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TOTAL ACCESS COMMUNICATION DTAC TB

THAILAND / ICT

BUY

FROM HOLD

TARGET PRICE THB55.50
CLOSE THB44.75
UP/DOWNSIDE +24.0%
PRIOR TP THB42.00
CHANGE IN TP +32.1%
TP vs CONSENSUS +2.2%

The real winner from the merger

- No individual positive catalysts for the short term; catalysts for the next six months will be based on the amalgamation.
- Expect 80% probability that the merger could be successful.
- Upgrade to BUY with 2023 TP of THB55.50, based on the expectation that the amalgamation is successful.

Competition could continue to pressure the industry

We believe the mobile service industry could face intense competition throughout the year. Unlimited fixed speeds, with a high internet speed of 15Mbps at the price of THB200 per month will be the key pressure point to drag down average revenue per user (ARPU), in our view. Although the recovery of the Thai economy and tourist arrivals could boost the industry's revenue, the high competition may offset these benefits, resulting in continually weak mobile revenue. As a result, we expect DTAC's revenue to be flat in 2022, while its net profit should grow by only 4% to THB3,551m.

NBTC is the final stage

Though DTAC's earnings outlook is unexciting, the market has overlooked this issue, in our opinion. DTAC's share price movement is now 100% based on the amalgamation with True Corporation (TRUE TB, BUY, TP THB5.40). The amalgamation is still under consideration by the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC). We expect the final decision from the NBTC to come out around Jul-22; delayed by about one month from the previous timeline.

80% probability that the merger could be successful

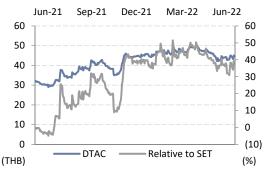
We believe there is an 80% probability that the amalgamation could be successful. The NBTC will likely allow this transaction but will monitor the competition closely. Moreover, we expect the competition to continue to pressure industry ARPU until 2023. Therefore, we have not increased our revenue estimate for the Mergerco due to the competition offset. The key merger catalyst would mainly be from the cost and CAPEX savings that we expect to be around THB9b in 2023 onward.

Upgrade to BUY with a new 2023 TP of THB55.50

We upgrade our 2023 DCF-TP to THB55.50 on the amalgamation. We include the potential synergy, cost and CAPEX savings from the merger into our TP. We prefer DTAC over TRUE, if the amalgamation is successful as 1) DTAC has the potential to pay an interim dividend this year before the merger; 2) the conversion ratio of DTAC to Mergerco is slightly better than TRUE; and 3) there is a smaller downside risk if the merger is not successful – we expect a TP downside for DTAC of THB39.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Revenue	81,321	81,388	83,772	84,615
Net profit	3,356	3,551	3,253	4,074
EPS (THB)	1.42	1.50	1.37	1.72
vs Consensus (%)	-	(8.0)	(28.0)	(24.7)
EBITDA	29,989	30,005	31,272	32,331
Core net profit	3,422	3,551	3,253	4,074
Core EPS (THB)	1.45	1.50	1.37	1.72
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	(21.8)	(23.1)	nm
EPS growth (%)	(37.2)	3.8	(8.4)	25.2
Core P/E (x)	31.0	29.8	32.6	26.0
Dividend yield (%)	4.7	4.0	3.1	3.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.0
Price/book (x)	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	275.3	289.6	294.9	285.7
ROE (%)	15.4	18.1	17.3	21.7



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	2.3	(4.3)	42.1
Relative to country (%)	1.7	(3.4)	41.4
Mkt cap (USD m)			3,047
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			10.2
Free float (%)			29
Major shareholder	Telenor	Asia PTE	LTD (46%)
12m high/low (THB)		5	1.50/28.75
Issued shares (m)			2,367.81

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

DTAC is the third largest mobile service provider in Thailand with a market share of around 20%, operated by Telenor, the mobile operator across the Nordics and Asia.

DTAC and True Corporation (TRUE TB, BUY, TP THB5.40) agreed to amalgamate, thus becoming the biggest mobile operator in Thailand, in terms of mobile subscribers. The amalgamation should create a huge synergy value, CAPEX and cost savings that should make the Megerco grow significantly in the future.

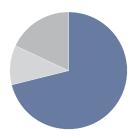
Company profile

DTAC operates telecommunication and other related businesses. The company is the third-largest mobile service provider in Thailand after AIS and True. DTAC is owned by Telenor, a multinational telecommunications company.

www.dtac.co.th

Principal activities (revenue, 2021)

- Mobile service revenue 71.1 %
- Handsets and starter kits sales -10.9 %
- Other operating income 18.0 %



Source: Total Access Communication

Major shareholders

- Telenor Asia PTE LTD 45.9 %
- Thai Telco Holding 19.2 %
- Thai NVDR 8.5 %
- TOT 5.7 %
- Others 20.8 %

Source: Total Access Communication

Catalysts

- Aggressive cost minimisation should help limit the risk of a decrease in the company's net profits;
- Cost and CAPEX savings from the amalgamation.

