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# **ESSO THAILAND**







# Less attractive on domestic focus

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#### Three key drivers for GRM rebound in 4Q21-2022

We see three factors to support a GRM improvement for ESSO in 2H21-2022. The first is the rising demand for diesel as a heating fuel and jet fuel for the increasing number of intercontinental flights following the global and domestic reopenings in Oct-21 onward. Second, the lower crude premium by over USD1-2/bbl q-q starting in Oct-21 should further support a higher market GRM. Third, the rebound in domestic demand on higher projected economic activities should be the most significant driver for ESSO's rising GRM.

# ESSO is less preferred to TOP and SPRC

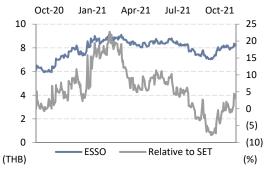
While we project ESSO's GRM to improve starting in 4Q21, we think the GRM improvement will be uneven and ESSO should see a less significant improvement in its GRM than other local refiners. ESSO's earnings growth from its refinery should be less resilient than TOP's and SPRC's due to its more diversified business portfolio, with its refinery earnings accounting for 60-70% of its net profit in 2019-20 vs its oil station (30-40%) and aromatics (-10% to -20%) businesses. As a result, the rebound in market GRM should drive TOP's and SPRC's net profits higher than ESSO's, in our view.

#### Downgrade to HOLD and cut TP to THB8.9

We downgrade ESSO to HOLD from Buy despite our EPS upgrades, as we lower our valuations for ESSO's refinery and oil station units due to the impact of the lockdown. We raise our 2021-23E EPS by 2.2-17.1% to reflect the higher inventory gain embedded in our higher accounting GRM assumptions that more than offsets the decline in the product margin assumptions. However, we cut our SoTP-based TP from THB14.3 to THB8.9, based on our lower 2021E EV/EBITDA multiple from 6x to 5x for the refinery business and lower 2021E P/E from 23x to 14x for the oil station business to reflect the impact of the lockdown on Covid-19.

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Revenue	126,672	134,970	133,441	142,511
Net profit	(7,911)	4,446	5,093	5,730
EPS (THB)	(2.29)	1.28	1.47	1.66
vs Consensus (%)	-	4.7	36.4	38.1
EBITDA	2,367	7,635	8,581	9,311
Core net profit	1,212	4,446	5,093	5,730
Core EPS (THB)	0.35	1.28	1.47	1.66
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	2.2	12.0	17.1
EPS growth (%)	nm	266.9	14.5	12.5
Core P/E (x)	23.6	6.4	5.6	5.0
Dividend yield (%)	-	1.2	6.1	6.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.7	6.1	5.0	4.2
Price/book (x)	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
Net debt/Equity (%)	158.6	94.9	62.3	39.5
ROE (%)	6.6	26.8	24.5	23.1



Share price performan	e 1	Month	3 Month	12 Month				
Absolute (%)		5.8	(0.6)	29.9				
Relative to country (%)		8.7	(2.3)	0.2				
Mkt cap (USD m)				849				
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m) 3.								
Free float (%)				34				
Major shareholder	Exxonmobi	l Asia Ho	ldings Pte.	Ltd. (66%)				
12m high/low (THB)				9.40/5.80				
Issued shares (m)				3,460.86				

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

We believe ESSO will be one of the key refiners in Asia to capture the projected widening diesel-fuel oil spreads. ESSO's earnings growth started to improve from 2017, with 30% of its earnings being derived from non-refinery businesses, including aromatics (10%) and fuel stations (20%). We believe that ESSO's recent change in growth strategy to increase the number of its fuel stations will allow it to not only improve its overall profitability but also position it to benefit from a USD2-4/bbl higher market GRM from a widening diesel-Dubai spread. We believe that higher refined oil demand from its expanded fuel station business will lead to rising refinery utilisation rates of 60-69% in 2021-22. We expect the aromatics margin, mainly the PX-naphtha spread, to remain weak in 2021-22 due to new PX supplies coming on-stream and driving down ESSO's PX earnings.

# Company profile

Owned 66% by ExxonMobil, ESSO is one of Thailand's leading refiners with a 174kbpd refinery capacity and 500ktpa paraxylene (PX) production capacity. ESSO also operates a downstream oil station business.

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# Principal activities (revenue, 2020)

Downstream - 94.4 %

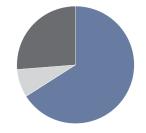


■ Petrochemicals - 5.6 %

Source: Esso Thailand

# **Major shareholders**

- Exxonmobil Asia Holdings Pte. Ltd. - 66.0 %
- Thai NVDR 7.8 %
- Others 26.3 %



Source: Esso Thailand

# **Catalysts**

Higher earnings from its downstream fuel stations, higher refinery utilisation rates, and higher market GRM and PX-naphtha margins are key potential earnings drivers.

#### Risks to our call

The downside risks to our SoTP-based TP on ESSO include 1) lower-than-expected demand for petroleum products; 2) a higher crude premium; and 3) unplanned shutdowns of its refinery and petrochemical plants. The upside risks include 1) higher-than-expected demand for petroleum products; and 2) a lower crude premium.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
Nov 2021	3Q21 results announcement

# **Key assumptions**

	2021E	2022E	2023E
Utilisation rate (%)	75	80	80
GRM (USD/bbl)	6.18	7.45	7.31
Dubai crude oil price (USD/bbl)	65.0	60.0	60.0
Gasoline-Dubai (USD/bbl)	12.0	14.0	14.0
Jet-Dubai (USD/bbl)	6.0	12.0	12.0
Diesel-Dubai (USD/bbl)	6.0	12.0	12.0
HSFO-Dubai (USD/bbl)	(5.0)	(7.0)	(7.0)
PX-naphtha margin (USD/tonne)	382	526	526

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in average Dubai oil price, we project 2021 earnings to rise by 1.2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% rise in market GRM, we estimate that 2021 earnings will rise by 1.4%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- Stability in crude oil prices, rising diesel cracks and low crude premiums are key for its earnings growth.

Source: FSSIA estimates

# Domestic focus makes ESSO less attractive

Among six listed refinery companies, we believe ESSO has been one of the most integrated and diversified refiners in Thailand, with an upstream refinery plant and downstream oil stations and an aromatics plant. However, ESSO has long suffered net losses from its aromatics, mainly paraxylene (PX), with a capacity of 0.5mtpa, due to the high cost structure and the industry's depressed PX-naphtha margin.

