

# CH.KARNCHANG CK TB

## THAILAND / CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

# BUY

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## 1Q24 results at first glance

TARGET PRICE	THB26.00
CLOSE	THB21.60
UP/DOWNSIDE	+20.4%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-3.3%

### 1Q24 profit of THB121m beat our loss estimate

#### Highlights

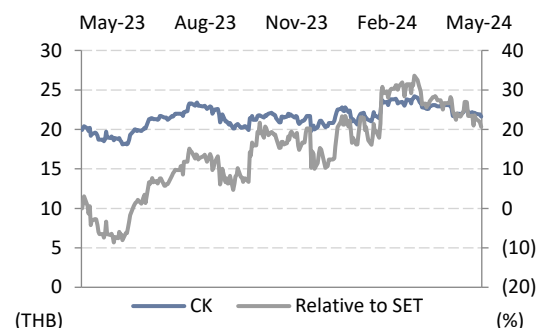
- CK posted a 1Q24 net profit of THB121m (-23% q-q, -44% y-y). Excluding extra items in 1Q23, the core profit (-23% q-q, -28% y-y) beat our expected loss of THB77m and the consensus forecast for a loss of THB120-140m due to a lower-than-expected loss sharing from LPCL, amounting to THB15m.
- Such losses came from profit-sharing from associates of THB165m (-65% q-q, -17% y-y), pressured by a higher loss sharing of THB121mn from CKP (vs THB16m in 1Q23) due to a low season and an FX loss from LPCL due to the impact of Baht weakness on U.S. dollar loans. However, the profit-sharing from BEM helped offset some of it. It was flat q-q and jumped 14% y-y, supported by a quarterly high ridership.
- Construction reported a strong performance, as expected. Its revenue was flat y-y and increased 6% q-q to THB9.46b due mainly to the Luang Prabang power plant project, the South Purple Line, and the Den Chai double-track project. The gross margin improved to 7.6% from 6.3% in 4Q23 when CK adjusted its costs of the Luang Prabang power plant project and increased from 7.1% in 1Q23, supported by a higher revenue mix from high-margin train lines and double-track projects.

#### Outlook

- We expect 2Q24 profit to accelerate q-q. Also, the momentum should remain strong in 3Q24 due to dividends earned of THB232m a quarter from TTW and a recovery in the profit-sharing from associates. In particular, BEM should contribute a higher profit-sharing q-q owing to dividends earned as well as high traffic and ridership. CKP should share a higher profit in line with seasonality. Apart from that, the construction unit should accelerate, in line with its increased progress on its backlog, particularly the South Purple Line and the Den Chai double-track project (which started tunnel works), and continued realization from the Luang Prabang power plant project.
- Maintain a BUY call at the same TP of THB26 (SOTP). CK remains our most preferred stock in the contractor sector. It has a solid backlog of THB120b, equal its three-year revenue. In the short run, investors should closely monitor the THB29b Khon Kaen - Nong Khai double-track project, with an expected TOR sale in May - Jun, which CK is a potential winner. In 2H24, we expect clarity over the Orange Line project, which is waiting for a Supreme Administrative court ruling and progress from the government's push on investments in mega projects.

#### KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	36,485	39,941	41,306	43,251
Net profit	1,501	1,812	2,022	2,395
EPS (THB)	0.89	1.07	1.19	1.41
vs Consensus (%)	-	(2.6)	(7.0)	0.6
EBITDA	3,057	3,192	3,268	3,419
Recurring net profit	1,452	1,812	2,022	2,395
Core EPS (THB)	0.86	1.07	1.19	1.41
EPS growth (%)	64.6	24.8	11.5	18.5
Core P/E (x)	25.2	20.2	18.1	15.3
Dividend yield (%)	1.4	2.0	2.2	2.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	27.8	25.4	24.3	22.7
Price/book (x)	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	183.9	161.3	149.8	136.4
ROE (%)	5.9	7.0	7.4	8.4



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(6.5)	(8.9)	0.5
Relative to country (%)	(4.7)	(7.7)	13.0
Mkt cap (USD m)	1,001		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	3.8		
Free float (%)	65		
Major shareholder	Trivisvavet Family (32%)		
12m high/low (THB)	24.60/17.80		
Issued shares (m)	1,693.90		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates


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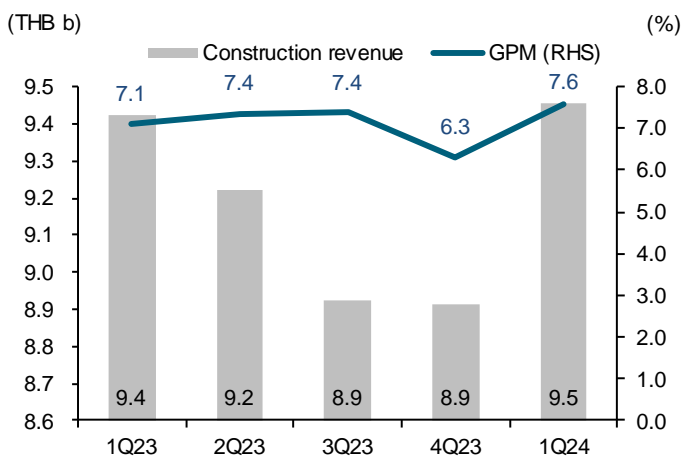
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## Exhibit 1: CK - 1Q24 results summary

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	Change	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)
Total revenue	9,425	9,220	8,925	8,915	9,458	6.1	0.3
Cost of sales	8,756	8,541	8,267	8,353	8,741	4.6	(0.2)
Gross profit	669	679	658	562	717	27.5	7.1
SG&A	495	470	533	554	533	(3.8)	7.7
Operating profit	174	209	125	8	184	2,078.7	5.3
Other income	217	545	440	220	209	(5.2)	(3.6)
Interest expense	396	474	480	481	360	(25.2)	(9.2)
Tax expense	(10)	(23)	(19)	(32)	(33)	n/a	n/a
Associates	200	255	595	469	165	(64.7)	(17.4)
Reported net profit	217	486	641	156	121	(22.6)	(44.4)
Core profit	169	486	641	156	121	(22.6)	(28.3)
<b>Key ratios (%)</b>						<b>(ppt)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>
Gross margin	7.1	7.4	7.4	6.3	7.6	1.3	0.5
SG&A / Sales	5.2	5.1	6.0	6.2	5.6	(0.6)	0.4
Operating margin	1.9	2.3	1.4	0.1	1.9	1.8	0.1
Net margin	2.3	5.3	7.2	1.8	1.3	(0.5)	(1.0)
Norm margin	1.8	5.3	7.2	1.8	1.3	(0.5)	(0.5)

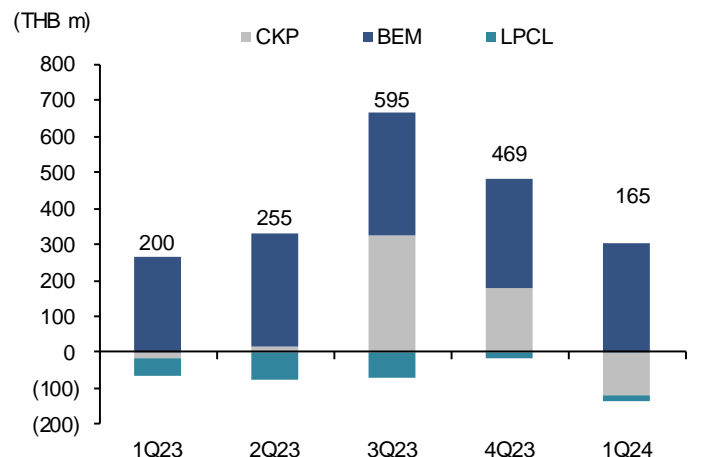
Sources: CK; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 2: Quarterly revenue and GPM



Sources: CK; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 3: Quarterly associates