Key assumptions

Key assumption	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Total subscribers (m)	19.56	20.11	20.76	20.79
Postpaid (m)	6.19	6.25	6.28	6.38
Prepaid (m)	13.38	13.86	14.48	14.41
Blended ARPU (THB/sub/mth)	242	228	225	226
Postpaid APRU (THB/sub/mth)	497	485	485	485
Prepaid APRU (THB/sub/mth)	124	112	112	112

Source: FSSIA estimates

Risks to our call

The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP are if the amalgamation between DTAC and TRUE is unable to proceed, if there is stronger-than-expected competition in the mobile market, and if there is a faster or slower-than-expected adoption of 5G use cases

Event calendar

Date	Event	
Late Jul-22	2Q22 results announcement	

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in mobile blended ARPU, we project 2022 earnings to rise by 5.7%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in mobile subscribers, we project 2022 earnings to rise by 4.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

DTAC is the real winner from the merger

If the amalgamation between DTAC and TRUE gets approval from the NBTC, we believe that investing in DTAC over TRUE would be the better choice as:

DTAC offers more upside to shareholders if converting DTAC's shares to the Mergerco

According to the swap ratio for 1 existing share in DTAC to 6.13444 shares in the Mergerco compared to TRUE for 0.60018 share in Mergerco, the current share price of DTAC will offer more shares for the Mergerco over TRUE. For example, investing in DTAC at the current share price of THB44.75 will net 6.13444 shares in the Mergerco. Investing ten shares in TRUE at the current share price of THB4.62 will convert to only 6.0018 Mergerco shares, which is 4% less than DTAC.

Exhibit 1: Mergerco swap ratio

	Swap ratio	Current outstanding shares	No. of new share in Mergerco	% contribution in Mergerco	Current share price	Mergerco price
	(1)	(2)	(1)x(2)=(3)	(3)x(4)=(5)		(4)x(5)=(6)
		(m)	(THB m)	(%)	(THB)	(THB)
TRUE	0.60018	33,368	20,027	58.0	4.62	7.70
DTAC	6.13444	2,368	14,525	42.0	44.75	7.29
		Total Mergerco shares (4)	34,552			Discount = 5.23%

Sources: DTAC; TRUE; FSSIA compilation

2) DTAC could offer one last dividend before merging

Despite the delay in the consideration from the NBTC that has delayed the amalgamation between DTAC and TRUE and shifted the tender offer date for one month, which may occur in Sep-22, we believe this would be an opportunity for DTAC to pay its interim dividend for one last time in 2022 before merging with TRUE. DTAC typically pays an interim dividend around late July to early Aug. Therefore, thanks to the delay, we have more confidence that DTAC will be able to pay a THB0.9 dividend per share to its shareholders (120% payout ratio) after 2Q22 results are announced.

In comparison, TRUE always pays a dividend once a year after the end of the year. Therefore, DTAC's shareholders would get about a 2% dividend yield before the merger.

3) DTAC has a smaller downside if the deal is rejected by the NBTC

If the amalgamation cannot proceed because the NBTC does not approve the merger, DTAC's and TRUE's share prices would fall significantly. We believe the current share prices of both companies have already priced in the expectation of the merger. DTAC's and TRUE's current share prices are higher than the pre-merger announcement by over 7%.

Based on our DCF-valuation, if the DTAC and TRUE merger cannot proceed, the TPs of both companies would fall to THB39 and THB3.8, respectively. In this case, DTAC would have a smaller downside compared to TRUE. The company's current share price would have only a 13% downside, while TRUE would have an 18% downside.

This is due to the expectation that the Mergerco would be able to reduce its cost of operations significantly, which mainly come from the cost of TRUE. If the merger cannot proceed, the potential for TRUE to reduce its costs may be small and slow, which may cause TRUE to continue to make a loss until 2023. For DTAC, on the other hand, the company has already minimised its losses, so it would likely be able to enjoy a profit in the future.