Exhibit 1: Net profit vs gross refining margin

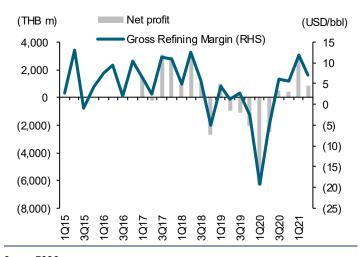
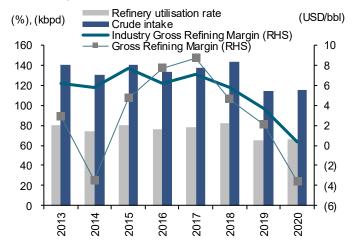


Exhibit 2: Annual refinery utilisation rate, crude intake, GRM, and industry GRM



Source: ESSO Source: ESSO

Meanwhile, ESSO's 175kbpd refinery plant has never run over an 86% utilisation rate because it produces refined oil products to mostly serve the domestic market via its own downstream oil station channel to sell to outside customers. Hence, the domestic demand has significantly influenced ESSO's refinery utilisation, sales volume, and net profit.

**ESSO's GRM vs industry GRM.** Thanks to ESSO's higher production yields of middle distillate products (diesel and jet fuel) at 35-46% of total production vs only 30% for the Singapore benchmark gross refining margin (GRM), ESSO's GRM has mostly been above the industry GRM. ESSO's refinery utilisation rate has hovered around 60-75% since 1Q20 when the Covid-19 pandemic hit Thailand, and has never since recovered to above its average 80% normal utilisation rate seen during 1Q18-2Q19.

Exhibit 3: ESSO's GRM vs industry GRM

Source: ESSO

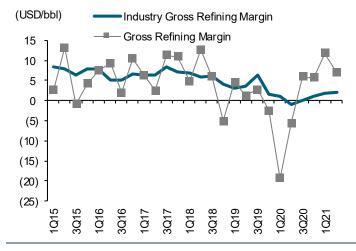
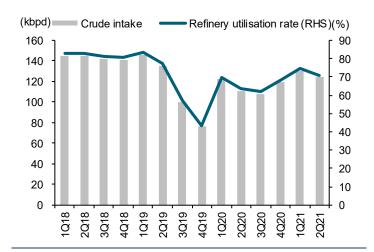


Exhibit 4: Crude intake vs refinery utilisation rate



Source: ESSO

**ESSO's GRM vs Thai peers' GRMs.** Unlike other Thai refiners, ESSO does not disclose its inventory gains in THB or USD amounts or units but reveals only the aggregate accounting GRM, which includes both inventory gains/losses and the market GRM. Hence, we estimate that ESSO generated net losses in 1Q20-2Q21 even though it posted a high accounting GRM due to hefty inventory gains. The refinery net losses incurred in 1Q20-2Q21 are in tandem with other refiners which saw their market GRMs (operating GRMs) stay below their costs, thanks to the depressed product margins and weak demand caused by the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak.

Exhibit 5: TOP, SPRC, BCP - market GRM

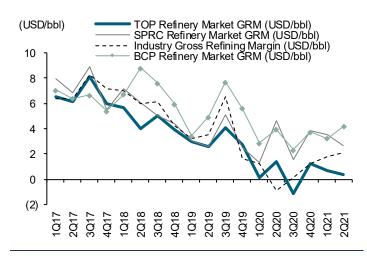
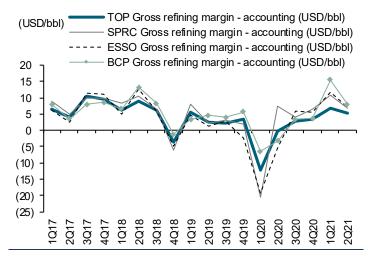


Exhibit 6: TOP, SPRC, ESSO, BCP – gross refining margin



Source: Company data

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Recent market GRM recovery is on track. Using Thai Oil (TOP TB, BUY, TP THB67)'s GRM from Bloomberg as a proxy for Thai refiners' GRMs, we believe it is now evident that the market GRMs for Thai refiners and ESSO are poised for a sustainable recovery starting in Sep-21 into the upcoming winter season. We project that the market GRMs for ESSO and other Thai refiners will improve by USD2-3/bbl from their bottoms in 1H21 at USD0.4/bbl for TOP and USD2-3/bbl for other refiners.

Exhibit 7: TOP's GRM vs Singapore GRM (daily)

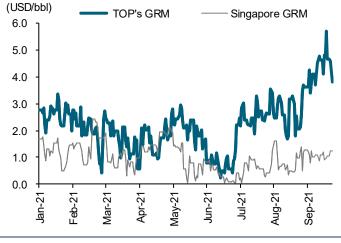
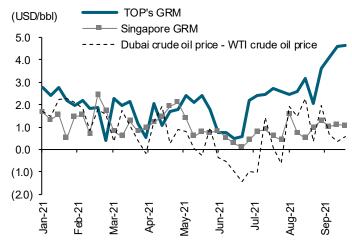


Exhibit 8: TOP's GRM vs Singapore GRM (weekly)

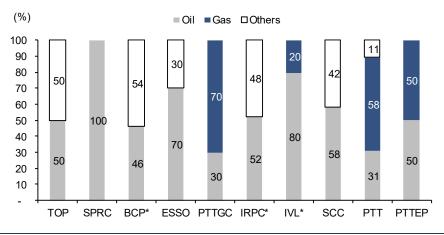


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Reasons why we project an improvement in ESSO's GRM in 4Q21-2022. We see three factors to support a GRM improvement for ESSO in 2H21-2022. The first is the rising demand for diesel as a heating fuel and jet fuel for the increasing number of intercontinental flights following the global and domestic reopenings in Oct-21 onward. Second, the lower crude premium by over USD1-2/bbl q-q starting in Oct-21 should further support a higher market GRM. Third, the rebound in domestic demand on higher projected economic activities should be the most significant driver for ESSO's higher GRM.

Exhibit 9: Net profit breakdown by oil, gas, and others



\*EBITDA breakdown for BCP, IRPC, and IVL Sources: Companies; FSSIA estimates

Business model: ESSO vs local peers. While we project ESSO's GRM to improve starting in 4Q21, we think the GRM improvement will be uneven and ESSO should see a less significant improvement in its GRM than other local refiners. ESSO's earnings growth from its refinery should be less resilient than TOP's and Star Petroleum Refining (SPRC TB, BUY, TP THB11)'s due to its more diversified business portfolio, with its refinery earnings accounting for 60-70% of its net profit in 2019-20 vs its oil station (30-40%) and aromatics (-10% to -20%) businesses. As a result, the rebound in market GRM should drive TOP's and SPRC's net profits higher than ESSO's, in our view.