Sources: CK; FSSIA's compilation

## Financial Statements

CH.Karnchang

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	18,097	36,485	39,941	41,306	43,251
Cost of goods sold	(16,711)	(33,917)	(37,145)	(38,374)	(40,094)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>3,157</b>
Other operating income	1,341	1,422	1,415	1,385	1,365
Operating costs	(1,927)	(2,051)	(2,092)	(2,155)	(2,219)
<b>Operating EBITDA</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>3,057</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>3,268</b>	<b>3,419</b>
Depreciation	(638)	(1,117)	(1,074)	(1,105)	(1,117)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Operating EBIT</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>2,303</b>
Net financing costs	(1,411)	(1,830)	(1,897)	(1,789)	(1,711)
Associates	1,530	1,520	1,748	1,831	2,042
Recurring non-operating income	1,530	1,520	1,748	1,831	2,042
Non-recurring items	222	49	0	0	0
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,633</b>
Tax	(21)	(83)	(66)	(93)	(148)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,485</b>
Minority interests	(16)	(93)	(90)	(90)	(90)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Reported net profit</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>2,395</b>
<b>Non-recurring items &amp; goodwill (net)</b>	<b>(222)</b>	<b>(49)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Recurring net profit</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>2,395</b>
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Recurring EPS *	0.52	0.86	1.07	1.19	1.41
Reported EPS	0.65	0.89	1.07	1.19	1.41
DPS	0.25	0.30	0.43	0.48	0.57
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,694	1,694	1,694	1,694	1,694
<b>Growth</b>					
Revenue (%)	48.3	101.6	9.5	3.4	4.7
Operating EBITDA (%)	24.2	112.5	4.4	2.4	4.6
Operating EBIT (%)	72.8	142.3	9.2	2.1	6.5
Recurring EPS (%)	783.4	64.6	24.8	11.5	18.5
Reported EPS (%)	22.0	35.9	20.8	11.5	18.5
<b>Operating performance</b>					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	7.7	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.3
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	11.2	10.1	9.7	9.8	9.9
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	7.9	8.4	8.0	7.9	7.9
Operating EBIT margin (%)	4.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3
Net margin (%)	4.9	4.0	4.5	4.9	5.5
Effective tax rate (%)	1.8	5.0	3.4	4.2	5.6
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	48.0	35.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Interest cover (X)	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.5
Inventory days	161.3	100.6	105.0	107.2	106.5
Debtor days	48.6	33.8	44.8	50.3	50.0
Creditor days	57.0	38.4	48.7	55.5	55.1
Operating ROIC (%)	4.2	7.7	7.4	8.1	(2.2)
ROIC (%)	2.8	3.9	4.1	4.3	(1.2)
ROE (%)	3.6	5.9	7.0	7.4	8.4
ROA (%)	2.4	3.3	3.6	3.7	2.2

\* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Construction services	18,097	36,485	39,941	41,306	43,251
Others					

Sources: CH.Karnchang; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	882	1,452	1,812	2,022	2,395
Depreciation	638	1,117	1,074	1,105	1,117
Associates & minorities	377	(24)	17	(14)	(24)
Other non-cash items	-	-	-	-	-
Change in working capital	(2,237)	(8,391)	2,302	(281)	(387)
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>(340)</b>	<b>(5,846)</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>3,101</b>
Capex - maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Capex - new investment	-	(2,742)	(452)	(322)	(294)
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	233	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash flow from investing</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>(2,742)</b>	<b>(452)</b>	<b>(322)</b>	<b>(294)</b>
Dividends paid	(509)	(508)	(815)	(899)	(1,048)
Equity finance	(2,031)	(270)	73	(124)	22
Debt finance	2,835	9,416	(4,316)	(1,790)	(2,590)
Other financing cash flows	-	774	-	-	-
<b>Cash flow from financing</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>9,413</b>	<b>(5,058)</b>	<b>(2,813)</b>	<b>(3,616)</b>
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net other adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Movement in cash</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>(305)</b>	<b>(303)</b>	<b>(809)</b>
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	1,303.02	(6,758.11)	6,650.61	4,299.11	4,517.96
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	2,727.35	1,602.17	437.11	720.09	216.69

### Per share (THB)

FCFF per share	0.77	(3.99)	3.93	2.54	2.67
FCFE per share	1.61	0.95	0.26	0.43	0.13
Recurring cash flow per share	1.12	1.50	1.71	1.84	2.06

