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TARGET PRICE	THB4.80
CLOSE	THB3.84
UP/DOWNSIDE	+25.0%
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1Q24 results at first glance

Surprising core operations turned profitable in 1Q24

Highlights

- TFG posted a 1Q24 net profit of THB174m, turning from a net loss of THB861m in 4Q23. Excluding an FX gain of THB79m, a biological gain of THB91m, and other losses of THB89m, core operations turned profitable at THB92m, which was better than our expectation of a small loss of THB7m.
- 1Q24 total revenue grew by 3.1% q-q and 9.7% y-y. The q-q growth was mainly from higher revenue from the poultry and swine businesses. To elaborate, TFG's poultry and swine average selling prices increased by 3.1% q-q and 2.8% q-q to THB55.5/kg and THB59.5/kg, respectively.
- Meanwhile, the y-y revenue growth came from solid growth in retail shop sales (+57% y-y). In addition, TFG had zero retail shop expansions in 1Q24, but there was better performance within the 350 existing branches. Revenue from retail shops accounted for 36.3% of 1Q24 total revenue, up from 25.3% in 1Q23, but slightly down from 37.6% in 4Q23.
- We are impressed with the rebound of the gross margin to 8.6% in 1Q24, up from 0.8% in 4Q23, though it dropped from 12.8% in 1Q23.
 The q-q recovery came from declining raw material prices.
- SG&A-to-sales decreased q-q to 6.7%, down from 8.1% in 4Q23, but slightly up from 6.3% in 1Q23.

Outlook

- Preliminarily, we anticipate its 2Q24 gross margin to continue to improve to c9-10%, with further declines in the cost of raw materials and rising livestock prices. In addition, we expect to see a stronger profit from the swine business in Vietnam in 2Q24, after swine prices in Vietnam surged to VND60,000/kg (+12% QTD).
- Aside from that, TFG plans for more retail shop expansions from 3Q24 onward, therefore, we expect another sharp earnings recovery in 2H24.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	55,871	58,976	60,687	62,419
Net profit	(809)	2,102	2,319	2,546
EPS (THB)	(0.14)	0.34	0.34	0.38
vs Consensus (%)	-	18.1	(6.8)	(7.3)
EBITDA	5,287	8,760	9,254	9,759
Recurring net profit	(496)	2,102	2,319	2,546
Core EPS (THB)	(0.09)	0.34	0.34	0.38
EPS growth (%)	nm	nm	0.8	9.8
Core P/E (x)	(45.0)	11.3	11.2	10.2
Dividend yield (%)	0.8	4.0	4.0	4.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.9	5.3	5.0	4.5
Price/book (x)	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
Net debt/Equity (%)	179.5	148.3	117.8	99.0
ROE (%)	(3.4)	14.5	14.3	14.3



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	15.0	5.5	(13.9)
Relative to country (%)	17.0	7.0	(2.1)
Mkt cap (USD m)			590
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.2
Free float (%)			16
Major shareholder	New Sta	ar Victor Co	Ltd (28%)
12m high/low (THB)			4.74/3.04
Issued shares (m)			5,810.82

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



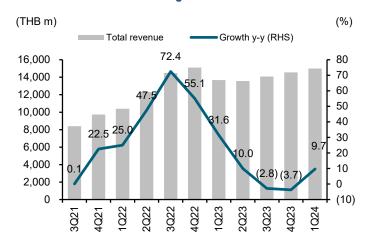
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Exhibit 1: TFG - 1Q24 results summary

