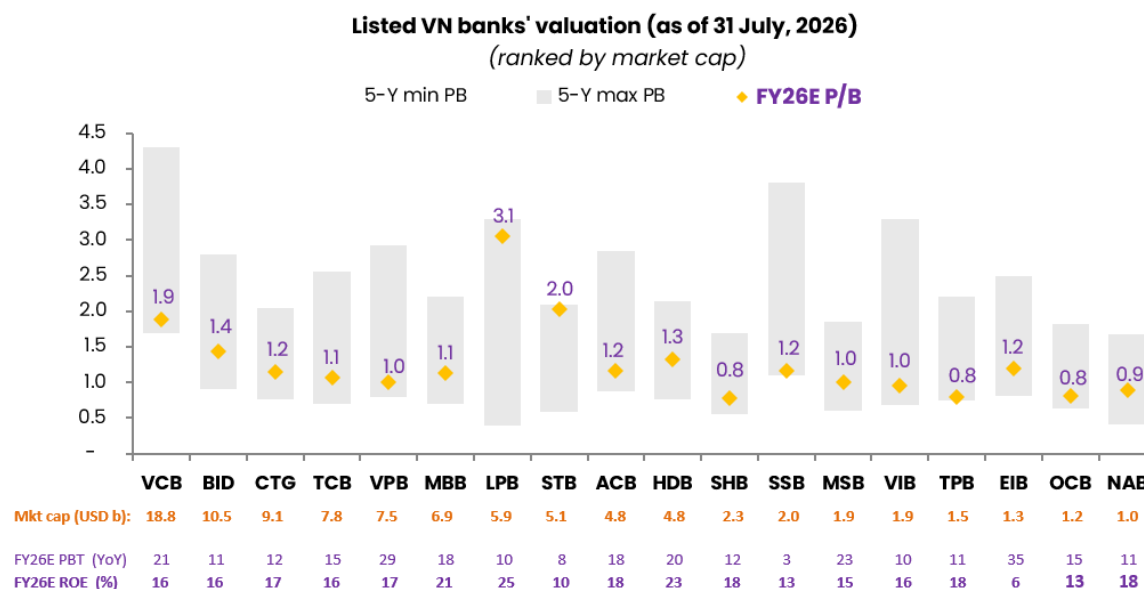
Fig 9: Share price performance of LPBank (LPB VN)



Source: FinnPro

STB is trading at 2.0x FY26E P/B and 1.8x FY27E P/B (based on our projected 8%-25% profit growth in FY26-27E and excluding potential proceeds from the sale of the 33% stake held by SBV), which is equivalent to 2SD and 1SD above its 5-year average valuation, respectively.

Fig 10: STB is trading at premium valuation now, 2.0x FY26E P/B and 1.7x FY27E P/B, as the market keeps high expectation about the bank's growth outlook and share price performance under the new leadership



Source: Maybank IBG Research

Taking into account fundamental factors (including: a stronger earnings growth outlook driven by new leadership, and the potential proceeds from the auction of large collateral assets) and market dynamics (i.e. strong market expectation and sentiment), we maintain our target P/B basis at 2SD above the 5-year average, equal to 2.1x, and roll forward the BVPS to FY27E.

Our new 12-month target price for STB is slightly reduced to VND81,000 due to revised profit forecasts for FY26-27E, representing c.13% upside. Downgrade from BUY to HOLD, and we recommend accumulating on price weakness.

Our current TP (VND81,000) is based on 2.1x FY27E P/B (with the BVPS derived from our projected organic earnings growth). If including potential value from the 33% stake sale in book value, this TP equals to c.1.6x P/B, closer to +1SD above the 5-year average.