Exhibit 2: DTAC and TRUE – upside and downside based on the amalgamation

	TP if unable to merger	Downside	Current share price	Mergerco TP	Upside	Tender offer price	Upside
	(THB)	(%)	(THB)	(THB)	(%)	(THB)	(%)
DTAC	39	(13)	44.75	55.50	24	47.76	7
TRUE	3.8	(18)	4.62	5.40	17	5.09	10

Sources: DTAC; TRUE; FSSIA estimates

Mergerco would have strong earnings growth

Based on our assumption of the Mergerco's financial performance, we conservatively maintain our revenue forecast on the Mergerco going forward. We believe the key driver will come from the cost savings as we estimate that the operating costs of DTAC and TRUE are a lot higher than for Advanced Info Service (ADVANC TB, BUY, TP THB250) by over 70%, based on the separate financial performance forecasts for each company in 2023. Therefore, the first task of the Mergerco would be to minimise its costs starting from 2023 onward, in our view. We can break down the two main benefits from the cost savings as follows:

1) Operating cost savings

For the cost side, we reduce our operating expense estimate for 2023 mainly from network OPEX, cost of services, and SG&A expenses by 3.6%. We believe the Mergerco would minimise its operating costs starting from 2023 for a total amount of THB4.4b, with savings increasing in the following years.

Exhibit 3: Operating cost savings from merger

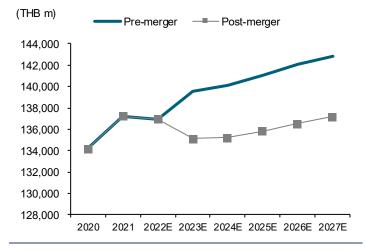


Exhibit 4: Summary of cost and CAPEX savings from merger

	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E
	(THB m)				
Operating cost savings	4,418	4,911	5,268	5,516	5,620
CAPEX savings	3,977	3,777	3,977	4,027	2,447
Total savings	8,395	8,688	9,245	9,543	8,067

Sources: DTAC; TRUE; FSSIA estimates

Source: FSSIA estimates

2) CAPEX savings

DTAC and TRUE have to invest in their networks separately before the amalgamation announcement. Their total CAPEX per year is around THB40b combined, which is higher than ADVANC which invests around THB30-35b per year. We believe that after the merger, in 2023, the Mergerco would need to spend around THB32b per year, which is still higher than ADVANC but would be lower than their investments separately by about THB4b. Therefore, we believe the Mergerco would save about THB4b per year from the decrease in CAPEX required.

As a result, we expect the Mergerco's earnings in 2023 to hit THB8.6b, higher than the separate net profits of DTAC and TRUE by 153%. Note that our assumption is based on the expectation that the amalgamation would be done at the end of this year. If it is delayed longer than our expectation, the cost and CAPEX savings in 2023 would be lower than our current projection.

Exhibit 5: Assumption of financial performance of Mergerco

	DTAC+TRUE financial statement		Mergerc	o financial sta	tement	Change			
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)
	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Operating revenue	231,385	235,238	238,970	231,385	235,238	238,970	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating expense	(139,529)	(140,128)	(141,083)	(135,111)	(135,217)	(135,815)	(3.2)	(3.5)	(3.7)
EBITDA	91,856	95,109	97,887	96,274	100,021	103,156	4.8	5.2	5.4
Depreciation & amortisation	(72,859)	(73,442)	(73,689)	(70,825)	(70,423)	(69,672)	(2.8)	(4.1)	(5.5)
EBIT	18,997	21,667	24,198	25,449	29,598	33,484	34.0	36.6	38.4
Finance expenses	(22,194)	(22,184)	(22,019)	(22,194)	(22,184)	(22,019)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other IS Items	3,090	3,239	3,390	3,090	3,239	3,390	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates	4,017	4,136	4,259	4,017	4,136	4,259	0.0	0.0	0.0
Profit before tax	3,910	6,858	9,829	10,362	14,789	19,115	165.0	115.6	94.5
Tax	(603)	(1,168)	(1,732)	(1,865)	(2,662)	(3,441)	209.4	127.8	98.7
Profit after tax	3,307	5,690	8,098	8,497	12,127	15,674	156.9	113.1	93.6
MI	(80)	(80)	(80)	(80)	(80)	(80)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	3,387	5,770	8,178	8,577	12,207	15,754	153.2	111.6	92.6

Source: FSSIA estimates

Fair value for Mergerco is THB9

With the expectation that the Mergerco's earnings should grow significantly from 2023 onward and that the cost and CAPEX savings would be around THB9b per year, our 2023 DCF-based fair value for the Mergerco would be THB9, based on the total shares numbering 34.6b. We apply WACC = 7.5% and terminal growth of 1.5%.