Meanwhile, ESSO's production yield is geared toward higher gasoline and lower diesel and jet yields, the two products for which we expect to see the most significant improvement in margin over crude in 4Q21-2022. While SPRC has a smaller production yield of middle distillate products at 39%, the lowest among six Thai refiners, vs ESSO's 44% (the second lowest yield), SPRC, as a pure play refinery company, is in a better position to capture the improvement in the market GRM, in our view.

Exhibit 10: Production yields of Thai refiners as of 2Q21

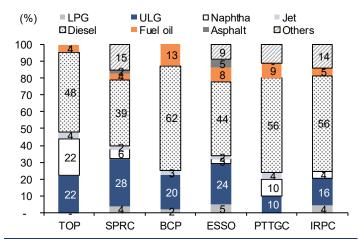
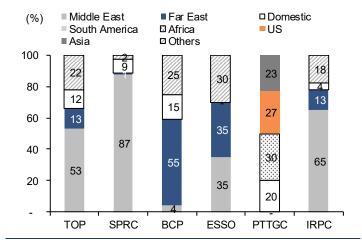


Exhibit 11: Crude mix breakdown of Thai refiners as of 2Q21

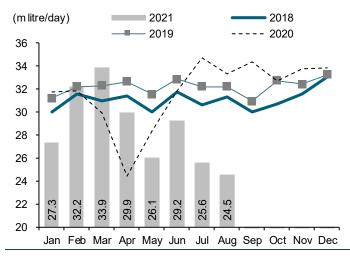


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# Thailand's refined oil demand recovery

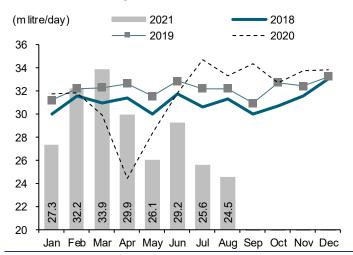
Due to the tight lockdown in Jul-Aug 2021, Thailand saw a sharp drop in the demand for gasoline, diesel, and LPG in Jul-Aug after the sharp demand rebound in Feb-Mar 2021 when the Thai government reopened economic activities.

Exhibit 12: Consumption in Thailand – gasoline



Source: Department of Energy Business, Ministry of Energy (DOEB)

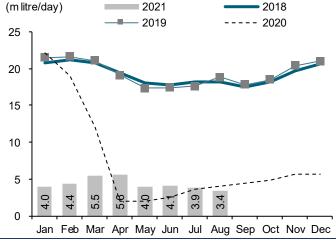
Exhibit 13: Consumption in Thailand – diesel



Source: DOEB

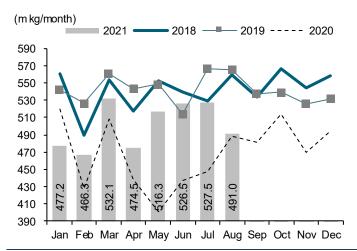
Given that the Thai government plans to ease the lockdown starting in Oct-21 for domestic activities and in Nov-21 for tourism and international flights, we believe that the demand for all refined oil products, including gasoline (for domestic consumer transportation), diesel (for domestic industrial and commercial logistics), and jet fuel (for domestic and international flights), will rise.

Exhibit 14: Consumption in Thailand – jet fuel



Source: DOEB

Exhibit 15: Consumption in Thailand – LPG



Source: DOEB

# ESSO's high sales in the domestic market

While we think ESSO should be the most significant beneficiary of the expected rebound in the domestic demand for refined oil, we still prefer TOP and SPRC as our two top picks in the Thai refinery sector based on their higher earnings sensitivity to changes in the GRM vs ESSO.

Exhibit 16: Net profit vs GRM

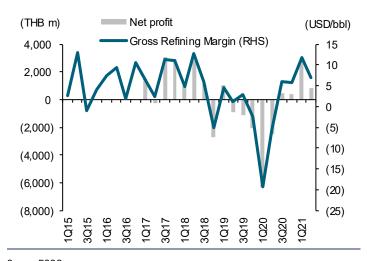
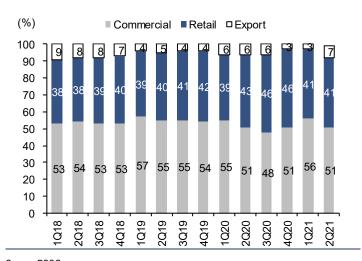


Exhibit 17: Sales channel breakdown



Source: ESSO Source: ESSO

Over 90% of ESSO's sales are in the domestic market. Unlike other refiners with less than 90% of their refinery sales volumes through the domestic market, ESSO has one of the highest sales volumes in the domestic market at 91-97% in 2018-1H21, as its parent, ExxonMobil, has strategically positioned ESSO as a key refinery supplier for Thailand, while ExxonMobil's larger refinery and petrochemical complex in Singapore is used for export markets. Hence, we think the upcoming GRM improvement that we forecast in 4Q21 onward should benefit ESSO's GRM to drive its operating net profit growth significantly.

Exhibit 18: Industry GRM vs ESSO's GRM

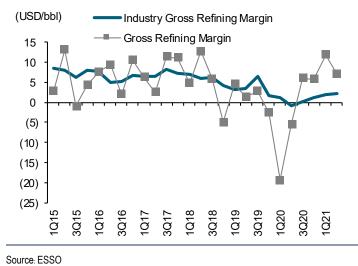
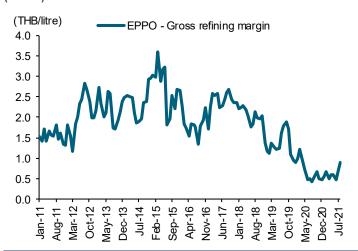


Exhibit 19: GRM by the Energy Policy and Planning Office (EPPO)



Source: EPPO

# ESSO's oil stations suffered from poor demand in 3Q21

We expect ESSO's net profit from its downstream oil stations to improve in 4Q21 onward to THB1b-1.2b annually, driven by a higher sales volume, the resumption of its oil station expansion, and a sustainably high marketing margin (MM) above THB2/litre, based on our estimate.