Fig 11: Target price for STB based on various P/BV multiples

	FY27E "plain" BVPS: VND38,944		Target price (VND)	Expected Return (from last price: VND72,000)	Implied P/B if adding the potential value into BVPS
	5-Y average	1.3	51,400	-29%	1.0
Target	1SD above 5-Y average	1.7	66,200	-8%	1.3
P/BV (x)	2SD above the average	2.1	81,000	13%	1.6
	Blue-sky P/B (i.e. LPB's 1SD above 5-Y avg.)	2.2	85,700	19%	1.7

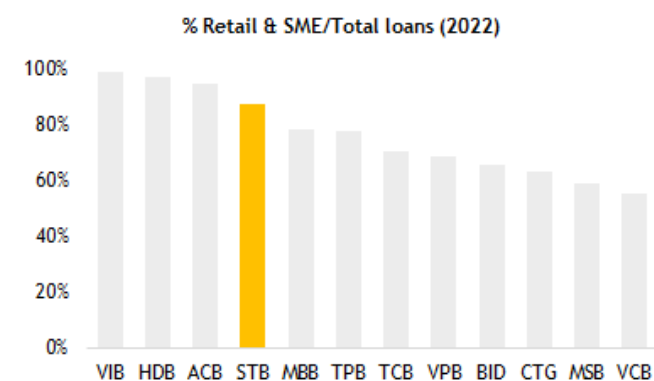
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*) Note that, the potential value of the 32.5% stake sale is our rough estimation based on talks to the bank and our extrapolation of its financial statements. Currently, there is no definite guidance about the potential proceed yet. We used the information shared by the former CEO at the 2025 AGM (who estimated the total legacy assets that need collecting back to STB at VND32 trillion). Deducting the proceed from the sale of Phong Phu Industrial Park (i.e. a big collateral assets) and others, we roughly estimate now that the bank would need to collect back about VND20 trillion from the 32.5% stake sale (604.9m shares), equal to net value added to BVPS of c.VND10,609/share.

Value Proposition

- STB is one of Vietnam's five largest private-sector banks in terms of banking asset size, deposit franchise, and strength in retail and SME banking.
- STB has the largest network among private-sector banks in Vietnam, with 566 branches and transaction offices (552 in Vietnam, 9 in Cambodia, 5 in Laos), serving 250,000 corporate/SME clients and over 15m individuals.
- STB maintains nearly 90% of its loan portfolio focused on the SME and retail segments.

STB is one of the most retail & SME-focused banks in VN

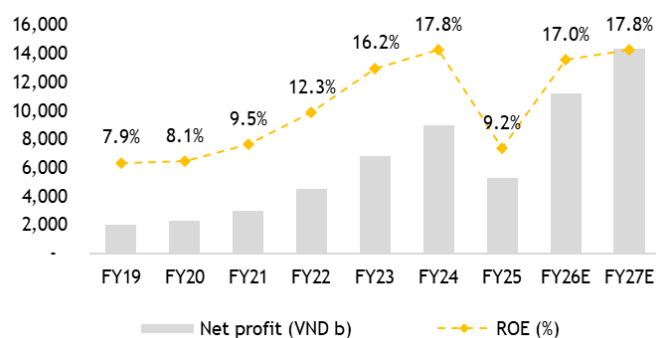


Source: Company

Financial Metrics

- With strong focus on retail and SME loans, STB can enjoy robust NIM, above 3%. Its NIM was depressed during 2015-22 due to write-off of interest income from legacy troubled assets. From 1Q23, NIM has recovered to normal levels of above 3.3%.
- With robust NIM, fee income and easing provisions post clean-up period, we forecast STB to see strong earnings growth and ROE improvement in FY24-27E. Its ROE has recovered to normal levels of 18% in FY24. The disruption caused by kitchen-sinking in FY25 (as the new leadership takes charge) is temporary, in our view. We forecast STB's earnings and ROEs will rebound strongly to its normal levels in FY26-27E.

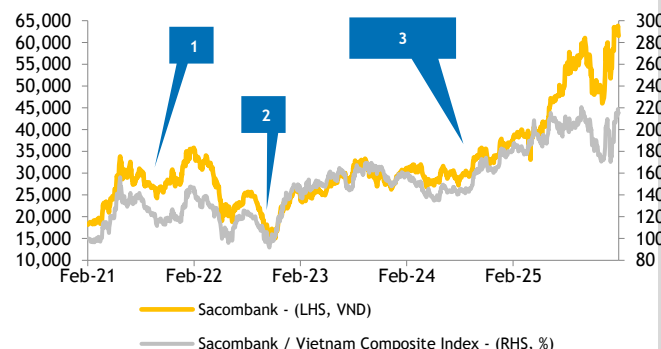
Since FY23, STB's net profit and ROE starting to recovering to normal levels



Source: Company

Price Drivers

Historical share price trend



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

- STB stock moved sideways as the bank remained in the middle of a clean-up phase. ROE stayed below 10% due to depressed NIM.
- Strong rally along with the overall stock market uptrend and due to speculation about the central bank selling its 33% stake in STB.
- STB stock corrected along with overall market crash. It had nothing to do with the bank itself as the earnings actually started a strong recovery in 2022 (+53% YoY).
- Rising expectation about the bank's strong recovery post clean-up phase.

