

# Management Discussion and Analysis for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2024

**Executive Summary** 

"During the first half of 2024, KTC demonstrated a robust financial performance, with a decent YoY growth of 10.0% in KTC Credit Card spending volume. The asset quality remained on target, and the total portfolio showed good stability."

> Krungthai Card Public Company Limited reported a net profit of Baht 1,829 million for the second quarter of 2024 ("2Q24") and Baht 3,722 million for the first half of 2024 ("1H24"), representing increases of 1.3% (YoY) and 2.0% (YoY), respectively, based on separate financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") showed a net profit of Baht 1,826 million for 2Q24, an increase of 1.1% from Baht 1,806 million in the same period of the previous year. For 1H24, the Group's net profit was Baht 3,629 million, a decrease of 1.3% from Baht 3,678 million in the same period of 2023.

> At the end of 2Q24, the Group's total portfolio value reached Baht 105,803 million, reflecting a growth of 0.2% (YoY). The credit card portfolio remained stable, constrained by a weak domestic economy and cautious consumer spending. While credit card spending continued to increase, it was primarily directed towards daily necessities and did not accelerate significantly. The personal loan portfolio experienced slight expansion due to high household debt levels and stringent approval criteria, resulting in modest overall portfolio growth. The Group's portfolio quality remains stable, with the total NPL ratio at 1.97%, a slight decrease from 2.00% in the previous quarter. The Group's NPL ratio continues to be below the industry average. Regarding reserve adequacy, the Group's NPL Coverage Ratio is 363.3%, indicating a robust financial position.

In 2Q24, the Group reported a growth of 8.7% (YoY) in total revenue, primarily driven by increased fee income and bad debt recovery. Concurrently, total expenses rose by 12.8% (YoY), partly attributable to higher fees and service expenses aligned with the expanded transaction volume. Additionally, there were increased expected credit losses (ECL) from write-offs, prudent provisioning, and higher funding costs, which reflected the rise in interest rates within the financial market.

Following the increase in the minimum payment rate for credit cards from 5% to 8%, effective January 1, 2024, KTC proactively assisted most clients in meeting the new minimum payment requirement during 1H24. The company introduced measures designed to provide appropriate and equitable assistance for a minor segment of clients who encountered difficulties, demonstrating KTC's commitment to customer service.



### **Target vs Actual Performance**

Target	2024 Target	1H24 Actual Performance
Net Profit (MB)	> 7,295	3,629
Total Portfolio Growth (%)	6% - 7%	0.2%
Credit Card Spending Growth (%)	15%	10.0%
KTC PROUD Portfolio Growth (%) (0-90 Days)	5%	3.0%
New Booking of P BERM Car for Cash (MB)	6,000	1,263
Portfolio Quality (%Total NPL)	< 2.0%	1.97%

The Group has set goals for 2024 across various dimensions, as detailed in the table above. The primary objectives that KTC is confident of achieving are (1) continuously increasing net profit and (2) maintaining the quality of the portfolio to ensure that the non-performing loan NPL ratio does not exceed the target. However, the Thai economy, which remains sluggish due to delayed government budget disbursements and stagnant industry growth, has impacted the business sector and the Group's business growth targets. Despite these challenges, the Group believes that its strategy of targeting a higher-income credit card customer base, rigorously screening both credit card and personal loan portfolios, and expanding new acquisition channels through the establishment of KTC P BERM Car for Cash application points (One Stop Service Outlet) in proximity to the target demographic, will enhance market penetration and increase awareness of KTC P BERM Car for Cash. This approach aims to build a sustainable future income base.

## **Industry Overview**

According to the Monetary Policy Report for 2Q24, released on June 26, 2024, the Bank of Thailand (BOT) projects economic growth rates of 2.6% for 2024 and 3.0% for 2025, respectively. This positive outlook is underpinned by the recovering tourism sector, evidenced by an increase in foreign tourists and their average spending. Additionally, private consumption continues to expand, albeit slower than the previous year, supported by the gradual recovery in employment and household income. Furthermore, the acceleration of government spending since the second quarter, following the enactment of the 2024 budget bill, has provided additional benefits. However, the outlook for the Thai economy remains uncertain. The export and manufacturing sectors continue to face vulnerabilities from external and internal factors and government policies must be continuous and sufficient.