Exhibit 20: Number of oil stations and new stations

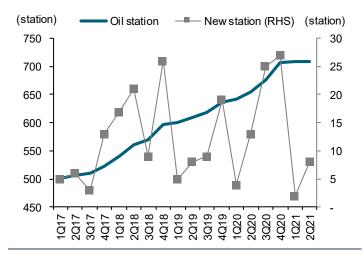
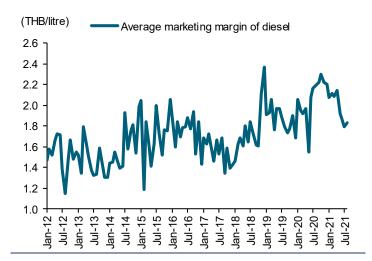


Exhibit 21: Average marketing margin of diesel by EPPO



Source: ESSO Source: EPPO

Thanks to ESSO's 7-9% sales volume proportion of gasoline 95, which commands a much higher MM of THB4-5/litre vs THB1.5-2.2/litre for other common refined oil products (gasohol 91, 95, and biodiesel B10 and B20), we think ESSO should be able to capture higher earnings growth from the reopening in Thailand starting in Oct-21.

Limited downside risk for MM post reopening. We believe ESSO will see a limited downside risk from the potential price cap on biodiesel B10, the key fuel for Thailand's logistics and transportation. Currently, the retail price of B10 is THB27/litre, slightly higher than the THB30/litre threshold that the Thai government has mandated for the price cap in order to reduce the cost of living. However, the biodiesel B7 price has already shot up above THB30/litre in Sep-21, and we think the government may impose a price cap on B7 if the oil price continues to rise.

Ultimately, we expect this to have a limited impact on ESSO, considering that 1) ESSO has sold most of its diesel as B10 after the government changed the mandate from B7 to B10 since 1 Jan-21, and the price of B10 remains below the THB30 threshold; and 2) up to 9% of ESSO's sales volume comes from premium gasoline 95 and diesel supreme, which commands 2-3x higher MM than normal B10.

## Exhibit 22: WTI crude price

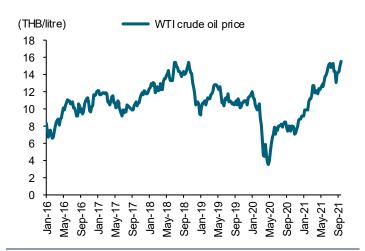
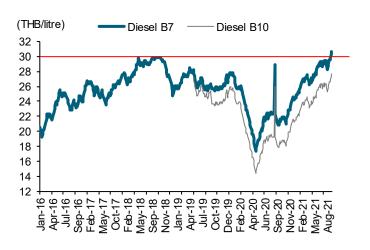


Exhibit 23: Diesel crude price



Source: Bloomberg Source: PTT

**Flood impact on ESSO's oil stations.** Among five listed plays in the oil station industry, we think ESSO will see a limited impact from the current flooding in Thailand, which has covered most of the northern, central, western northeastern, and southern areas where ESSO has a limited presence. Most of ESSO's oil stations are located in Bangkok and northern areas.

Exhibit 24: Major oil station breakdown by region (%)

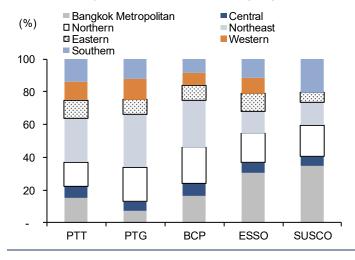
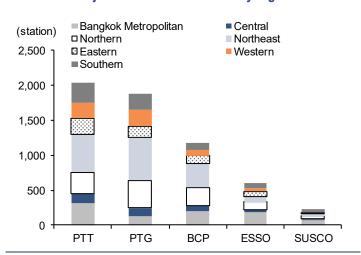


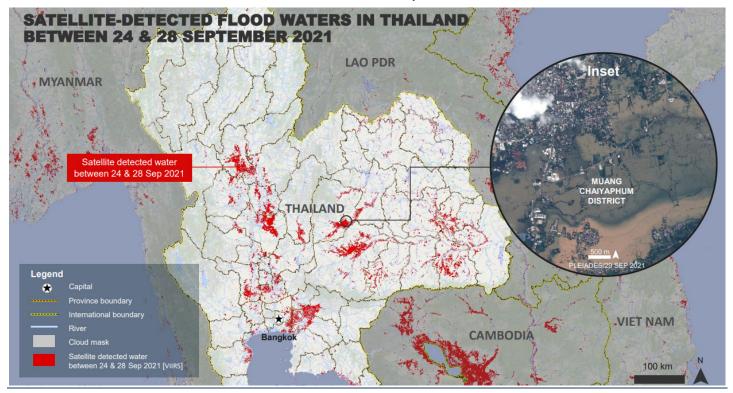
Exhibit 25: Major oil station breakdown by region



Source: DOEB Source: DOEB

According to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), as of 28 Sep-21, there are 19 provinces that have been impacted by flooding, including Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Lampang (upper North of Thailand), Tak (West), Sukhothai, Phitsanulok, Phetchabun, Phichit (lower North), Kamphaeng Phet, Chaiyaphum (Central), Loei, Nakhon Ratchasima, Sisaket (western Northeast), Prachinburi, Sa Kaeo, Chanthaburi (East), Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya (Bangkok suburb), Ratchaburi, and Nakhon Si Thammarat (South).

Exhibit 26: Satellite-detected flood areas in Thailand between 24-28 September 2021



Source: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

## Lower net loss from PX unit in 3Q21 onward

Since 2Q21, ESSO has temporarily shut down its PX plant due to the loss-making margin that has continued since 2020. In 2Q21, ESSO generated a net loss of THB465m from its PX unit. As the PX plant is now shut down, we estimate that ESSO will reduce its net loss to THB0.1b a quarter, mainly from the fixed cost of depreciation for the plant. Thus, we believe that with the PX-naphtha margin at USD200-230/t, ESSO is much better off to temporarily shut its PX plant down and incur a lower net loss.