Exhibit 6: Mergerco DCF valuation

		2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)
EBITDA		96,274	100,021	103,156	105,887	107,258
(less) tax on EBIT		(1,865)	(2,662)	(3,441)	(4,010)	(4,634)
(less) capex & investments		(63,107)	(61,923)	(63,723)	(66,854)	(66,004)
decrease in working cap		(478)	2,566	1,072	1,414	1,142
Free Cash Flow		31,779	32,869	34,919	33,608	35,477
WACC (%)	7.5					
Terminal growth (%)	1.5					
PV of FCF		31,779	30,576	30,217	27,053	26,565
Enterprise value	600,156					
Net debt+cash	(283,804)					
Equity value	311,784					
No. of shares (m)	34,552					
Equity value / share (THB)	9.0					

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: Mergerco fair value to DTAC's and TRUE's TPs

	Swap ratio	Current outstanding shares	No. of new shares in Mergerco	% contribution in Mergerco	Mergerco fair value	Mergerco market cap	% market cap	TP
	(1)	(2)	(1)x(2)=(3)	(3)x(4)=(5)	(6)	(4)x(6)=(7)	(5)x(7)=(8)	(8)/(2)=(9)
		(m)	(THB m)	(%)	(ТНВ)	(THB m)	(%)	(THB)
TRUE	0.60018	33,368	20,027	58.0	9.00	311,784	180,715	5.42
DTAC	6.13444	2,368	14,525	42.0	9.00	311,784	131,069	55.35
		Total (4)	34,552					

Note: Rounded up DTAC's TP from THB55.35 to THB55.50 and rounded down TRUE's TP from THB5.42 to THB5.40 Source: FSSIA estimates

The competition remains intense

In Apr-22, all three mobile operators announced new mobile packages for pre-paid subscribers. The new starting price plan was only THB100 per month and offered unlimited data at the fixed speed of 15Mbps, together with a huge amount of data available for the voice package. The starting price dropped from the minimum price of THB150 that all three operators had always offered.

We see this as a high competition risk for the mobile operator industry. The new unlimited data package at THB100 is the lowest package that we have ever seen. It is lower than the current pre-paid ARPU that had already declined to THB117 in 4Q21. Moreover, the internet speed of 15Mbps is fast enough for consumers who need data for use in daily life. According to the Droidsans website, the 15Mbps speed could have a download speed of 1400-1800KB/s, which enables watching streaming content at a resolution of 2K. For the speed of 20Mbps, the download speed of 1700-2400KB/s enables content streaming at a resolution of 4K.

Although this package may no longer be available at the moment – the current promotion is back to the normal level of THB200 for unlimited data with a fixed speed of 15Mbps – the current promotion is still attractive. We see this as a sign that all mobile operators can still offer this attractive price package if they want to. The current package of THB200 for 15Mbps is still more attractive than the post-paid package. We think this could be the key pressure point to slow down the movement from pre- to post-paid packages.

Exhibit 8: Unlimited fixed speeds on pre-paid packages

	AIS	dtac	True Move H
Internet promotion: Unlimited, max speed 15 Mbps/month	THB100	THB100	THB100
Internet promotion: Unlimited, max speed 20 Mbps/month	-	THB150	THB150
Free calls to all networks	15 mins/time*	Depends on subscription channel	1,000 mins/month
Free SMS	-	-	-
Free WiFi	Applicable*	-	Applicable
Extra charges	Charge THB0.99/min when exceed 15 mins/time	Exceed call charge depends on package	Charge THB0.50/min when exceeding 1,000 mins/month
Other privileges	-	-	Free TrueID Plus account 30 days
Terms and conditions	Mobile number portability / Call centre	Mobile number portability / Call centre	Mobile number portability
Channels for subscription	- Call centre 1175 - Website	- Call centre 1678 - 15 Mbps: call *104*132# - 20 Mbps: call *104*134#	- 15 Mbps: call *900*9726# - 20 Mbps: call *900*9727#
Eligibility period	6 months	6 months	6 months
Application period	No deadline	No deadline	31 Dec 2022

^{*}Must choose either free call 15 mins/time or free WiFi

Source: Droidsans website

Attractive pre-paid package hurts post-paid package

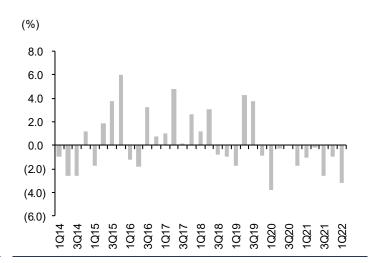
Although both pre- and post-paid ARPU have been in a downtrend for quite a long time, blended ARPU in Thailand remained unchanged from 2015 to 2020. This is thanks to the switch in many customer's packages from pre- to post-paid packages – post-paid packages normally have a higher ARPU than pre-paid – making blended ARPU stable. The number of post-paid customers in Thailand had previously grown every quarter. The proportion increased from 17.5% in 1Q16 to 29.8% in 3Q21 (5 years).

However, there is the potential that pre- to post-paid will grow in the future. The proportion of post-paid subscribers grew from 29.8% in 3Q21 to just 30% in 1Q22, representing the slowest growth rate in the past five years.