Industry Data	Y2023	5M2023	5M2024
Credit Card Receivables (Million Baht)	513,491	471,965	467,125
Growth (%)	3.3%	6.9%	(1.0%)
KTC Market Share (%)	14.5%	14.4%	14.9%
Amount of Credit Card (Cards)	26,279,164	26,012,394	26,332,679
Growth (%)	2.1%	3.2%	1.2%
KTC Market Share (%)	10.0%	10.0%	10.3%
Credit Card Spending (Million Baht)	2,166,728	875,171	912,659
Growth (%)	8.1%	14.0%	4.3%
KTC Market Share (%)	12.2%	12.2%	12.8%
Personal Loan Receivables (excluding Auto Title Loan) (Million Baht)	510,301	507,315	497,867
Growth (%)	2.3%	8.5%	(1.9%)
KTC Market Share (%)	6.4%	6.2%	6.3%
Auto Title Loan Receivables (Million Baht)	337,192	280,252	361,027
Growth (%)	36.2%	40.9%	28.8%

Source: Industry Data, Bank of Thailand (Data as of July 11, 2024)

The consumer finance industry has experienced a slowdown, primarily due to the pressures of high household debt and borrowers' repayment capacities. Despite this, the Consumer Confidence Index for June 2024 stood at 52.3, indicating sustained confidence for the 19th consecutive month. Credit card spending within the industry expanded by 4.3% during the first five months of 2024. As of May 2024, total credit card receivables in the industry amounted to Baht 467,125 million, reflecting a decrease of 1.0% (YoY). Personal loan receivables (excluding auto title loan) totaled Baht 497,867 million, marking a decline of 1.9% (YoY). Meanwhile, auto title loan receivables exhibited robust growth, increasing by 28.8% (YoY) from the same period in 2023.

KTC holds a market share of 12.8% in card spending volume (12.2% in the first five months of 2023). The proportion of credit card receivables compared to the industry for the first five months of 2024 stands at 14.9% (14.4% in the first five months of 2023). Additionally, the proportion of personal loan receivables (excluding auto title loans) compared to the industry is 6.3% (6.2% in the first five months of 2023). All these metrics have shown an increase compared to the same period of the previous year.



# **Portfolio Overview**

KTC's card spending overview for 2Q24 and 1H24 amounted to Baht 70,949 million and Baht 140,368 million, reflecting 11.5% and 10.0% (YoY) growth, respectively. The Group's card members totaled 3,448,530 accounts, comprising 2,717,213 credit card accounts, an increase of 4.3% (YoY), and 731,317 personal loan accounts, a decrease of 2.9% (YoY).

As of 2Q24, the total loans to customers and the accrued interest receivables reached Baht 105,803 million, showing a modest 0.2% (YoY) growth, owing to faster write-offs this year and the overall high level of Thai household debt. The rise in non-performing loans, driven by increasing household debt burdens, has impacted the ability to generate new debt and the demand for consumer loans. The breakdown is as follows:





1) Credit card receivables worth Baht 69,253 million increased at a stable rate of 0.9% (YoY), primarily due to the rise in the minimum payment rate from 5% to 8%, which has maintained the portfolio value close to the same period of last year.

2) Personal loan receivables amounted to Baht 34,028 million, reflecting a 1.9% (YoY) growth. Within this segment, the KTC P BERM Car for Cash stands at Baht 2,699 million, marking a 62.8% increase from new loan disbursements that have consistently garnered positive feedback each month. Despite the overall KTC P BERM Car for Cash not achieving anticipated growth, the Group remains dedicated to enhancing marketing communication strategies to engage the target demographic effectively. Additionally, efforts are underway to identify new avenues for raising awareness and accessibility of the product within the target market.