Swing Factors

Upside

- Stronger credit growth.
- Auction of 33% stake held by the State Bank of Vietnam at better valuation.

Downside

- Potential reputational risks related to Bamboo (Unlisted) or Him Lam Group (Unlisted).
- Too long delay in the auction of the 33% stake will make the market become unhappy and reduce confidence in the bank's leadership certainty and growth outlook.

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Risk Rating & Score ¹	
Score Momentum ²	-0.0/+0.0
Last Updated	DD Mmm YYYY
Controversy Score ³ (Updated: DD Mmm YYYY)	

Business Model & Industry Issues

- STB has a strong focus on SME and retail banking (loan mix: 58% retail, 30% SME and 12% large corporates). This creates a fairly diversified loan book. STB is a leader in promoting SME banking in Vietnam, which essentially contributes to boost financial inclusion and job creation.
- We observed no E & S issues from the bank itself nor from its customers. STB is one of the first banks in Vietnam to set up an E&S management system.
- Key G issues centre on leadership, shareholders’ interest alignment, and information disclosure. Regarding the information disclosure, we think it is gradually improving, especially when it nearly completes cleaning up and restructuring.
- Several questions (i.e. the capacity of the new leadership, or whether Mr. Duong Cong Minh continues to lead STB, or how the leadership transition will be) are of critical importance defining STB’s growth outlook beyond 2025.

Material E issues

- Since 2012, STB has become one of the first banks in Vietnam to set up an ESMS. This is thanks to early participation of international lenders like IFC, who initiated and pushed for incorporation of E&S risk management at the bank.
- STB is one of the first Vietnam banks (that we observed) to prepare a "Sustainability Development" section in its annual report. Yet, disclosure remains limited. As several other Vietnamese banks have caught up and are doing even better, STB’s E&S disclosure appears below par now.
- There are no detailed disclosures on sustainable financing (i.e. current exposure and targets).

Material S issues

- So far, STB has not encountered any S issues.
- STB helps promote financial inclusion given its strong focus on SMEs and retail banking.
- STB maintains fairly balanced gender equality, with women representing c.48% of its overall workforce. But compared to other Vietnam-listed banks, STB appears to have more males (52%) in its labour force, which we think fits its SME banking model. Women presence on the BoD and BoM is rather low (18%) compared to peers (VPB: 36%, MBB: 35% and ACB: 28%).
- The bank boasts maintaining a strong in-house training programme, which helps to retain staff and prepare home-grown future managers and leaders for the bank.
- Along with state-owned banks, STB is among the top-5 most active Vietnam banks in CSR/social and charitable activities. In 2024, it donated around USD5.5m, equal to 1.4% of NPAT, towards CSR activities, including development of educational support, social security and healthcare for the community.

Key G metrics and issues

- STB went through an enormous leadership change during 2015-17. But future leadership remains a question as the central bank plans to auction its 33% stake to strategic investors. This will define the future growth path of STB.
- We think the presence of the central bank at STB from 2015 until now helps STB to implement restructuring successfully and reduce G-related risks.
- STB’s operations are now overseen by a board of directors (BOD) composed of 7 members, who are supervised by a supervisory board of 4 members. The BOD structure is still male-dominated (5 male:2 female) and all are Vietnamese and have experience in economics, banking and law. Along with HDB (HDB VN, Non-rated) and OCB (OCB VN, Non-rated), STB has the most independent directors (2 directors) of all listed banks.
- Despite going through enormous turbulence, STB maintains a good banking platform. The management team remains focused and makes strategic investments in IT and risk management to remain competitive. For example, STB continues building up its digital banking capacity and preparing for IFRS 9 implementation.
- Total remuneration of the BOD was equal to c.0.32% of FY24 NPAT, a bit high compared to peers. We observed no dispute about the remuneration/ ESOP (employee stock ownership plan) for the bank’s BoD and management team so far.
- Although the bank claims that related-party transactions in terms of loans/bonds extended to BoD/BoM members have been minimized and controlled with the bank’s risk management framework and central bank’s limit, the market remains concerned about this risk (i.e. loans made to Bamboo Airways, which is now related to Chairman Minh).
- Compared to listed peers, STB’s IR is not on par, due to lack of quarterly analyst meetings. Access to senior directors remains limited. But the head of IR is fairly accessible and sufficiently experienced to handle most investor questions.