Exhibit 9: Industry pre- and post-paid subscribers and blended ARPU

(%) (THB) Post-paid subs Pre-paid subs Blended ARPU (RHS) 100 250 90 240 80 230 70 220 60 210 200 50 40 190 30 180 20 170 10 160 0 150 1017 3017 1018 3018

Exhibit 10: DTAC's blended ARPU q-q growth



Sources: ADVANC; DTAC; TRUE; FSSIA's compilation

Source: DTAC

We believe this was due to the intense competition in pre-paid services, with every mobile operator offering an attractive price plan with an unlimited fixed speed, as mentioned above. The price of THB200 per month is very attractive. Post-paid customers would have to spend about THB400 per month in order to use the same amount of data as pre-paid. This will likely hurt and slow down the transition of pre- to post-paid subscribers. If the competition remains intense in pre-paid, we believe the growth of the post-paid proportion would be limited. As a result, it would hurt blended ARPU, forcing a continued decline.

Exhibit 11: DTAC's subscriber proportion by package

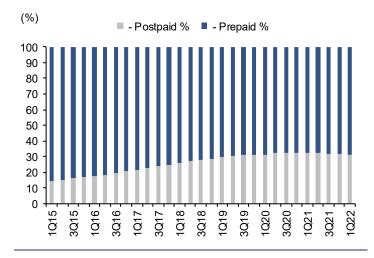
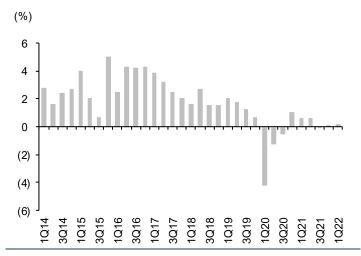


Exhibit 12: Change in post-paid contributions to total subscribers



Source: DTAC Source: DTAC

DTAC has the weakest pre- to post-paid growth in the industry

Compared to the industry, DTAC is the only company that had a declining pre-to-post transition. The company's post-paid subscriber proportion was at 31.2% in 1Q22, declining from its peak in 4Q20 at 32.4%, while other operators' pre-to-post figures still had a tiny amount of growth. We believe this is because DTAC doesn't have full 5G services, as the company lacks a 5G mid-band spectrum, unlike ADVANC and TRUE. This is the key weakness for DTAC in the future, in our opinion.

Competition should continue in 2022 and 2023

Because of the intense competition, unlimited data fixed speeds, and slower-than-expected 5G subscriber growth, we have changed our view toward the competition in the mobile market. We expect the industry's mobile ARPU to continue to decline until 2023, which differs from our previous expectation in our earlier report, "Thailand ICT - The big turning point", on 23 Nov-21, when we expected that mobile ARPU should start to stabilise in 2022 as well as 2023 thanks to lower competition from the amalgamation.

Better outlook in 2H22

With Thailand's border re-opening, FSSIA expects 8.5m tourist arrivals to Thailand this year. We believe the recovery in tourist sims should be a key support catalyst for mobile service revenue in 2H22 onward. On top of that, the Thai economy should also start to recover at the same time. Consumers should consume more mobile data after they have more purchasing power. Hence, we expect that mobile service revenue and earnings for DTAC should start to recover from 2H22 onward. Moreover, DTAC has the biggest tourist sim contribution to its mobile service revenue out of the covered operators. We believe DTAC will be the largest beneficiary of the tourist arrival recovery.

Exhibit 13: Tourist arrivals forecast

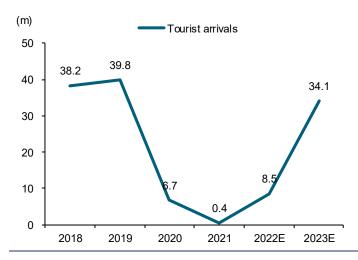
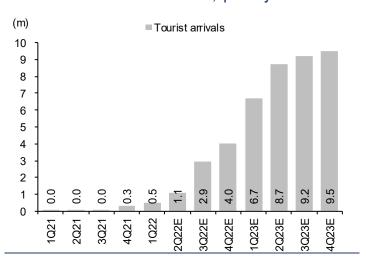


Exhibit 14: Tourist arrivals forecast, quarterly



Source: FSSIA estimates Source: FSSIA estimates

ARPU slowdown

With all of the downsides we've mentioned above, we revise down our ARPU assumption on DTAC from THB255 in 2022 to THB228, but increase the number of subscribers slightly to 20.1m thanks to the better-than-expected subscriber growth in 1Q22 that should continue for the rest of the year, driven by the tourist arrival recovery. These factors prompt us to cut our 2022 revenue estimate by 2% to THB81b, flattish from last year and in line with management's expectation for operating revenue to be flat or experience low single-digit growth.