3) Lease receivables amounted to Baht 2,523 million, reflecting a decrease of 28.7% (YoY). This decline is due to KTC discontinuing the issuance of new hire purchase loans, with current efforts focused on debt collection and managing the quality of existing loan portfolios.

(Unit: Million Baht)	2Q2023	2Q2024	%Growth
Credit Card	68,664	69,253	0.9%
Personal Loan	33,385	34,028	1.9%
Leasing	3,540	2,523	(28.7%)



The changes in the allowance for expected credit loss as of June 30, 2024 are as following table.

	Consolidated Financial Statement: Allowance for Expected Credit Loss						
(Unit: Million Baht)	Financial assets where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk (Stage 1)	Financial assets where there has been a significant increase in credit risk (Stage 2)	Financial assets that are credit- impaired (Stage 3)	Financial assets where applied simplified approach to calculate lifetime expected credit loss	Total		
Balance as of January 1, 2024	4,332	3,316	1,283	832	9,763		
Changes in staging	459	(535)	76	-	-		
Changes in risk parameters	(1,486)	181	5,670	185	4,550		
New financial assets originated or purchased	348	-	-	0.01	348		
Financial assets derecognized	(137)	(634)	(713)	(39)	(1,523)		
Written-off	-	-	(5,233)	(380)	(5,612)		
Balance as of June 30, 2024	3,515	2,328	1,084	598	7,525		

# "Maintain the quality of the total portfolio with an NPL ratio of 1.97% and an NPL coverage ratio of 363.3%."

In 2Q24, the Group's Non-Performing Loan (%NPL) ratio to total loans (%NPL) stood at 1.97%, consistent with 2Q23 levels of 2.03%. The NPL ratios 2Q24 for credit card, personal loan, and lease receivables were 1.42%, 2.21%, and 13.93%, respectively. The Group's allowance for expected losses stood at Baht 7,525 million, reflecting a decrease of 18.4% (YoY) due to accelerated write-offs for which provisions had already been set aside. The ratio of expected credit losses to NPL (NPL Coverage Ratio) was 363.3%, down from 433.2% in 2Q23.

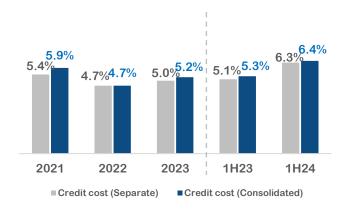
The NPL ratio for the separate financial statements in 2Q24 was 1.68%, a decrease from 1.78% in the same period of the previous year. The allowance for expected credit losses amounted to Baht 6,928 million, resulting in an NPL Coverage Ratio of 402.7%, down from 472.4% in the same period of the previous year.

In 2Q24, the credit cost for the separate financial statements and the Group remained unchanged from 1Q24, at 6.3% and 6.4%, respectively. This stability is attributed to accelerated write-offs of bad debts this year, provisions adjusted in response to borrower quality, and additional provisions made prudently to mitigate potential future fluctuations.





Credit Cost (%)



NPL Separate Consolidated	2Q2	2023	1Q2	2024	2Q20	)24
1.68% 1.97%	MB	%NPL	MB	%NPL	МВ	%NPL
Total NPL	2,129	2.03%	2,091	2.00%	2,072	1.97%
NPL – Credit Card	833	1.22%	804	1.17%	976	1.42%
NPL – Personal Loan	975	2.95%	699	2.13%	744	2.21%
NPL – Leasing	322	9.10%	588	19.68%	351	13.93%

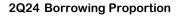
The outstanding balances of loans to customers and accrued interest receivables classified by type of business and stage as of June 30,2024 are as follows.