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	Cha	nge	2023	2024E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Sales	13,677	13,562	14,081	14,550	14,998	3.1	9.7	55,871	58,976	5.6
Cost of sales	11,925	12,276	13,457	14,427	13,712	(5.0)	15.0	52,086	52,075	(0.0)
Gross profit	1,751	1,286	624	123	1,286	944.3	(26.6)	3,785	6,900	82.3
SG&A	861	853	782	1,182	1,008	(14.8)	17.0	3,678	3,539	(3.8)
Operating profit	890	434	(157)	(1059)	278	nm	(68.7)	107	3,362	3038.2
Interest expense	286	335	322	178	270	52.2	(5.5)	1,120	1,354	20.9
Tax expense	223	(18)	(112)	(170)	(13)	nm	nm	(77)	372	nm
Other gain (loss)	(86)	(160)	(178)	111	82	(26.3)	nm	(313)	0	nm
Reported net profit	425	69	(446)	(861)	174	nm	(59.2)	(809)	2,102	nm
Core profit	511	229	(268)	(972)	92	nm	nm	(496)	2,102	nm
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	12.8	9.5	4.4	0.8	8.6	7.7	(4.2)	6.8	11.7	4.9
SG&A to sales	6.3	6.3	5.6	8.1	6.7	(1.4)	0.4	6.6	6.0	(0.6)
Operating margin	6.5	3.2	(1.1)	(7.3)	1.9	9.1	(4.7)	0.2	5.7	5.5
Net margin	3.1	0.5	(3.2)	(5.9)	1.2	7.1	(2.0)	(1.4)	3.6	5.0
Core margin	3.7	1.7	(1.9)	(6.7)	0.6	7.3	(3.1)	(0.9)	3.6	4.5
Operating statistics (THB/kg)										
Domestic chicken price - TFG	59.7	59.6	54.6	53.9	55.5	3.1	(7.0)	56.9	58.0	1.8
Domestic swine price - TFG	81.2	69.6	59.5	57.9	59.5	2.8	(26.7)	67.0	70.1	4.6
Vietnam swine price (VND/kg)	50,400	55,095	57,023	47,082	53,400	13.4	6.0	52,311	55,000	5.1
Corn price	13.3	12.9	11.7	10.4	10.4	0.0	(21.8)	12.1	10.0	(17.4)
Soybean meal price	24.0	23.4	21.5	22.0	22.7	3.2	(5.4)	22.7	20.5	(9.7)
Poultry sales (THB m)	4,623	4,352	4,340	4,106	4,449	8.3	(3.8)	17,421	18,913	8.6
Swine sales (THB m)	3,116	2,822	2,626	2,785	2,969	6.6	(4.7)	11,349	12,050	6.2
Feed sales (THB m)	2,432	2,408	2,414	2,143	2,075	(3.2)	(14.7)	9,397	9,585	2.0
Retail shop sale value (THB m)	3,459	3,930	4,642	5,464	5,438	(0.5)	57.2	17,496	18,216	4.1

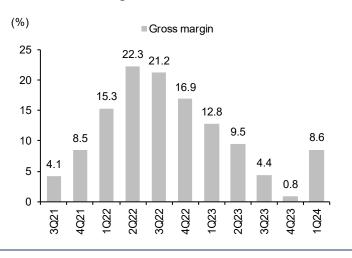
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Exhibit 2: Total revenue and growth



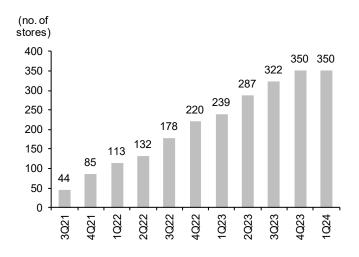
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Exhibit 3: Gross margin



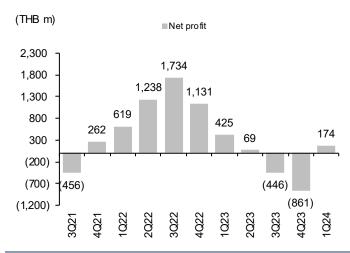
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Exhibit 4: Number of retail shop branches



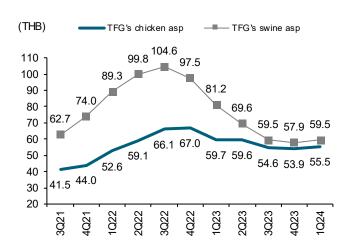
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Exhibit 6: Net profit



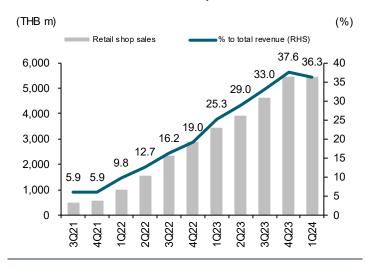
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Exhibit 8: TFG's meat prices



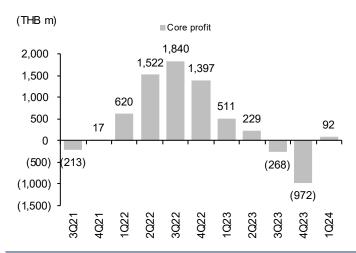
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Exhibit 5: Revenue from retail shops



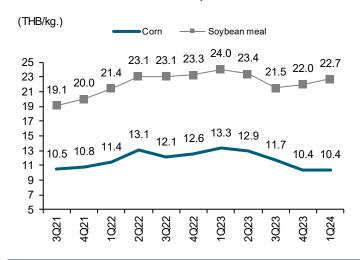
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Exhibit 7: Core profit