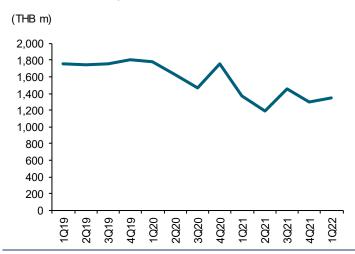
Higher operating cost

On the cost side, DTAC has shown solid cost efficiency management that has led its network OPEX to drop continually since 2017, especially in 2020 on the back of Covid. The company was able to minimise its costs by 20% y-y in 2020 to THB5.3b, compared to THB6.6b in 2019. However, after DTAC started to roll out its 700MHz network in late 2020 until 2021, its network OPEX started to pick up in 2H21 from its bottom in 2Q21. Its network OPEX in 2021 fell only 2% y-y to THB5.2b. This indicates that the cost optimisation that DTAC has aggressively implemented since 2020 may reach its saturation point. It would be a very challenging task for the company to continue to reduce its network OPEX in 2022, in our view, as its cost may have already reached the bottom, and it still has to continue its network rollout.

Exhibit 15: Yearly network OPEX vs mobile service revenue

(THB m) (THB m) Mobile service revenue (RHS) Network OPEX 9,000 60,000 8,000 59,000 7.000 58.000 6,000 57,000 5,000 56,000 4,000 55,000 54.000 3.000 2,000 53,000 1,000 52,000 51,000 2024E 2019 2017 2018 2021

Exhibit 16: Quarterly network OPEX



Sources: DTAC; FSSIA estimates

Source: DTAC

For this reason, we increase our operating cost assumption in 2022. DTAC may face a higher utility expense as Thailand has increased utility costs due to the rising oil price. On top of that, we believe other operating and SG&A expenses may start to be more stable as the company has tried to reduce its costs for almost two years. As a result, we expect DTAC's net profit in 2022 to be at THB3.55b (+4% y-y), lower than our previous expectation by 20%.

Exhibit 17: Key assumption changes

	Current		Pre	vious	Cha	nge
	2022E	2023E	2022E	2023E	2022E	2023E
	(THB m)					
Total subscribers (m)	20.1	20.8	19.7	19.7	2.3	5.7
Blended ARPU (THB/sub/mth)	228	225	255	258	(10.6)	(12.9)
Revenue	81,388	83,772	82,987	84,362	(1.9)	(0.7)
EBITDA	30,005	31,272	31,190	31,577	(3.8)	(1.0)
Core profit	3,551	3,253	4,441	4,498	(20.0)	(27.7)
Margin	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)
EBITDA margin	36.9	37.3	37.6	37.4	(0.7)	(0.1)
NPM	4.4	3.9	5.4	5.3	(1.0)	(1.4)

Source: FSSIA estimates

Slowdown to continue in 2023 if the amalgamation cannot proceed

If the amalgamation is unable to proceed (we expect only a 20% possibility that this deal may not be approved by the NBTC), DTAC may face higher costs in 2023 as it may have to participate the 3500Mhz spectrum auction that is expected to be held in early 2023. The higher amortisation cost from new spectrum is already projected in DTAC's financial performance. Therefore, we expect that the company's earnings in 2023 would decline due to the higher network OPEX and higher amortisation expense. DTAC's 2023 net profit (not including the expectation of cost savings from amalgamation) should fall from 2022 by 8% y-y to THB3.25b.

Exhibit 18: DTAC's mobile subs and ARPU

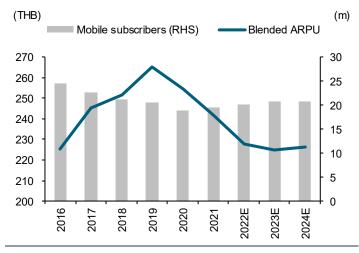
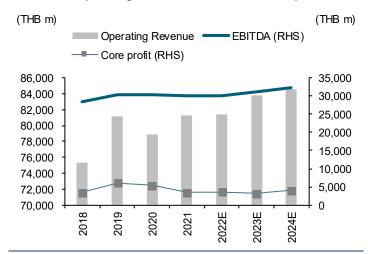


Exhibit 19: Operating revenue, EBITDA, and core profit



Sources: DTAC; FSSIA estimates

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Exhibit 20: Post-paid and pre-paid ARPU trend