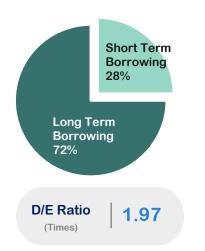
	Consolidated Financial Statements				
(Unit: Million Baht)	Credit Card	Personal Loan	Leasing	Total	
Stage 1	61,543	27,561	-	89,103	
Stage 2	6,450	5,358	-	11,808	
Stage 3	976	744	-	1,720	
Financial assets where applied simplified approach to calculate lifetime expected credit losses	-	-	2,523	2,523	
Total loans to customers	68,969	33,663	2,523	105,155	
Add Accrued interest receivables and undue interest receivables	284	365	-	649	
Total loan to customers and accrued interest receivables	69,253	34,028	2,523	105,803	
Less Allowance for expected credit loss	(4,037)	(2,890)	(598)	(7,525)	
Total loans to customers and accrued interest receivables, net	65,216	31,137	1,925	98,278	





# "The debt-to-equity ratio (D/E Ratio) was 1.97 times, with the outstanding balance totaling Baht 28,171 million."





At the end of 2Q24, the Group's total borrowings amounted to Baht 61,965 million, comprising 28% in short-term borrowings (including borrowings and debentures due within one year) and 72% in long-term borrowings. KTC's borrowings are from diverse financial institutions, including Thai commercial banks, securities companies, insurance companies, and various other funds. The breakdown of the borrowings included short-term borrowings from related financial institutions and related parties amounting to Baht 3,595 million, other financial institutions amounting to Baht 2,990 million, long-term borrowings from Krungthai Bank totaling Baht 10,500 million, and debentures totaling Baht 44,880 million.

The debt-to-equity ratio was 1.97 times, a decrease from 2.18 times in the same period last year, and was below the debt covenants of 10 times.

Additionally, the Group holds a total short-term credit line from financial institutions, amounting to Baht 28,871 million (including Baht 18,561 million credit line from Krungthai Bank). Currently, the Group has utilized Baht 6,200 million of its short-term credit line, leaving a remaining balance of Baht 22,671 million. A long-term credit line of Baht 5,500 million is also available from Krungthai Bank (KTB). Furthermore, long-term bonds and borrowings maturing in the second half of 2024 amount to Baht 7,845 million.

Financial costs were 3.0% and 2.8% in 2Q24 and 1H24, respectively, reflecting an increase consistent with elevated interest rates in the financial market, compared to 2.7% and 2.6% in 2Q23 and 1H23, respectively.

Furthermore, yield on loans remained stable at 15.2% and 14.7% in 2Q24 and 1H24, mirroring the rates from the same periods in 2023, which were at 15.2% and 14.8%, respectively. Consequently, the net interest margin for 2Q24 and 1H24 stood at 13.5% and 13.0%, respectively, showing a slight decrease compared to the corresponding periods of the previous year.

#### Yield on Loans, Net Interest Margin and Cost of Fund





# **Revenues & Expenses**

		Consolidated Financial Statements						
(Unit: Million Baht)	1H2023	1H2024	Growth (%YoY)	2Q2023	2Q2024	Growth (%YoY)		
Total Revenues	12,295	13,544	10.2%	6,240	6,781	8.7%		
Bad Debt Recovery	1,587	2,056	29.6%	765	1,015	32.7%		
Total Operating Expenses	4,120	4,728	14.8%	2,135	2,359	10.5%		
Finance Costs	805	899	11.6%	415	448	7.9%		
Profit before Expected Credit Loss	7,387	7,918	7.2%	3,702	3,975	7.4%		
Expected Credit Loss	2,805	3,374	20.3%	1,438	1,690	17.5%		
Bad Debt	2,371	5,613	136.7%	1,147	1,565	36.5%		
Doubtful Accounts	434	(2,239)	(616.0%)	292	125	(57.1%)		
Profit before Income Tax	4,582	4,544	(0.8%)	2,263	2,284	0.9%		
Net Profit	3,667	3,608	(1.6%)	1,800	1,816	0.8%		
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)								
Owners of the parent	3,678	3,629	(1.3%)	1,806	1,826	1.1%		
Earning per Shares (Baht)	1.43	1.41	(1.4%)	0.70	0.71	1.4%		
Book Value per Share (Baht)	12.5	14.0	12.0%	12.5	14.0	12.0%		

# Total Revenues 2Q24

6,781 8.7%

### **Total interest income**



The total interest income <sup>(1)</sup> for 2Q24 stood at Baht 4,004 million, reflecting a 0.8% (YoY) increase aligned with slower portfolio expansion, comprising of interest income from credit cards amounting to Baht 1,965 million; interest income from personal loans Baht 1,991 million; and interest income from lease receivables Baht 48 million.