Sources: TFG, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 9: Domestic raw material prices



Sources: CPF, OAE, FSSIA's compilation

Financial Statements

Thai Foods Group

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	52,323	55,871	58,976	60,687	62,419
Cost of goods sold	(42,367)	(52,086)	(52,075)	(53,404)	(54,741)
Gross profit	9,956	3,785	6,900	7,282	7,678
Other operating income	369	453	472	485	499
Operating costs	(3,243)	(3,678)	(3,539)	(3,641)	(3,745)
Operating EBITDA	10,419	5,287	8,760	9,254	9,759
Depreciation	(3,337)	(4,727)	(4,927)	(5,127)	(5,327)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	7,082	560	3,833	4,127	4,432
Net financing costs	(845)	(1,117)	(1,354)	(1,392)	(1,430)
Associates	(9)	(20)	1	1	1
Recurring non-operating income	(9)	(20)	1	1	1
Non-recurring items	(657)	(313)	0	0	0
Profit before tax	5,571	(890)	2,480	2,735	3,002
Tax	(845)	77	(372)	(410)	(450)
Profit after tax	4,726	(813)	2,108	2,325	2,552
Minority interests	(4)	3	(6)	(6)	(6)
Preferred dividends	Ó	0	0	0	0
Other items	- -	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	4,722	(809)	2,102	2,319	2,546
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	657	313	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	5,379	(496)	2,102	2,319	2,546
Per share (THB)		· ,	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Recurring EPS *	0.95	(0.09)	0.34	0.34	0.38
Reported EPS	0.84	(0.14)	0.34	0.34	0.38
DPS	0.40	0.03	0.15	0.15	0.17
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	5,654	5,811	6,168	6,749	6,749
Growth	-,	- ,-	.,	-, -	-, -
Revenue (%)	50.3	6.8	5.6	2.9	2.9
Operating EBITDA (%)	167.0	(49.3)	65.7	5.6	5.5
Operating EBIT (%)	379.5	(92.1)	584.9	7.7	7.4
Recurring EPS (%)	1,099.8	nm	nm	0.8	9.8
Reported EPS (%)	739.9	nm	nm	0.8	9.8
Operating performance	700.0		1111	0.0	0.0
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	19.0	6.8	11.7	12.0	12.3
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	25.4	15.2	20.1	20.4	20.8
	19.9	9.5	14.9	15.2	
Operating EBIT margin (%)	13.5	9.5 1.0	6.5	6.8	15.6 7.1
Operating EBIT margin (%)				3.8	4.1
Net margin (%) Effective tax rate (%)	10.3 15.2	(0.9) 8.7	3.6 15.0	3.6 15.0	15.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	42.0	(35.1)	45.0	45.0	45.0
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Interest cover (X) Inventory days	8.4 55.3	0.5 53.7	2.8 54.6	3.0 54.6	54.7
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Debtor days Creditor days	22.2 38.2	22.6 43.6	21.5 50.3	21.7 49.2	21.7 49.2
Operating ROIC (%)	38.2 18.5	43.6 1.4	9.7	49.2 10.6	49.2 11.8
			9.7 7.9		
ROIC (%)	16.0	1.1		8.6	9.4
ROE (%)	39.7	(3.4)	14.5	14.3	14.3
ROA (%) * Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	14.9	8.0	6.8	7.4	8.0
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Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Poultry	23,298	17,421	18,913	19,291	19,677
Swine	12,457	11,349	12,050	12,291	12,536
Feed	8,533	9,397	9,585	9,872	10,168
Retail Shop and other	8,036	17,704	18,428	19,232	20,037