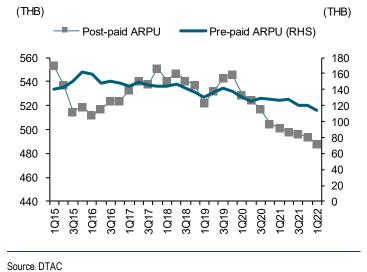
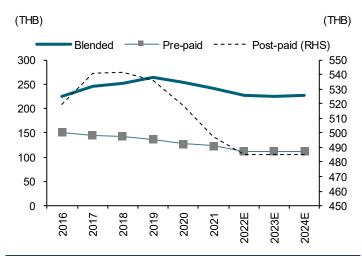


Exhibit 21: ARPU forecasts



Sources: DTAC; FSSIA estimates

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Revenue	78,818	81,321	81,388	83,772	84,615
Cost of goods sold	(35,878)	(39,191)	(39,338)	(40,210)	(39,938)
Gross profit	42,940	42,130	42,050	43,562	44,677
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	(12,747)	(12,141)	(12,045)	(12,289)	(12,345)
Operating EBITDA	30,193	29,989	30,005	31,272	32,331
Depreciation	(20,951)	(22,478)	(22,871)	(24,597)	(24,775)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	9,242	7,511	7,134	6,675	7,557
Net financing costs	(2,859)	(2,830)	(2,736)	(2,665)	(2,608)
Associates	(12)	121	40	40	40
Recurring non-operating income	(79)	(667)	(210)	(160)	(110)
Non-recurring items	(344)	(66)	0	0	0
Profit before tax	5,960	3,948	4,188	3,850	4,838
Tax	(853)	(592)	(637)	(597)	(764)
Profit after tax	5,107	3,356	3,551	3,253	4,074
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	5,107	3,356	3,551	3,253	4,074
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	344	66	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	5,451	3,422	3,551	3,253	4,074
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	2.30	1.45	1.50	1.37	1.72
Reported EPS	2.16	1.42	1.50	1.37	1.72
DPS	2.99	2.10	1.80	1.37	1.72
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	2,368	2,368	2,368	2,368	2,368
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(2.9)	3.2	0.1	2.9	1.0
Operating EBITDA (%)	(0.7)	(0.7)	0.1	4.2	3.4
Operating EBIT (%)	(11.3)	(18.7)	(5.0)	(6.4)	13.2
Recurring EPS (%)	(10.2)	(37.2)	3.8	(8.4)	25.2
Reported EPS (%)	(5.8)	(34.3)	5.8	(8.4)	25.2
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	27.9	24.2	23.6	22.6	23.5
Gross margin of key business (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	38.3	36.9	36.9	37.3	38.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	11.7	9.2	8.8	8.0	8.9
Net margin (%)	6.9	4.2	4.4	3.9	4.8
Effective tax rate (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	129.9	145.3	120.0	100.0	100.0
Interest cover (X)	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.9
Inventory days	8.8	9.0	12.1	12.0	12.4
Debtor days	45.6	45.2	46.0	45.4	45.8
Creditor days	365.1	304.7	294.0	300.2	307.1
Operating ROIC (%)	19.8	19.6	23.4	22.5	25.9
ROIC (%)	7.6	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5
ROE (%)	22.1	15.4	18.1	17.3	21.7
ROA (%)	4.9	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.3
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Mobile service revenue	59,993	57,825	57,204	59,075	59,772
Handsets and starter kits sales	6,980	8,847	8,949	8,929	8,523
Other operating income	11,845	14,649	15,235	15,768	16,320