Fee income amounted to Baht 1,535 million, expanding 15.7% (YoY), driven by a higher transaction volume. Specifically, cash advance fee income rose by 31.1% (YoY), merchant discount fee income increased by 22.5% (YoY), and interchange fee income saw a 6.7% (YoY) growth.



Bad debt recovery reached Baht 1,015 million, reflecting a 32.7% (YoY) increase from effective debt collection across all business segments, including Baht 992 million from KTC, and Baht 23 million from KTBL.

<sup>(1)</sup> Starting from 1Q2024, the company has reclassified interest income and income from credit usage fees as 'interest income' in the statement of comprehensive income. Consequently, the 'interest income' line item now reflects the sum of interest income and credit usage fee.

(Including Credit Usage Fee) 4,004 Million Baht	2Q2023	%Total Revenue	2Q2024	%Total Revenue	%Growth
Interest Income - Credit Card	1,974	31.6%	1,965	29.0%	(0.4%)
Interest Income - Personal Loan	1,934	31.0%	1,991	29.4%	3.0%
Interest Income - Leasing	64	1.0%	48	0.7%	(25.3%)

1,535 Million Baht	2Q2023	%Total Revenue	2Q2024	%Total Revenue	%Growth
Fee income	1,326	21.3%	1,535	22.6%	15.7%

# Total Expenses 2Q24

4,497 | 12.8%

In 2Q24, the Group incurred total operating expenses amounting to Baht 2,359 million, reflecting a 10.5% (YoY) increase. Elevated fees, service charges, increased transaction volumes, and higher IT expenses primarily drove this uptick. Consequently, the cost-to-income ratio stood at 34.8%, representing an increase from 2Q23 when it was 34.2%.



Expected credit losses amounted to Baht 1,690 million, reflecting a 17.5% (YoY) increase due to provisioning adjustments driven by changes in borrower quality, accelerated write-offs, and additional provisions aimed at prudent risk management to mitigate future volatility.

Financial costs totaled Baht 448 million, marking a 7.9% (YoY) rise attributed to higher interest rates prevailing in the financial market compared to the corresponding period last year.

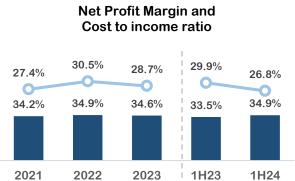
Total Operating Expense					
2,359 Million Baht	2Q2023	%Total Revenue	2Q2024	%Total Revenue	%Growth
Personal expense	700	11.2%	718	10.6%	2.5%
Marketing expense	181	2.9%	166	2.4%	(8.1%)
Fee and service expense	736	11.8%	867	12.8%	17.7%
Other administrative expense	518	8.3%	608	9.0%	17.5%



Expected Credit Loss					
(ECL) 1,690 Million Baht	2Q2023	%Total Revenue	2Q2024	%Total Revenue	%Growth
ECL - Credit Card	738	11.8%	875	12.9%	18.5%
ECL - Personal Ioan	659	10.6%	750	11.1%	13.8%
ECL - Leasing	41	0.7%	65	1.0%	58.0%