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	5,379	(496)	2,102	2,319	2,546
Depreciation	3,337	4,727	4,927	5,127	5,327
Associates & minorities	9	20	(1)	(1)	(1)
Other non-cash items	343	82	(1)	(1)	(1)
Change in working capital	(1,281)	1,421	(739)	(337)	(341)
Cash flow from operations	7,787	5,754	6,288	7,108	7,530
Capex - maintenance	(8,633)	(4,138)	(4,679)	(3,977)	(4,199)
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	-
Net acquisitions & disposals	(34)	(19)	53	0	0
Other investments (net)	(1,854)	(2,266)	660	(170)	(173)
Cash flow from investing	(10,521)	(6,422)	(3,966)	(4,148)	(4,371)
Dividends paid	(797)	(1,815)	(946)	(1,044)	(1,146)
Equity finance	56	862	358	581	0
Debt finance	4,132	1,970	(1,771)	(2,400)	(2,604)
Other financing cash flows	20	78	50	17	17
Cash flow from financing	3,411	1,095	(2,309)	(2,845)	(3,732)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	95	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	95	(22)	(1)
Movement in cash	677	426	108	92	(574)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(1,888.67)	451.64	3,676.56	4,351.60	4,589.18
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,418.57	1,379.53	696.56	554.71	571.50
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(0.33)	0.08	0.63	0.75	0.79
FCFE per share	0.24	0.24	0.12	0.10	0.10
Recurring cash flow per share	1.60	0.75	1.14	1.10	1.17
Salance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
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Tangible fixed assets (gross)	24,693	27,597	29,182	32,182	35,182
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,391)	(6,934)	(9,445)	(13,572)	(17,899)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	21,302 213	20,663 232	19,736 179	18,609 179	17,282 179
ntangible fixed assets (net)	213	232	1/9	179	179
Long-term financial assets	- 60E	1 002	1 002	1 002	1 002
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	605	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092
Cash & equivalents	1,093	1,518	1,626	1,719	1,145
A/C receivable	3,531	3,398	3,555	3,658	3,762
nventories	6,963	6,971	7,134	7,316	7,499
Other current assets	7,177	7,396	7,667	7,889	8,114
Current assets	18,764	19,284	19,982	20,581	20,520
Other assets	4,786	5,875	5,898	6,069	6,242
Total assets	45,670	47,146	46,886	46,530	45,315
Common equity	15,568	13,681	15,292	17,149	18,349
Minorities etc.	18	15	15	14	14
Total shareholders' equity	15,587	13,696	15,307	17,163	18,363
Long term debt	11,960	10,106	10,957	9,767	8,577
Other long-term liabilities	462	540	590	607	624
Long-term liabilities	12,422	10,646	11,547	10,374	9,201
A/C payable	4,733	6,584	6,420	6,584	6,749
Short term debt	12,370	15,998	13,376	12,166	10,752
Other current liabilities	557	222	236	243	250
Current liabilities	17,661	22,804	20,032	18,993	17,751
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	45,670	47,146	46,886	46,530	45,315
Net working capital	12,381	10,960	11,699	12,036	12,377
nvested capital	39,287	38,821	38,603	37,984	37,172
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	ing treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	2.75	2.35	2.48	2.54	2.72
Гangible book value per share	2.72	2.31	2.45	2.51	2.69
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	149.1	179.5	148.3	117.8	99.0
Net debt/total assets (%)	50.9	52.1	48.4	43.4	40.1
Current ratio (x)	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2
CF interest cover (x)	2.7	2.2	1.5	1.4	1.4
/aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	4.0	(45.0)	11.3	11.2	10.2
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	5.0	(56.2)	14.1	14.0	12.7
Reported P/E (x)	4.6	(27.6)	11.3	11.2	10.2
Dividend yield (%)	10.4	0.8	4.0	4.0	4.4
Price/book (x)	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
Price/tangible book (x)	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
EV/EBITDA (x) **	4.3	8.9	5.3	5.0	4.5
	4.8	9.9	6.0	5.7	5.2
=V/EBITDA (@ target price (x) ^^	4.0				
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

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Rating regarding the sustainable development of Thai listed companies, both on the SET and MAI, are publicly available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand (SEC). Currently, ratings available are 1) "CG Score"; 2) "AGM Level"; 3) "Thai CAC"; and 4) THSI. The ratings are updated on an annual basis. FSSIA does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such ratings.

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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
03-Feb-2023 08-May-2023	BUY HOLD	8.00 5.20	27-Nov-2023 26-Apr-2024	HOLD BUY	4.00 4.80	-	-	-

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Thai Foods Group	TFG TB	THB 3.84	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP are 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) a potential rise in meat and raw material prices; 3) a stronger-than-expected THB against USD.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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Stock ratings

Stock ratings are based on absolute upside or downside, which we define as (target price* - current price) / current price.

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Unless otherwise specified, these recommendations are set with a 12-month horizon. Thus, it is possible that future price volatility may cause a temporary mismatch between upside/downside for a stock based on market price and the formal recommendation.

* In most cases, the target price will equal the analyst's assessment of the current fair value of the stock. However, if the analyst doesn't think the market will reassess the stock over the specified time horizon due to a lack of events or catalysts, then the target price may differ from fair value. In most cases, therefore, our recommendation is an assessment of the mismatch between current market price and our assessment of current fair value.

Industry Recommendations

Overweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months.

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Overweight (O). Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

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