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FYE 31 Dec	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Key Metrics					
Core P/E (x)	7.8	20.7	23.5	18.8	12.2
Core FD P/E (x)	7.8	20.7	23.5	18.8	12.2
P/BV (x)	1.3	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.6
P/NTA (x)	1.3	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.7
Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

INCOME STATEMENT (VND b)

Interest income	49,988.7	57,480.9	90,390.2	105,389.6	126,079.7
Interest expense	(25,457.0)	(30,800.2)	(62,204.0)	(74,226.0)	(89,475.9)
Net interest income	24,531.7	26,680.6	28,186.2	31,163.6	36,603.8
Net insurance income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net fees and commission	2,978.4	3,078.5	3,170.9	3,392.8	3,800.0
Other income	1,167.0	2,297.5	1,792.2	2,400.5	2,960.9
Total non-interest income	4,145.4	5,376.1	4,963.1	5,793.3	6,760.9
Operating income	28,677.1	32,056.7	33,149.3	36,956.9	43,364.7
Staff costs	(7,419.2)	(6,985.6)	(7,334.9)	(7,926.8)	(8,806.7)
Other operating expenses	(6,563.2)	(6,059.3)	(6,115.2)	(6,580.4)	(7,267.3)
Operating expenses	(13,982.4)	(13,044.9)	(13,450.0)	(14,507.2)	(16,074.0)
Pre-provision profit	14,694.7	19,011.8	19,699.2	22,449.7	27,290.7
Loan impairment allowances	(1,974.4)	(11,383.8)	(11,500.6)	(12,219.8)	(11,583.2)
Other allowances	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates & JV income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	12,720.4	7,628.0	8,198.7	10,229.9	15,707.6
Income tax	(2,632.9)	(1,688.9)	(1,815.3)	(2,265.0)	(3,477.8)
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	10,087.5	5,939.1	6,383.4	7,964.9	12,229.8
Core net profit	8,956.7	5,285.8	5,745.1	7,168.4	11,006.8

BALANCE SHEET (VND b)

Cash & deposits with banks	96,455.8	177,911.6	187,370.6	217,813.2	243,847.2
Sec. under resale agreements	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Derivatives financial assets	0.0	235.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dealing securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Available-for-sale securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment securities	85,648.2	92,129.7	105,949.2	148,328.8	207,660.3
Loans & advances	530,448.0	606,336.4	708,588.7	831,719.1	984,280.9
Central bank deposits	17,644.2	18,059.3	20,859.0	24,627.5	29,057.3
Investment in associates/ JVs	82.2	82.0	82.0	82.0	82.0
Insurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fixed assets	4,375.2	4,132.3	4,199.0	4,556.0	4,948.6
Intangible assets	2,979.9	2,912.3	3,481.5	4,425.2	5,557.5
Other assets	10,461.1	15,321.3	16,392.8	17,539.3	18,766.0
Total assets	748,094.5	917,119.8	1,046,922.7	1,249,091.0	1,494,199.8
Deposits from customers	566,881.8	618,341.7	714,203.3	843,236.0	994,909.0
Deposits from banks & FIs	70,655.3	156,037.1	194,655.1	243,543.9	304,722.2
Derivatives financial instruments	54.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subordinated debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other securities in issue	37,202.5	39,753.4	47,704.0	59,630.0	74,537.6
Other borrowings	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other liabilities	18,328.8	43,774.3	24,748.5	29,262.5	34,809.2
Total liabilities	693,122.5	857,906.4	981,310.9	1,175,672.4	1,408,978.0
Share capital	18,852.2	18,852.2	18,852.2	18,852.2	18,852.2
Reserves	36,119.9	40,361.3	46,759.6	54,566.4	66,369.7
Shareholders' funds	54,972.1	59,213.4	65,611.8	73,418.5	85,221.8
Preference shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total equity	54,972.1	59,213.4	65,611.8	73,418.5	85,221.8
Total liabilities & equity	748,094.5	917,119.8	1,046,922.7	1,249,091.0	1,494,199.8