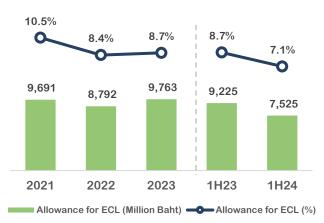
# **Key Financial Ratios**

Cost to income



Allowance for ECL and Allowance for ECL to Total Port

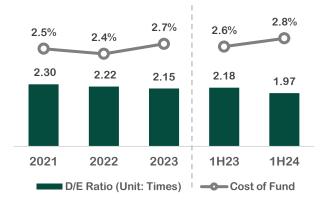
---- Net profit margin



### Return on Asset (ROA) and Return on Equity (ROE)



#### Debt to Equity (D/E) Ratio and Cost of Fund



# Sustainable Household Debt Solution Approach and Potential Impacts

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) has issued the Responsible Lending (RL) guidelines through BOT Announcement No. SKC. 7/2566 These guidelines aim to reinforce service providers' responsibility to effectively manage customer obligations throughout the entire debt cycle. They are scheduled to take effect from January 1, 2024, onwards.

By establishing comprehensive criteria for credit management throughout the debt cycle, encompassing eight critical areas: (1) Development of credit products (2) Advertising (3) Sales processes (4) Assessment of debt repayment capacity (affordability) (5) Promotion of financial discipline and management during the debt period (6) Support for borrowers experiencing Persistent Debt (PD) (7) Providing support to borrowers facing repayment issues, including restructuring for non-NPL debts through preventive measures (Pre-emptive Debt Restructuring: Pre-emptive DR) and addressing troubled debts through Troubled Debt Restructuring (TDR) (8) Legal proceedings and transfer of debt sales to other creditors

KTC implements long-term debt relief measures aligned with BOT's guidelines, including:

The Company has proposed guidelines to assist borrowers who have not yet defaulted (non-NPL) through preventive debt restructuring (Pre-emptive DR) at the first sign that the borrower may encounter repayment difficulties at least once, ensuring prompt debt settlement and preventing it from escalating into non-performing status (NPL). Additionally, the Company will introduce guidelines to support borrowers already in non-performing status (NPL) at least once, particularly before resorting to legal actions, debt transfers, contract terminations, or asset seizures. In providing such assistance, the Company ensures it aligns with the borrower's repayment capability, avoiding undue financial strain beyond their initial debt obligations. Below are the key highlights of the assistance guidelines applicable to each business segment:

Credit Card borrowers can convert their loans into long-term loans with a repayment period of 48 months.

**KTC PROUD** revolving personal loans borrowers under supervision can converted the loans into a 60-month installment loan.

KTC CASH borrowers can be eligible for a 30% installment reduction over three billing cycles.

**KTC P BERM Car for Cash (cars, motorcycles, and big bikes)** borrowers are eligible for two support options: first, a 30% reduction in installments for three billing cycles; alternatively, an extension of the installment payment period of up to 60 months, 72 months or 84 months.

For detailed assistance guidelines, please refer to the following link: https://www.ktc.co.th/support/rate/tableof-disclosures

Effective April 1, 2024, the guidelines for assisting borrowers with severe persistent debt (SPD). Qualified borrowers include those with revolving credit (KTC PROUD) who are not yet non-performing (NPL), have paid more interest than principal over the past five years, and possess a monthly income below Baht 20,000. In 2Q24, marking the initial three months of implementing the SPD criteria, applicants for KTC's assistance program saw interest income impacted by 1.3% of the estimated total impact value, amounting to Baht 18 million per month if all eligible borrowers participated.



# **KTC's Strategy Incorporating Sustainability Development**



KTC's strategy has integrated sustainable economic, social, and environmental dimensions through Better Products and Services, Better Quality of Life, and Better Climate. KTC conducts its business with responsibility and continuously develops products, services, technology, digital innovation, and human resources to meet business demands, builds trust with stakeholders, increases access to financial products and services for Thai society, alleviates environmental impacts, and supports sustainable development goals of the United Nations. For more information, please visit the website at https://www.ktc.co.th/en/sustainability-development

KTC organizes Opportunity Day every quarter for shareholders, bondholders, analysts, fund managers and any stakeholders who are interested in KTC's operating results, business directions, industry overview, etc. According to the operating result for 2Q24, KTC Opportunity Day will take place on Friday, August 16, 2024, 10:15 – 11:00 hrs., through official channels of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, as follows.