Exhibit 27: Naphtha spread - paraxylene

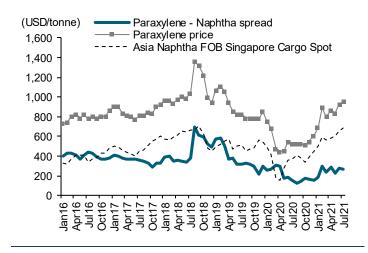
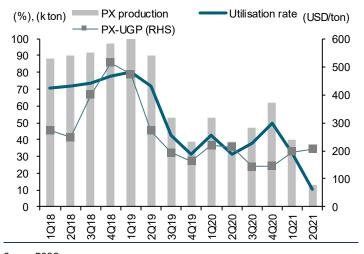


Exhibit 28: Quarterly PX utilisation rate, production, and PX-gasoline margin



Source: Bloomberg Source: ESSO

# 3Q21E results preview

We project ESSO's 3Q21 net profit at THB648m, down 24.5% q-q but up 38.8% y-y. Key points are:

- 1) A lower refinery utilisation rate from 71% in 2Q21 to 68% in 3Q21 due to the weak demand caused by the lockdown;
- 2) A lower accounting GRM from USD7/bbl in 2Q21 down to USD4.8/bbl, given the higher market GRM by USD1.2/bbl q-q to USD3/bbl, which should be offset by a lower inventory gain of USD2.8/bbl in 3Q21, down from USD5/bbl in 2Q21;
- 3) Lower earnings from its oil stations to THB0.2b in 3Q21, down from THB0.3b in 2Q21, as a result of the lower sales volume;
- 4) A lower net loss of THB0.1b for the aromatics unit, down from THB0.465b in 2Q21, as ESSO temporarily shut the plant down.

Exhibit 29: 3Q21E/9M21E results preview

	3Q20	2Q21		3Q21E			9M21E	Change
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)
Revenue	30,465	41,129	40,526	(1.5)	33.0	94,472	120,992	28.1
Operating costs	(29,095)	(39,350)	(39,241)	(0.3)	34.9	(102,944)	(113,769)	10.5
EBITDA	1,370	1,779	1,285	(27.8)	(6.2)	(8,472)	7,223	(185.3)
EBITDA margin (%)	4.5	4.3	3.2	nm	nm	(9.0)	6.0	nm
Depn & amort.	(662)	(696)	(654)	(6.0)	(1.1)	(1,925)	(2,042)	6.0
EBIT	708	1,083	631	(41.7)	(10.9)	(10,397)	5,181	(149.8)
Interest expense	(96)	(76)	(73)	(3.9)	(24.0)	(269)	(231)	(14.1)
Interest & invt inc	6	3	0	(100.0)	(100.0)	64	13	(80.3)
Associates' contrib	67	56	60	7.9	(10.7)	216	186	(14.2)
Exceptionals	(122)	(8)	150	nm	nm	(121)	141	(216.3)
Pretax profit	564	1,058	768	(27.4)	36.2	(10,507)	5,290	(150.3)
Tax	(97)	(199)	(120)	(39.7)	23.3	2,163	(995)	(146.0)
Tax rate (%)	17.3	18.8	15.6	(17.0)	(9.5)	20.6	18.8	(8.7)
Minority interests	0	0	0	nm	nm	0	0	nm
Net profit	467	858	648	(24.5)	38.8	(8,344)	4,295	(151.5)
Non-recurring	147	520	150	(71.2)	2.0	(7,523)	2,440	(132.4)
Core profit	320	338	498	47.3	55.7	(821)	1,855	(325.8)
EPS (THB)	0.13	0.25	0.19	(24.5)	38.8	(2.41)	1.24	(151.5)
Core EPS (THB)	0.09	0.10	0.14	47.3	55.7	(0.24)	0.54	(325.8)

Sources: ESSO; FSSIA estimates

# **EPS** and target price revisions

We downgrade ESSO to HOLD from Buy despite our EPS upgrades, as we lower our valuations for ESSO's refinery and oil station units to incorporate the impact of the lockdown. We raise our 2021-23E EPS by 2.2-17.1% to reflect the higher inventory gain embedded in our higher accounting GRM assumptions that more than offsets the decline in the product margin assumptions. However, we cut our SoTP-based TP from THB14.3 to THB8.9, based on the following assumptions:

- A lower 2021E EV/EBITDA multiple from 6x to 5x for the refinery business due to the weaker-than-expected operating GRM in 1H21 despite the higher-thanexpected inventory gain;
- We cut our 2021E P/E from 23x to 14x for the oil station business to reflect the negative impact of the lockdown on Covid-19;
- Maintain our 3x 2021E EV/EBITDA for the aromatics unit as we think the temporary shutdown still justifies the downcycle 3x EV/EBITDA valuation.

Exhibit 30: Key changes in assumptions

		Current			Previous		Change (%)			
	2021E	2022E	2023E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2021E	2022E	2022E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)					
Revenue	134,970	133,441	142,511	120,249	131,809	132,862	12.2	1.2	7.3	
Gross profit	12,628	13,518	14,584	15,402	15,713	16,176	(18.0)	(14.0)	(9.8)	
Operating profit	5,465	6,366	7,050	5,487	5,664	6,012	(0.4)	12.4	17.3	
Core net profit	4,446	5,093	5,730	4,351	4,549	4,892	2.2	12.0	17.1	
Core EPS (THB/share)	1.28	1.47	1.66	1.26	1.31	1.41	2.2	12.0	17.1	
Key assumptions										
Utilisation rate (%)	75	80	80	80.0	80.0	80	(5.0)	-	-	
GRM (USD/bbl)	6.18	7.45	7.31	5.89	6.90	7.05	4.9	8.0	3.7	
Dubai crude oil price (USD/bbl)	65.0	60.0	60.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	30.0	20.0	20.0	
Gasoline-Dubai (USD/bbl)	12.0	14.0	14.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	-	
Jet-Dubai (USD/bbl)	6.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	15.0	15.0	(45.5)	(20.0)	(20.0)	
Diesel-Dubai (USD/bbl)	6.0	12.0	12.0	14.2	14.2	14.2	(57.7)	(15.4)	(15.4)	
HSFO-Dubai (USD/bbl)	(5.0)	(7.0)	(7.0)	(5.0)	(7.0)	(7.0)	-	-	-	
PX-naphtha margin (USD/tonne)	382	526	526	382	382	382	-	37.7	37.7	

Note: Change of items in percentage terms are represented in ppt change

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 31: ESSO – SoTP valuation

ESSO valuation	THB m	THB/shr	Comments
Refinery	23,770	6.9	At 5x 2021E EV/EBITDA
Oil station	23,554	6.8	At 14x 2021E P/E
Aromatics	1,544	0.4	At 3x 2021E EV/EBITDA
Net debt	(17,842)	(5.3)	2021E net debt
Total value	31,026	8.9	