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	18,625	18,722	19,020	19,220	19,422
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(6,798)	(6,788)	(7,838)	(8,820)	(9,834)
<b>Tangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>11,827</b>	<b>11,934</b>	<b>11,183</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>9,588</b>
<b>Intangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	49,847	51,584	51,687	51,791	51,894
Cash & equivalents	6,960	7,784	7,479	7,177	6,368
A/C receivable	2,549	4,215	5,592	5,783	6,055
Inventories	8,112	9,975	10,772	11,128	11,627
Other current assets	5,436	10,692	8,488	8,774	9,183
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>23,057</b>	<b>32,666</b>	<b>32,331</b>	<b>32,862</b>	<b>33,233</b>
Other assets	420	561	589	618	649
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>85,151</b>	<b>96,745</b>	<b>95,789</b>	<b>95,671</b>	<b>95,364</b>
Common equity	24,026	25,482	26,570	27,783	29,220
Minorities etc.	440	526	599	475	497
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>24,466</b>	<b>26,008</b>	<b>27,169</b>	<b>28,258</b>	<b>29,717</b>
Long term debt	37,991	40,771	40,710	39,175	37,001
Other long-term liabilities	2,651	2,708	2,972	3,070	3,208
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>40,642</b>	<b>43,479</b>	<b>43,681</b>	<b>42,245</b>	<b>40,208</b>
A/C payable	2,850	4,058	5,572	5,756	6,014
Short term debt	8,199	14,835	10,581	10,325	9,910
Other current liabilities	8,994	8,365	8,787	9,087	9,515
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>20,043</b>	<b>27,258</b>	<b>24,939</b>	<b>25,168</b>	<b>25,439</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>85,151</b>	<b>96,745</b>	<b>95,789</b>	<b>95,671</b>	<b>95,364</b>
Net working capital	4,253	12,460	10,493	10,842	11,336
Invested capital	66,347	76,539	73,951	73,651	73,467

\* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt

### Per share (THB)

Book value per share	14.18	15.04	15.69	16.40	17.25
Tangible book value per share	14.18	15.04	15.69	16.40	17.25

### Financial strength

Net debt/equity (%)	160.3	183.9	161.3	149.8	136.4
Net debt/total assets (%)	46.1	49.4	45.7	44.2	42.5
Current ratio (x)	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
CF interest cover (x)	2.9	3.4	1.5	1.6	1.3

Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
<b>Recurring P/E (x) *</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>
<b>Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>18.4</b>
Reported P/E (x)	33.1	24.4	20.2	18.1	15.3
Dividend yield (%)	1.2	1.4	2.0	2.2	2.6
Price/book (x)	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
Price/tangible book (x)	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
EV/EBITDA (x) **	53.0	27.8	25.4	24.3	22.7
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	58.2	30.2	27.7	26.6	24.9
EV/invested capital (x)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

\* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted \*\* EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income

Sources: CH.Karnchang; FSSIA estimates

# CH Karnchang PCL (CK TB)

**FSSIA ESG rating**

**38.06 /100**
**Exhibit 4: FSSIA ESG score implication**

Rating	Score	Implication
★★★★★	>79-100	Leading its industry peers in managing the most significant ESG risks which not only better cost efficiency but also lead to higher profitability.
★★★★☆	>59-79	A mixed track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers.
★★★☆☆	>39-59	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been constructively addressed, well-managed and incorporated into day-to-day operations, in which targets and achievements are evaluated annually.
★★☆☆☆	<b>&gt;19-39</b>	<b>Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been identified with key management in charge for progress to be followed up on and to provide intensive disclosure. Most targets are conventional and achievable.</b>
★☆☆☆☆	1-19	The company has adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), established sustainability management guidelines and fully complies with regulations or ESG suggested guidance from related organizations such as the SET and SEC.

