



## **Company Report:**

## **Vietnam Military Joint Stock Bank (MBB)**

Research Department

WATCHLIST

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# First-Half 2025 Business Results Update

#### **UPDATE ON BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

In the first half of 2025, MBB recorded credit growth of 12% YTD, deposit growth of 13% YTD (including valuable papers). TOI reached VND 32.6 trillion, up 25% YoY, of which net interest income grew 23% YoY and non-interest income grew 37% YoY (ecosystem subsidiaries were highly active). Consolidated profit before tax grew 18% YoY.

Amid an industry-wide trend of NIM contraction in recent quarters, MBB was no exception; however, it managed its NIM better, maintaining it at a high 4.1%, down just 0.1% from the prior period.

Regarding asset-quality control, the bank's NPL ratio remained flat at 1.6% (post-CIC). The CAR was maintained at around 11%.

#### GTIA COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

MBB continues to affirm its position as a top-5 bank in the system with a comprehensive product ecosystem (the earliest to complete a full financial ecosystem among its peers).

During 2025–2027, MBB will benefit from SBV support by participating in the restructuring of weak banks (MBV), driving its credit growth to one of the highest in the industry (projected at 30–35% per annum). In 2025, MBB has set a credit-growth target of 25.3%.

With the results delivered by both the parent bank and its subsidiary ecosystem, we believe MBB will meet its 2025 profit target. NIM is expected to remain stable at around 4.1% (or edge up by 10 bps in a positive scenario).

In August, MBB will pay a 32% stock dividend as previously approved. The bank also plans a private placement for strategic investors. Regarding the earlier plan to repurchase 100 million treasury shares, the bank has indicated it will not proceed in the near term.

Although MBB possesses superior advantages, its share price has surged sharply in recent periods; we therefore recommend a "WATCHLIST" rating on MBB shares with a target price of VND 33,000 per share.

6-18m TP:	33,000
Current price:	VND30.600

#### 1-Year Share Return performance

Recommendation:



Price change	1 M	3 M	1Y
Price change %	14.2%	27.7%	43.5%
Vs VNindex	25.8%	51.5%	68.6%
Avg Price (VND)	27,420	25,792	23,008

Source: Bloomberg, Guotai Junan (VN)

Shares Outstanding (million shares) Market Capitalization (VND billion)	6,102.27 186,729.54	Major shareholder (%) Free float (%)	Viettel 14.7% 68.7%
3-Month Average Trading Volume ('000)	23,336.65	LDR (%)	89%
52w highest/lowest price (VND)	30950 / 19450	CAR (%)	11.6%
Source: the Company, Guotai Junan (VN).			

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### FIRST-HALF 2025 BUSINESS RESULTS UPDATE

#### 1. Credit and Funding Growth

At end-Q2, MBB's total credit stood at VND 910 trillion, up 12% YTD. Of this, customer loans reached VND 880 trillion (+13% YTD; +10.3% QoQ), while corporate-bond exposure totaled VND 30 trillion (-10% YTD, marking five consecutive quarters of decline).

- **By customer:** Retail and corporate loans grew 12.8% YTD and 13.6% YTD, respectively.
- **By sector:** Manufacturing & processing loans rose 20% YTD; wholesale & retail loans +15% YTD; real-estate loans +39% YTD.
- By maturity: Short-term loans expanded 17% YTD versus 9.1% YTD for long-term facilities.

On the funding side, total customer deposits plus bonds/CDs climbed 13% YTD. Customer deposits alone increased 9.7% YTD—term deposits +12.2% YTD and CASA +5.8% YTD—driven higher funding costs amid rising rates. Bonds and CDs issuance surged 32% YTD from VND 129 trillion to VND 170 trillion, supporting planned credit growth over the next three years.

Corporate deposits rose more slowly (+5.8% YTD) than retail deposits (+12.2% YTD), in line with sector trends. Despite a modest CASA increase of 5.8%, MBB leads the system in CASA ratio, reaching 38.6% at end-Q2—its highest level since Q1 2025.