Source: FSSIA estimates

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Revenue	169,348	126,672	134,970	133,441	142,511
Cost of goods sold	(164,146)	(119,088)	(122,341)	(119,923)	(127,926)
Gross profit	5,202	7,584	12,628	13,518	14,584
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	_
Operating costs	(6,110)	(5,217)	(4,994)	(4,937)	(5,273)
Operating EBITDA	(908)	2,367	7,635	8,581	9,311
Depreciation	(3,198)	(3,197)	(2,169)	(2,215)	(2,261)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	(4,106)	(830)	5,465	6,366	7,050
Net financing costs	(313)	(358)	(372)	(319)	(246)
Associates	380	285	346	233	265
Recurring non-operating income	462	352	416	307	343
Non-recurring items	0	(9,123)	0	0	0
Profit before tax	(3,957)	(9,958)	5,510	6,353	7,147
Tax	893	2,048	(1,063)	(1,259)	(1,416)
Profit after tax	(3,065)	(7,910)	4,447	5,094	5,731
Minority interests	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Preferred dividends	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ô
Other items	-	-	-	_	_
Reported net profit	(3,066)	(7,911)	4,446	5,093	5,730
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	9,123	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	(3,066)	1,212	4,446	5,093	5,730
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	(0.89)	0.35	1.28	1.47	1.66
Reported EPS	(0.89)	(2.29)	1.28	1.47	1.66
DPS	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.50	0.50
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	3,461	3,461	3,461	3,461	3,461
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(15.7)	(25.2)	6.6	(1.1)	6.8
Operating EBITDA (%)	nm	nm	222.5	12.4	8.5
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	nm	nm	16.5	10.8
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	266.9	14.5	12.5
Reported EPS (%)	nm	nm	nm	14.5	12.5
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	1.2	3.5	7.7	8.5	8.6
Gross margin of key business (%)	1.2	(3.7)	7.7	8.5	8.6
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	(0.5)	1.9	5.7	6.4	6.5
Operating EBIT margin (%)	(2.4)	(0.7)	4.0	4.8	4.9
Net margin (%)	(1.8)	1.0	3.3	3.8	4.0
Effective tax rate (%)	20.6	20.0	20.6	20.6	20.6
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	(11.3)	-	7.8	34.0	30.2
Interest cover (X)	(11.6)	(1.3)	15.8	20.9	30.1
Inventory days	41.7	49.4	38.3	37.8	36.2
Debtor days	13.7	16.6	15.6	19.4	21.7
Creditor days	13.4	14.5	13.0	12.8	12.3
Operating ROIC (%)	(7.8)	(1.7)	(5.8)	(6.7)	(7.3)
ROIC (%)	(5.8)	(0.7)	(4.2)	(4.8)	(5.2)
ROE (%)	(12.8)	6.6	26.8	24.5	23.1
ROA (%)	(4.4)	2.3	6.8	7.6	8.4
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	, ,	-		-	
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Downstream	156,148	119,542	124,245	123,211	131,621

Sources: Esso Thailand; FSSIA estimates

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cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023
Recurring net profit	(3,066)	1,212	4,446	5,093	5,73
Depreciation	3,198	3,197	2,169	2,215	2,26
associates & minorities	82	67	70	74	7
Other non-cash items	(7.440)	-	-	-	/4 00
Change in working capital	(7,442)	10,787	(306)	(1,289)	(1,26
Cash flow from operations	(7,228)	15,263	6,380	6,093	6,80
Capex - maintenance Capex - new investment	(4,819)	(4,911)	(4,911)	(4,911)	(4,91
let acquisitions & disposals	(2,187)	(2,728)	(3,664)	(3,629)	(3,62
other investments (net)	111	1,420	0	0	
cash flow from investing	(6,895)	(6,219)	(8,575)	(8,540)	(8,54
Dividends paid	(692)	(346)	0	(1,038)	(1,73
quity finance	0	0	0	0	(1,10
Debt finance	12,198	(807)	(1,000)	(3,000)	(3,00
Other financing cash flows	2,411	(7,905)	7,127	7,088	7,08
Cash flow from financing	13,917	(9,058)	6,127	3,050	2,35
lon-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Novement in cash	(206)	(15)	3,933	603	62
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(13,801.38)	9,403.75	(1,819.55)	(2,082.50)	(1,435.4
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	486.52	331.16	3,932.67	1,641.00	2,352.4
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(3.99)	2.72	(0.53)	(0.60)	(0.4
CFE per share	0.14	0.10	1.14	0.47	0.6
Recurring cash flow per share	0.06	1.29	1.93	2.13	2.3
salance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023
angible fixed assets (gross) ess: Accumulated depreciation	68,899 (43,300)	69,994	71,372 (47,413)	72,750 (49,628)	74,12 (51,88
angible fixed assets (net)	25,599	(45,244) <b>24,750</b>	23,959	23,122	22,24
ntangible fixed assets (net)	181	181	181	181	18
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	.,
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	3,557	2,137	2,137	2,137	2,13
Cash & equivalents	277	262	4,194	4,797	5,4
/C receivable	6,464	5,083	6,433	7,767	9,19
nventories	19,085	13,144	12,543	12,295	13,1
Other current assets	6,152	4,432	4,722	4,669	4,98
Current assets	31,978	22,921	27,892	29,528	32,7
Other assets	4,927	11,388	11,388	11,388	11,38
otal assets	66,242	61,378	65,558	66,357	68,68
Common equity	22,110	14,352	18,799	22,854	26,85
finorities etc.	7	7	8	9	•
otal shareholders' equity	22,118	14,360	18,807	22,862	26,86
ong term debt	4,167	6,333	6,333	6,333	6,33
Other long-term liabilities	3,281	5,239	5,239	5,239	5,23
ong-term liabilities	7,448	11,573	11,573	11,573	11,57
√C payable	5,020	4,452	4,248	4,164	4,44
Short term debt	19,677	16,703	15,703	12,703	9,70
Other current liabilities	11,979	14,291	15,228	15,055	16,07
Current liabilities	36,676	35,446	35,178	31,922	30,22
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	66,242	61,378	65,558	66,357	68,6
let working capital	14,702	3,916	4,222	5,511	6,7
nvested capital Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	48,966	42,373	41,888	42,340	42,7
includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	eing treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	6.39	4.15	5.43	6.60	7.
angible book value per share	6.34	4.09	5.38	6.55	7.
inancial strength					
let debt/equity (%)	106.6	158.6	94.9	62.3	39
let debt/total assets (%)	35.6	37.1	27.2	21.5	15
Current ratio (x)	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9	1
CF interest cover (x)	9.5	9.6	21.4	17.5	25
'aluation	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023
lecurring P/E (x) *	(9.3)	23.6	6.4	5.6	5
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	(10.0)	25.4	6.9	6.0	5
Reported P/E (x)	(9.3)	(3.6)	6.4	5.6	5
lividend yield (%)	1.2	-	1.2	6.1	6
rice/book (x)	1.3	2.0	1.5	1.2	1
rice/tangible book (x)	1.3	2.0	1.5	1.3	1
V/EBITDA (x) **	(57.4)	21.7	6.1	5.0	4
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	(59.9)	22.6	6.4	5.3	4
EV/invested capital (x)	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	0