Sources: FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 5: ESG – peer comparison**

	FSSIA ESG score	----- Domestic ratings -----						----- Global ratings -----						--- Bloomberg ---	
		DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar ESG risk	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score
SET100	69.20	5.34	4.40	4.40	4.76	4.65	3.84	Medium	51.76	BBB	20.87	58.72	63.91	3.72	28.17
Coverage	67.12	5.11	4.15	4.17	4.83	4.71	3.53	Medium	52.04	BB	16.97	56.85	62.09	3.40	31.94
CK	38.06	--	--	--	5.00	4.00	--	High	50.15	BB	--	43.93	22.00	2.13	43.16
ITD	14.63	--	--	--	4.00	4.00	--	Severe	--	--	--	--	13.00	--	--
STEC	39.73	--	--	--	5.00	5.00	--	Severe	62.52	BBB	--	36.51	22.00	1.64	37.87
SYNTEC	36.38	--	--	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	--	53.14	--	--	37.86	--	--	--
NWR	24.97	--	--	--	4.00	5.00	Certified	--	47.79	--	--	--	--	--	--

Sources: [SETTRADE.com](https://www.settrade.com); FSSIA's compilation
**Exhibit 6: ESG score by Bloomberg**

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score</b>	—	—	1.93	2.13
BESG environmental pillar score	—	—	0.00	0.10
BESG social pillar score	—	—	4.64	5.11
BESG governance pillar score	—	—	3.08	3.14
<b>ESG disclosure score</b>	<b>32.81</b>	<b>33.67</b>	<b>38.17</b>	<b>43.16</b>
Environmental disclosure score	0.91	0.91	6.10	20.48
Social disclosure score	16.26	18.83	27.15	27.78
Governance disclosure score	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10
<b>Environmental</b>				
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	No	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	No	No	No
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	No
GHG scope 1	—	—	—	—
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	—	2	2
GHG Scope 3	—	—	—	—
Carbon per unit of production	—	—	—	—
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	—	—	643	3
Renewable energy use	—	—	—	—
Electricity used	—	—	643	3
Fuel used - natural gas	—	—	—	—

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 7: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	—	—	—	—
Total waste	—	—	—	—
Waste recycled	—	—	—	—
Waste sent to landfills	—	—	—	—
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	Yes
Water policy	No	No	No	No
Water consumption	—	—	—	—
<b>Social</b>				
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	No
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	No
Pct women in workforce	—	—	18	26
Pct disabled in workforce	—	—	—	—
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	0	0	0	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	0	0	0	—
Training policy	No	No	No	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No
Number of employees – CSR	—	2,380	2,124	2,304
Employee turnover pct	—	—	—	—
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	—	—	13,785	17,303
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Governance</b>				
<b>Board size</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>No. of independent directors (ID)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
No. of women on board	1	1	1	1
No. of non-executive directors on board	4	3	4	4
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	7	7	7	8
Board meeting attendance pct	100	100	100	100
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director	45	46	47	43
Age of the oldest director	82	80	81	82
<b>No. of executives / company managers</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
No. of female executives	2	2	2	1
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No
<b>Size of audit committee</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	4	4	4	4
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100
<b>Size of compensation committee</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
No. of ID on compensation committee	3	1	1	1
No. of compensation committee meetings	2	2	3	4
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100
<b>Size of nomination committee</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
No. of nomination committee meetings	2	2	3	4
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100
<b>Sustainability governance</b>				
Verification type	No	No	No	No