## 2. Operational Efficiency & Profitability

Profit before tax for 1H 2025 reached VND 15,889 billion, up 18.3% YoY, driven by:

- **Net Interest Income (NII):** VND 24,064 billion (+23% YoY), owing to a 28% YoY surge in loan volume despite a compressed NIM versus the prior-year period (reflecting sharply lower lending rates amid rising funding costs). During the period, MBB's efforts to optimize its loan mix and funding base—by expanding higher-yielding retail lending and maintaining elevated CASA balances—helped contain funding expenses.
- Non-Interest Income (NFI): NFI grew 37% YoY, with payments & treasury services up 10% and insurance up 15%. Other fee-based services—such as advisory and debt-recovery—rose an impressive 44% YoY. MBB's ecosystem subsidiaries are delivering strong results: MIC ranks fourth in insurance-premium revenue; MB's bancassurance partner leads the banking sector and MBAL ranks fourth industry-wide; Mcredit is the third-largest consumer-finance firm; and MBS holds the seventh-largest securities-brokerage market share. Together, these affiliates contribute roughly 10% of group profit today, with expectations to increase their earnings contribution over time.
- **Operating Expenses (OPEX):** Despite continued technology investments, OPEX grew just 11.3% YoY—well below TOI growth of 25%—driving the cost-to-income ratio down sharply to 27.4%, markedly below the industry average.
- **Return Metrics:** MBB remains among the system leaders in both ROA and ROE.

#### 3. Asset quality

Alongside its accelerated lending activities, MBB also increased its provisioning, with total provisions rising 65% YoY. Specific provisions remain the largest component of total provisioning expenses. Notably, provisioning charges doubled in Q2 YoY, which was the primary reason for the bank's lower profit in Q2 compared to the same period last year.

The bank's consolidated NPL ratio stands at 1.6%, continuing its downward trend thanks to disciplined lending and intensified NPL resolution efforts. Accordingly, the loan loss coverage ratio improved from the prior quarter to 89%.

The capital adequacy ratio (CAR) was maintained at 11.6%. The bank plans further capital-raising measures, including private placements, to bolster its capital buffer.

### **GTJA ASSESSMENT & 2025 OUTLOOK**

MBB's 1H 2025 results contrast favorably with broader industry trends across both net interest income and non-interest income streams. This performance underscores MBB's strengths: maintaining the system's highest CASA ratio, a loyal customer base, and a comprehensive, pioneering ecosystem of subsidiaries.

#### **Business Outlook:**



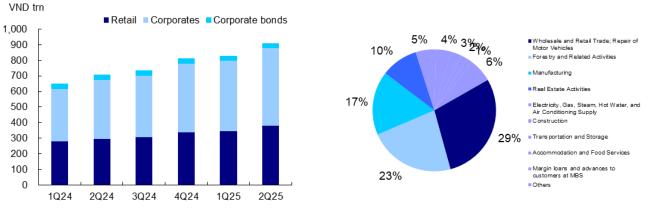
- **Restructuring Benefit:** Through its participation in MBV's restructuring, MBB will enjoy a special SBV framework, driving annual credit growth of 30–35%.
- **Aligned Credit Strategy:** The bank's loan-allocation plan mirrors Vietnam's economic growth agenda, emphasizing production and trade finance, exports, private enterprise, and consumer lending. MBB adopts a cautious, quota-based approach to real-estate lending—even as that portfolio soared 39% in 1H 2025 to represent 10% of total loans.
- **H2 2025 Projections:** MBB intends to accelerate disbursements of medium- and long-term loans (which yield higher margins) to bolster NIM. Its subsidiaries are also expected to contribute strongly: MCredit has restructured effectively, with loans up 11% YTD and NPLs below 7%; MBS remains a top-10 brokerage, with margin lending aiding system-wide NIM; insurance operations grow at 15–20% annually, increasingly supporting non-interest income.