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4AV	ADVANC	AF	AIRA	AKP	AKR	ALT	AMA	AMATA	AMATAV	ANAN
AOT	AP	ARIP	ARROW	ASP	BAFS	BANPU	BAY	BCP	BCPG	BDMS
BEC	BEM	BGRIM	BIZ	BKI	BLA	BOL	BPP	BRR	BTS	BWG
CENTEL	CFRESH	CHEWA	CHO	CIMBT	CK	CKP	CM	CNT	COL	COMAN
COTTO	CPALL	CPF	CPI	CPN	CSS	DELTA	DEMCO	DRT	DTAC	DTC
DV8	EA	EASTW	ECF	ECL	EGCO	EPG	ETE	FNS	FPI	FPT
SMART	GBX	GC	GCAP	GEL	GFPT	GGC	GPSC	GRAMMY	GUNKUL	HANA
HARN	HMPRO	ICC	ICHI	III	ILINK	INTUCH	IRPC	IVL	JKN	JSP
JWD	K	KBANK	KCE	KKP	KSL	KTB	KTC	LANNA	LH	LHFG
JIT	LPN	MAKRO	MALEE	MBK	MBKET	MC	MCOT	METCO	MFEC	MINT
MONO	MOONG	MSC	MTC	NCH	NCL	NEP	NKI	NOBLE	NSI	NVD
NYT	OISHI	ORI	ОТО	PAP	PCSGH	PDJ	PG	PHOL	PLANB	PLANET
PLAT	PORT	PPS	PR9	PREB	PRG	PRM	PSH	PSL	PTG	PTT
PTTEP	PTTGC	PYLON	Q-CON	QH	QTC	RATCH	RS	S	S&J	SAAM
SABINA	SAMART	SAMTEL	SAT	SC	SCB	SCC	SCCC	SCG	SCN	SDC
SEAFCO	SEAOIL	SE-ED	SELIC	SENA	SIRI	SIS	SITHAI	SMK	SMPC	SNC
SONIC	SORKON	SPALI	SPI	SPRC	SPVI	SSSC	SST	STA	SUSCO	SUTHA
SVI	SYMC	SYNTEC	TACC	TASCO	TCAP	TFMAMA	THANA	THANI	THCOM	THG
HIP	THRE	THREL	TIP	TIPCO	TISCO	TK	TKT	TTB	TMILL	TNDT
NL	TOA	TOP	TPBI	TQM	TRC	TSC	TSR	TSTE	TSTH	TTA
TCL	TTW	TU	TVD	TVI	TVO	TWPC	U	UAC	UBIS	UV
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/GI	VIH	WACOAL	WAVE	WHA	WHAUP	WICE	WINNER	TRUE		
ERY GOO	OD LEVEL									
2S	ABM	ACE	ACG	ADB	AEC	AEONTS	AGE	AH	AHC	AIT
ALLA	AMANAH	AMARIN	APCO	APCS	APURE	AQUA	ASAP	ASEFA	ASIA	ASIAN
ASIMAR	ASK	ASN	ATP30	AUCT	AWC	AYUD	В	BA	BAM	BBL
BFIT	BGC	BJC	BJCHI	BROOK	BTW	CBG	CEN	CGH	CHARAN	CHAYO
						COLOR				
CHG	CHOTI	CHOW	CI	CIG	CMC		COM7	CPL	CRC	CRD
CSC	CSP	CWT	DCC	DCON	DDD	DOD	DOHOME	EASON	EE	ERW
STAR	FE	FLOYD	FN	FORTH	FSS	FTE	FVC	GENCO	GJS	GL
GLAND	GLOBAL	GLOCON	GPI	GULF	GYT	HPT	HTC	ICN	IFS	ILM
MH	INET	INSURE	IRC	IRCP	IT	ITD	ITEL	J	JAS	JCK
ICKH	JMART	JMT	KBS	KCAR	KGI	KIAT	KOOL	KTIS	KWC	KWM
_&E	LALIN	LDC	LHK	LOXLEY	LPH	LRH	LST	М	MACO	MAJOR
MBAX	MEGA	META	MFC	MGT	MILL	MITSIB	MK	MODERN	MTI	MVP
NETBAY	NEX	NINE	NTV	NWR	OCC	OGC	OSP	PATO	PB	PDG
PDI	PICO	PIMO	PJW	PL	PM	PPP	PRIN	PRINC	PSTC	PT
QLT	RCL	RICHY	RML	RPC	RWI	S11	SALEE	SAMCO	SANKO	SAPPE
SAWAD	SCI	SCP	SE	SEG	SFP	SGF	SHR	SIAM	SINGER	SKE
SKR	SKY	SMIT	SMT	SNP	SPA	SPC	SPCG	SR	SRICHA	SSC
SSF	STANLY	STI	STPI	SUC	SUN	SYNEX	T	TAE	TAKUNI	TBSP
rcc	TCMC	TEAM	TEAMG	TFG	TIGER	TITLE	TKN	TKS	TM	TMC
ΓMD	TMI	TMT	TNITY	TNP	TNR	TOG	TPA	TPAC	TPCORP	TPOLY
ΓPS	TRITN	TRT	TRU	TSE	TVT	TWP	UEC	UMI	UOBKH	UP
JPF	UPOIC	UT	UTP	UWC	VL	VNT	VPO	WIIK	WP	XO
/UASA	ZEN	ZIGA	ZMICO				•			
COORLE	VEI									
OOD LEV	A	ABICO	AJ	ALL	ALUCON	AMC	APP	ARIN	AS	AU
352	BC	BCH	BEAUTY	BGT	BH	BIG	BKD	BLAND	BM	BR
BROCK	BSBM	BSM	BTNC	CAZ	CCP	CGD	CITY	CMAN	CMO	CMR
CPT	CPW	CRANE	CSR	D	EKH	EP	ESSO	FMT	GIFT	GREEN
SSC	GTB	HTECH	HUMAN	IHL	INOX	INSET	IP	JTS	JUBILE	KASET
CM	KKC	KUMWEL	KUN	KWG	KYE	LEE	MATCH	MATI	M-CHAI	MCS
ИDX	MJD	MM	MORE	NC	NDR	NER	NFC	NNCL	NPK	NUSA
OCEAN	PAF	PF	PK	PLE	PMTA	POST	PPM	PRAKIT	PRECHA	PRIME
PROUD	PTL	RBF	RCI	RJH	ROJNA	RP	RPH	RSP	SF	SFLEX
GP .	SISB	SKN	SLP	SMART	SOLAR	SPG	SQ	SSP	STARK	STC
SUPER	SVOA	TC	TCCC	THMUI	TIW	TNH	TOPP	TPCH	TPIPP	TPLAS
TI	TYCN	UKEM	UMS	VCOM	VRANDA	WIN	WORK	WPH	I F IF F	IFLAS
		Description						Score F	Range	
		Excellent						90-1	_	
		Very Good						80-8	39	