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Recurring net profit	5,451	3,422	3,551	3,253	4,074
Depreciation	20,951	22,478	22,871	24,597	24,775
Associates & minorities	- (4.400)	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	(1,129)	(295)	514	58 174	(11)
Change in working capital Cash flow from operations	668 25,942	889 26,494	(465) 26,471	28,083	(271) 28,566
Capex - maintenance	(3,932)	(6,408)	(6,760)	(6,760)	(6,760)
Capex - new investment	(16,815)	(15,720)	(15,054)	(16,936)	(17,552)
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	(38)	214	257	(143)	(50)
Cash flow from investing	(20,786)	(21,914)	(21,557)	(23,839)	(24,362)
Dividends paid	(5,872)	(7,506)	(4,617)	(3,757)	(3,664)
Equity finance	0	342	(93)	(1.480)	(1.194)
Debt finance Other financing cash flows	4,000 (5,165)	5,500 (5,988)	(2,100) 0	(1,480) 0	(1,184) 0
Cash flow from financing	(7,037)	(7,651)	(6,810)	(5,237)	(4,848)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	(1,881)	(3,072)	(1,896)	(993)	(644)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	8,014.84	7,409.66	7,650.12	6,909.15	6,812.01
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	3,990.76	4,092.00	2,813.94	2,764.01	3,019.70
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	3.38	3.13	3.23	2.92	2.88
FCFE per share	1.69	1.73	1.19	1.17	1.28
Recurring cash flow per share	10.67	10.81	11.38	11.79	12.18
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	138,226	119,550	131,550	143,550	155,550
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(65,422)	(65,779)	(77,111)	(89,215)	(101,479)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	72,804	53,772	54,439	54,335	54,072
Intangible fixed assets (net)	63,877	76,517	69,971	74,698	67,087
Long-term financial assets Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	4,819 233	4,395 228	4,395 228	4,395 228	4,395 228
Cash & equivalents	6,647	3,575	1,680	686	42
A/C receivable	9,889	10,250	10,258	10,559	10,665
Inventories	634	1,307	1,308	1,346	1,360
Other current assets	4,553	4,595	4,496	4,592	4,625
Current assets	21,722	19,727	17,742	17,183	16,692
Other assets	10,825	9,676	9,420	9,563	9,613
Total assets	174,280	164,315	156,195	160,402	152,086
Common equity Minorities etc.	24,315 0	20,167 0	19,102 0	18,598 0	19,008 0
Total shareholders' equity	24,315	20,167	19,102	18,598	19,008
Long term debt	47,641	51,078	45,328	44,588	43,996
Other long-term liabilities	53,898	45,973	39,690	44,656	37,233
Long-term liabilities	101,539	97,051	85,019	89,245	81,229
A/C payable	34,551	30,879	32,488	33,662	33,554
Short term debt	6,485	8,025	11,675	10,935	10,343
Other current liabilities	7,390	8,191	7,912	7,962	7,952
Current liabilities	48,426	47,096	52,075	52,559	51,849
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity Net working capital	174,281 (26,866)	164,315 (22,919)	156,195 (24,337)	160,402 (25,127)	152,086 (24,856)
Invested capital	125,692	121,668	114,116	118,092	110,539
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is		121,000	114,110	110,002	110,000
Per share (THB)	_				
Book value per share	10.27	8.52	8.07	7.85	8.03
Tangible book value per share	(16.71)	(23.80)	(21.48)	(23.69)	(20.31)
Financial strength	(12.1.1)	(====)	(=)	(====)	(==:-,
Net debt/equity (%)	195.3	275.3	289.6	294.9	285.7
Net debt/total assets (%)	27.2	33.8	35.4	34.2	35.7
Current ratio (x)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
CF interest cover (x)	8.3	8.0	7.5	8.4	8.9
Valuation	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Recurring P/E (x) *	19.4	31.0	29.8	32.6	26.0
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	24.1	38.4	37.0	40.4	32.3
Reported P/E (x)	20.7	31.6	29.8	32.6	26.0
Dividend yield (%)	6.7	4.7 5.2	4.0 5.5	3.1 5.7	3.8
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x)	4.4 (2.7)	5.3 (1.9)	5.5 (2.1)	5.7 (1.9)	5.6 (2.2)
EV/EBITDA (x) **	(2. <i>1</i>) 5.1	(1.9) 5.4	(2.1) 5.4	(1.9) 5.1	(2.2) 5.0
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.7
EV/invested capital (x)	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted *	* EBITDA includes associate	income and recurr	ing non-operating i	ncome	

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Price and TP are in local currency

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True Corporation (TRUE TB) Jun-19 Dec-19 Jun-20 Dec-20 Jun-21 Dec-21 Jun-22 7 6 5 4 3 2 True Corporation Target Price (THB) Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price 29-Dec-2020 HOLD HOLD **REDUCE** 3.00 02-Mar-2021 3.30 19-Oct-2021 4.20

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Advanced Info Service (ADVANC TB) Jun-19 Dec-19 Jun-20 Dec-20 Jun-21 Dec-21 Jun-22 280 260 240 220 200 180 160 140 120 100 Target Price Advanced Info Service (THB) Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price 16-Dec-2020 HOLD 200.00 01-Oct-2021 BUY 220.00

BUY

260.00

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200.00

05-Jan-2022

BUY

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

09-Feb-2021

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Total Access Communication	DTAC TB	THB 44.75	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP are if the amalgamation between DTAC and TRUE is un able to proceed, if there is stronger-than-expected competition in the mobile market, and if there is a faster or slower-than-expected adoption of 5G use cases.
True Corporation	TRUE TB	THB 4.62	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP are if the 5G subscription gains and ARPU are worse than our expectation, if the company can reduce its costs worse than we expect, and if there is a slower-than-expected adoption of 5G use cases.
Advanced Info Service	ADVANC TB	THB 208.00	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP are stronger-than-expected competition in the mobile market and the slower-than-expected adoption of 5G use cases.

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.

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

HOLD (H). The upside or downside is less than 10%.

REDUCE (R). The downside is 10% or more.

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. **Neutral.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months. **Underweight.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be negative 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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