Thanks to these drivers, MBB is on track to meet its full-year 2025 targets of 25.3% credit growth and a 10% increase in pre-tax profit versus 2024.

**Capital Rasing Plan:** In August, MBB will distribute a 32% stock dividend. A private placement of 62 million shares is also planned to further strengthen the bank's capital buffer.

Figure-1: Credit segments by customer

Figure-2: Credit segments by sector Q2/2025

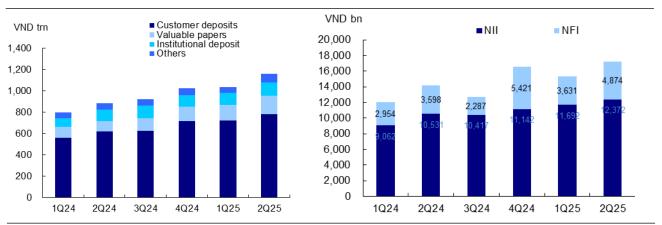


Source: MBB, Guotai Junan (VN).

Figure-4: TOI Breakdown

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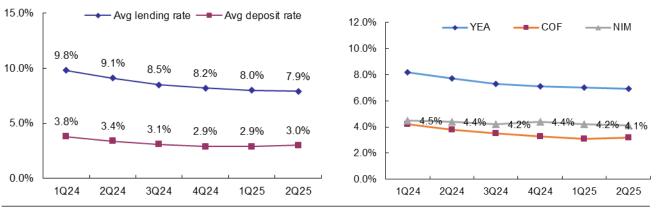


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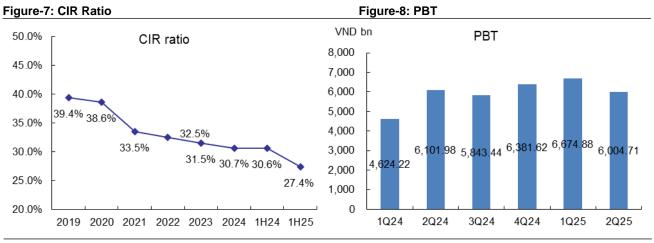
Figure-5: Average lending rate and Average deposit rate

Figure-6: COF and NIM

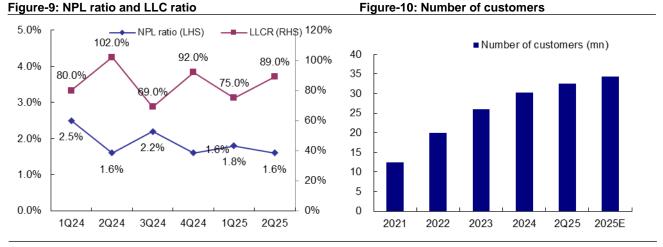


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#### **COMPANY RATING DEFINITION**

Benchmark: VN -	- Index. Time Horizon: 6 to 18 months	
Rating	Definition	
Buy	Relative Performance is greater than 15%	
	Or the Fundamental outlook of the company or sector is favorable	
Relative Performance is 5% to 15%		
Accumulate	Or the Fundamental outlook of the company or sector is favorable	
Neutral	Relative Performance is -5% to 5%	
	Or the Fundamental outlook of the company or sector is neutral	
Reduce	Relative Performance is -15% to -5%	
Reduce	Or the Fundamental outlook of the company or sector is unfavorable	
Sell	Relative Performance is lower than - 15%	
	Or the Fundamental outlook of the company or sector is unfavorable	

#### **SECTOR RATING DEFINITION**

Benchmark: VN	- Index Time Horizon: 6 to 18 months
Rating	Definition
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Outperform	Or the Fundamental outlook of the sector is favorable
Nontral	Relative Performance is -5% to 5%
Neutral Or the Fundame	Or the Fundamental outlook of the sector is neutral
Underperform	Relative Performance is lower than -5%
	OrThe Fundamental outlook of the sector is unfavorable

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