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2S	ADVANC	Al	AIE	AIRA	AKP	AMA	AMANAH	AP	AQUA	ARROW
ASK	ASP	AYUD	В	BAFS	BANPU	BAY	BBL	всн	ВСР	BCPG
BGC	BGRIM	BJCHI	BKI	BLA	BPP	BROOK	BRR	BSBM	BTS	BWG
CEN	CENTEL	CFRESH	CGH	CHEWA	СНОТІ	CHOW	CIG	CIMBT	CM	CMC
COL	COM7	CPALL	CPF	CPI	CPN	CSC	DCC	DELTA	DEMCO	DIMET
DRT	DTAC	DTC	EASTW	ECL	EGCO	FE	FNS	FPI	FPT	FSS
FTE	GBX	GC	GCAP	GEL	GFPT	GGC	GJS	GPSC	GSTEEL	GUNKUL
HANA	HARN	HMPRO	HTC	ICC	ICHI	IFS	INET	INSURE	INTUCH	IRPC
ITEL	IVL	K	KASET	KBANK	KBS	KCAR	KCE	KGI	KKP	KSL
KTB	KTC	KWC	L&E	LANNA	LHFG	LHK	LPN	LRH	М	MAKRO
MALEE	MBAX	MBK	MBKET	MC	MCOT	MFC	MFEC	MINT	MONO	MOONG
MPG	MSC	MTC	MTI	NBC	NEP	NINE	NKI	NMG	NNCL	NSI
NWR	occ	OCEAN	OGC	ORI	PAP	PATO	РВ	PCSGH	PDG	PDI
PDJ	PE	PG	PHOL	PL	PLANB	PLANET	PLAT	PM	PPP	PPPM
PPS	PREB	PRG	PRINC	PRM	PSH	PSL	PSTC	PT	PTG	PTT
PTTEP	PTTGC	PYLON	Q-CON	QH	QLT	QTC	RATCH	RML	RWI	S & J
SABINA	SAT	SC	SCB	SCC	sccc	SCG	SCN	SEAOIL	SE-ED	SELIC
SENA	SGP	SIRI	SITHAI	SMIT	SMK	SMPC	SNC	SNP	SORKON	SPACK
SPC	SPI	SPRC	SRICHA	SSF	SSSC	SST	STA	SUSCO	SVI	SYNTEC
TAE	TAKUNI	TASCO	TBSP	TCAP	TCMC	TFG	TFI	TFMAMA	THANI	THCOM
THIP	THRE	THREL	TIP	TIPCO	TISCO	TKT	TTB	TMD	TMILL	TMT
TNITY	TNL	TNP	TNR	TOG	TOP	TPA	TPCORP	TPP	TRU	TSC
TSTH	TTCL	TU	TVD	TVI	TVO	TWPC	U	UBIS	UEC	UKEM
UOBKH	UWC	VGI	VIH	VNT	WACOAL	WHA	WHAUP	WICE	WIIK	XO
ZEN	TRUE									
DECLARE	D									
7UP	ABICO	AF	ALT	AMARIN	AMATA	AMATAV	ANAN	APURE	B52	BKD
ВМ	BROCK	BUI	СНО	CI	сотто	DDD	EA	EFORL	EP	ERW
ESTAR	ETE	EVER	FSMART	GPI	ILINK	IRC	J	JKN	JMART	JMT
JSP	JTS	KWG	LDC	MAJOR	META	NCL	NOBLE	NOK	PK	PLE
ROJNA	SAAM	SAPPE	SCI	SE	SHANG	SINGER	SKR	SPALI	SSP	STANLY
SUPER	SYNEX	THAI	TKS	TOPP	TRITN	TTA	UPF	UV	WIN	ZIGA

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Source: The Securities and Exchange Commission, Thailand; \* FSSIA's compilation

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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
09-Oct-2018 18-Jul-2019 03-Dec-2019 26-Feb-2020	BUY BUY BUY BUY	20.00 16.80 11.20 11.00	01-Apr-2020 26-May-2020 26-May-2020 31-Jul-2020	BUY BUY BUY BUY	6.20 6.50 6.50 11.00	11-Aug-2020 18-Jan-2021	BUY BUY	9.90 14.30

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
09-Oct-2018	BUY	99.00	23-Mar-2020	BUY	45.00	18-Jan-2021	BUY	74.00
18-Dec-2018	BUY	86.00	08-Jun-2020	BUY	62.00	15-Feb-2021	BUY	74.00
06-Aug-2019	BUY	87.00	08-Jun-2020	BUY	62.00	19-May-2021	BUY	74.00
12-Feb-2020	BUY	77.00	21-Aug-2020	BUY	62.00	30-Jul-2021	BUY	67.00

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# Star Petroleum Refining (SPRC TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
09-Oct-2018 26-Feb-2019 01-Aug-2019 11-Dec-2019 31-Mar-2020	HOLD HOLD BUY BUY BUY	16.00 10.80 14.50 13.20 6.00	12-May-2020 02-Jun-2020 18-Jun-2020 30-Oct-2020 18-Jan-2021	BUY BUY BUY BUY BUY	6.90 8.00 8.00 8.00 12.00	22-Feb-2021 28-May-2021 03-Aug-2021	BUY BUY BUY	12.00 12.00 11.00

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Esso Thailand	ESSO TB	THB 8.25	HOLD	The downside risks to our SoTP-based TP on ESSO include 1) lower-than-expected demand for petroleum products; 2) a higher crude premium; and 3) unplanned shutdowns of its refinery and petrochemical plants. The upside risks include 1) higher-than-expected demand for petroleum products; and 2) a lower crude premium.
Thai Oil	TOP TB	THB 53.50	BUY	Downside risks to our EV/EBITDA-based TP are a sharp rise in oil price and weak demand for refined oil products.
Star Petroleum Refining	SPRC TB	THB 10.10	BUY	TP is based on EV/EBITDA. Downside risks are a sharp rise in oil price and weak demand for refined oil products.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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