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

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ESG score	Methodology	Rating																			
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection process based on the companies' Total Sustainability Scores resulting from the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Only the top-ranked companies within each industry are selected for inclusion.	Be a member and invited to the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) for DJSI. Companies with an S&P Global ESG Score of less than 45% of the S&P Global ESG Score of the highest scoring company are disqualified. The constituents of the DJSI indices are selected from the Eligible Universe.																			
Sustainability Investment List (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	THSI quantifies responsibility in Environmental and Social issues by managing business with transparency in Governance, updated annually. Candidates must pass the preemptive criteria, with two crucial conditions: 1) no irregular trading of the board members and executives; and 2) free float of >150 shareholders, and combined holding must be >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include: 1) CG score of below 70%; 2) independent directors and free float violation; 3) executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social & environmental impacts; 4) equity in negative territory; and 5) earnings in red for > 3 years in the last 5 years.	To be eligible for <b>THSI inclusion</b> , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. <b>SETTHSI Index</b> is extended from the THSI companies whose 1) market capitalization > THB5b (~USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity >0.5% of paid-up capital for at least 9 out of 12 months. The SETTHSI Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.																			
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	An indicator of CG strength in sustainable development, measured annually by the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations.	Scores are rated in six categories: 5 for Excellent (90-100), 4 for Very Good (80-89), 3 for Good (70-79), 2 for Fair (60-69), 1 for Pass (60-69), and not rated for scores below 50. Weightings include: 1) the rights; 2) and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined); 3) the role of stakeholders (25%); 4) disclosure & transparency (15%); and 5) board responsibilities (35%).																			
AGM level By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	It quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and information is transparent and sufficiently disclosed. All form important elements of two out of five the CG components to be evaluated annually. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). <i>(The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&amp;A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.)</i>	The scores are classified into four categories: 5 for Excellent (100), 4 for Very Good (90-99), 3 for Fair (80-89), and not rated for scores below 79.																			
Thai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)	The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. The Certification is good for three years. <i>(Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start by submitting a Declaration of Intent to kick off an 18-month deadline to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification, including risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of managers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.)</i>	The document will be reviewed by a committee of nine professionals. A passed Checklist will move for granting certification by the CAC Council approvals whose members are twelve highly respected individuals in professionalism and ethical achievements.																			
Morningstar Sustainalytics	The Sustainalytics' ESG risk rating provides an overall company score based on an assessment of how much of a company's exposure to ESG risk is unmanaged. <i>Sources to be reviewed include corporate publications and regulatory filings, news and other media, NGO reports/websites, multi-sector information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality &amp; peer reviews.</i>	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>NEGL</th> <th>Low</th> <th>Medium</th> <th>High</th> <th>Severe</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0-10</td> <td>10-20</td> <td>20-30</td> <td>30-40</td> <td>40+</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NEGL	Low	Medium	High	Severe	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+									
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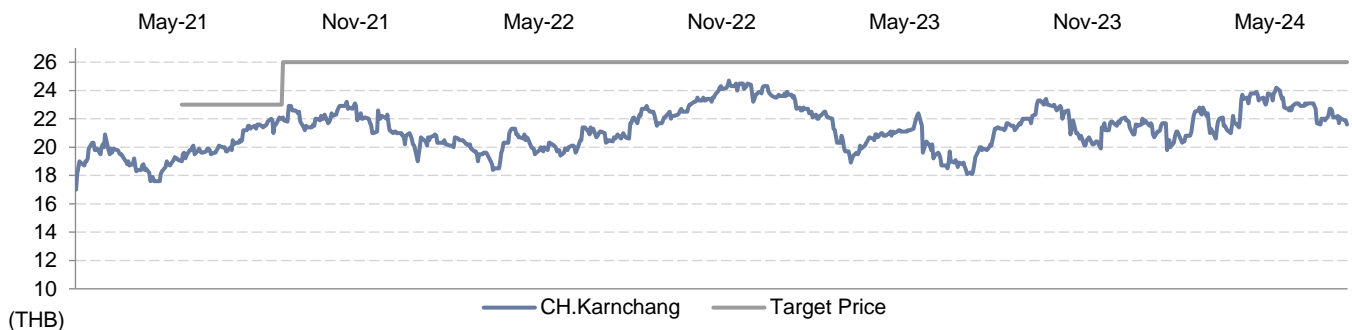
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### History of change in investment rating and/or target price

#### CH.Karnchang (CK TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
13-Aug-2021	BUY	23.00	10-Nov-2021	BUY	26.00	-	-	-

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
CH.Karnchang	CK TB	THB 21.60	BUY	Key downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include 1) delays in the signing of the Orange Line project; 2) auction delays and fewer new projects than expected; 3) political uncertainty; 4) slower-than-expected construction progress and cost overrun; 5) increased building material costs, labor shortages, and a minimum wage hike; and 6) weaker-than-expected performance of associates (BEM, CKP, and LPCL).

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**BUY (B).** The upside is 10% or more.

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