FYE 31 Dec	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Key Ratios					
Growth (%)					
Net interest income	11.1	8.8	5.6	10.6	17.5
Non-interest income	1.1	29.7	(7.7)	16.7	16.7
Operating expenses	8.5	(6.7)	3.1	7.9	10.8
Pre-provision profit	10.6	29.4	3.6	14.0	21.6
Core net profit	31.2	(41.0)	8.7	24.8	53.5
Gross loans	11.7	16.1	16.0	17.0	18.0
Customer deposits	11.0	9.1	15.5	18.1	18.0
Total assets	10.9	22.6	14.2	19.3	19.6
Profitability (%)					
Non-int. income/Total income	14.5	16.8	15.0	15.7	15.6
Average lending yields	6.84	6.32	9.30	9.30	9.30
Average cost of funds	3.77	3.68	5.50	5.50	5.50
Net interest margin	3.63	3.25	2.90	2.75	2.70
Cost/income	48.8	40.7	40.6	39.3	37.1
Liquidity (%)					
Loans/customer deposits	93.6	98.1	99.2	98.6	98.9
Asset quality (%)					
Net NPL	0.8	3.2	1.5	0.3	0.1
Gross NPL	2.4	6.4	4.0	2.5	2.0
Loan loss coverage	68.4	50.0	62.0	86.7	94.1
Capital adequacy (%)					
CET1	na	na	na	na	na
Tier 1 capital	9.6	8.0	7.8	7.3	7.1
Risk-weighted capital	10.1	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.6
Returns (%)					
ROAE	17.8	9.3	9.2	10.3	13.9
ROAA	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8
Shareholders equity/assets	7.3	6.5	6.3	5.9	5.7

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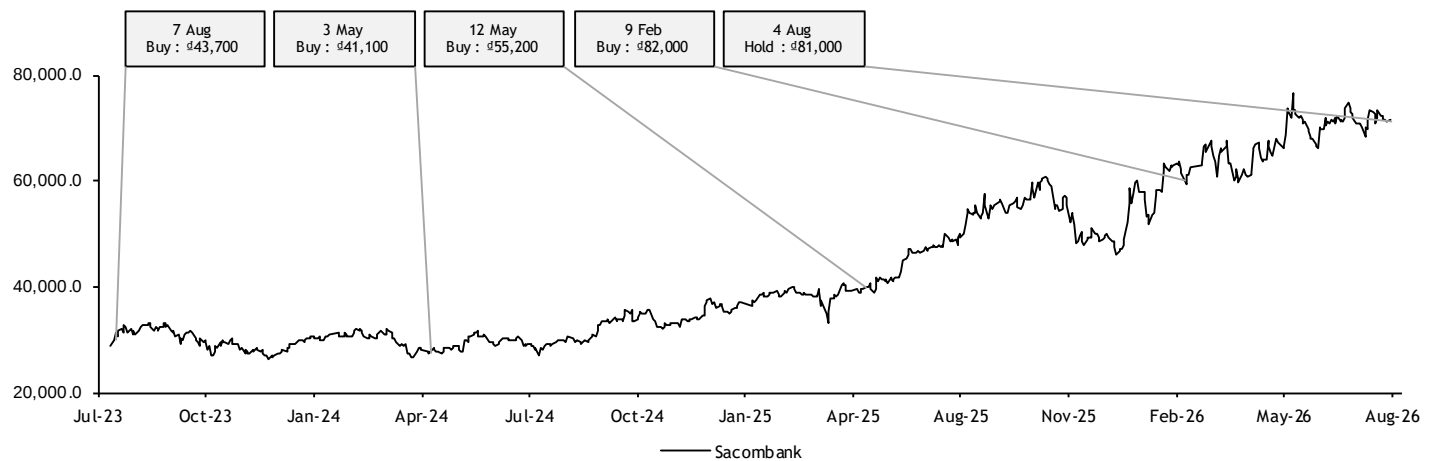
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