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### EQUITY RESEARCH - INITIATION REPORT

# THAI FOODS GROUP

**TFG TB** 

### THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE

## Cheap valuation and high yield

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- We have a positive outlook on TFG's retail shop business, though it could be offset by declining meat prices.
- Initiate with BUY and TP of THB8; expect 2H22 div yield of 5%.

### One of the top three chicken and pig producers in Thailand

TFG operates a fully integrated agro-industry and food manufacturing business specialising in chicken and swine production with operations in Thailand and Vietnam. In 2020, it expanded in the domestic market via retail shops under the Thai Foods Fresh Market brand. In 9M22, the proportion of TFG's revenue contributions from poultry, swine, feed, and retail shops and others was 45.8%/24.4%/16.4%/13.4%, respectively.

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### Forecast 2023 profit to exceed pre-Covid level

Most Thai swine farmers forecast the African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak to ease in 1H23, which would cause the pig price to decrease in 2H23. We assume a 2023 domestic pig price at THB90 per kg (-9% y-y). When the pig price declines as expected, we think the chicken price will drop as well, much in the same pattern. Hence, we forecast TFG's 2023 chicken ASP at THB49.7 per kg (-15% y-y). We have a positive outlook on its retail shop business, however, as TFG has targeted opening 150-200 new stores in 2023. But this could be offset by the declining meat prices. Overall, we project TFG's 2023 net profit at THB3.63b (-28% y-y), but it should remain substantially higher than the pre-Covid level.

### Valuation looks less expensive

We initiate coverage of TFG with a BUY call and a TP of THB8, based on 13.6x 2023E P/E, in line with local peers. Its valuation looks less expensive at a 2023E P/E of only 9.8x, below its historical average, with a high upside potential of 39%. Aside from that, we expect the company to pay a 2H22 DPS of THB0.29, implying a dividend yield of 5%.



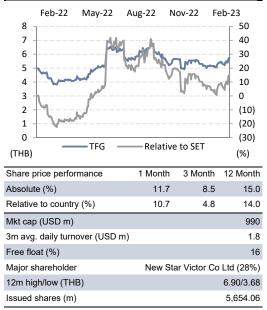


TARGET PRICE	THB8.00
CLOSE	THB5.75
UP/DOWNSIDE	+39.1%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-10.2%

### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Revenue	34,823	50,182	47,829	48,434
Net profit	562	5,020	3,632	3,952
EPS (THB)	0.10	0.86	0.59	0.64
vs Consensus (%)	-	10.5	(24.6)	(8.6)
EBITDA	3,903	9,855	8,035	8,591
Core net profit	562	5,020	3,632	3,952
Core EPS (THB)	0.10	0.86	0.59	0.64
EPS growth (%)	(78.2)	764.3	(31.6)	8.8

Core P/E (x)	57.7	6.7	9.8	9.0
Dividend yield (%)	1.6	6.7	4.6	5.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.3	5.4	6.5	5.9
Price/book (x)	2.8	2.3	2.1	1.9
Net debt/Equity (%)	168.9	136.3	100.8	81.3
ROE (%)	5.0	38.5	23.2	22.2



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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### **Investment thesis**

TFG is one of the top three producers of chicken meat and live pigs in Thailand. The company has the capacity to produce 500,000 chickens per day and supply over 85,000 fattening pigs per month.

We have a positive view on the 2023 chicken export recovery from the low base last year. Also, the swine price should remain strong in 1H23 due to a low production level. Although we estimate the THB/USD exchange rate to strengthen to THB33 from THB35 in 2022, TFG should see a limited impact from the stronger THB due to fully natural hedging.

### **Company profile**

Thai Foods Group (TFG) was established in 1987 by Mr Winai Teawsomboonkij, the founder and CEO. TFG is a vertically integrated food producer specialising in the production of chicken and swine, with operations in Thailand and Vietnam. During 2019-2021, the company generated key revenues from three businesses: poultry, swine, and feed & others, each contributing in percentage terms 47/27/24, respectively.

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### Principal activities (revenue, 2021)

- Poultry 47.8 %
  Swine 27.3 %
- ■Feed 20.0 %
- Retail Shop and other 4.9 %

Source: Thai Foods Group

### **Major shareholders**

- New Star Victor Co Ltd 27.9 %
- Teawsomboonkij Family 25.4 %

Others - 46.7 %

Source: Thai Foods Group

### Catalysts

Potential catalysts for TFG's earning growth in 2023 are 1) revenue growth driven by sales volume; 2) higher-thanexpected meat prices; 3) declining raw material costs; and 4) its new Thai Foods Fresh Market store expansion.

### **Risks to our call**

Downside risks to our PE-based TP are 1) a slower-thanexpected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in meat and raw material prices; 3) a stronger THB than expected; and 4) a minimum wage increase and/or a labour shortage.

### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
22 February 2023	4Q22 results announcement
May 2023	1Q23 results announcement

#### Key assumptions

	2022E	2023E	2024E
Poultry volume (tonnes)	377,000	384,540	399,922
Swine volume (tonnes)	124,544	127,035	129,576
Feed volume (tonnes)	560,146	571,349	582,776
TFG's chicken ASP (THB/kg)	58.5	49.7	47.2
TFG's swine ASP (THB/kg)	98.0	90.0	85.0
Total sales growth (%)	44.1	(4.7)	1.3
Gross margin (%)	19.9	16.8	17.0

Source: FSSIA estimates

### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in revenue, we estimate 2023 net profit to rise by 1.2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2023 net profit to rise by 5.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2023 net profit to fall by 4.7%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



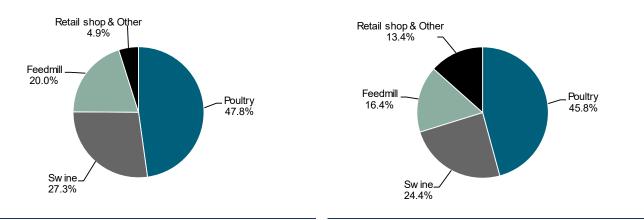
### Fully integrated chicken and swine company

TFG was established in 1987 by Mr.Winai Teawsomboonkij. The company operates a fully integrated agro-industry and food manufacturing business specialising in chicken and swine production with operations in Thailand and Vietnam. This includes a feed business, farm business, food and processed product business, and distribution business to consumers. TFG operates hatcheries for raising chicks, broiler farms, piglet breeding farms, and fattening pig farms. This is accomplished in part by selecting suitable farms and promoting and supporting small-scale farmers in the country to grow together.

In 2020, the company expanded in the domestic market via retail shops under the Thai Foods Fresh Market brand, which focuses on distribution in the community, both in Bangkok and its perimeter. In 9M22, the proportion of TFG's revenue contributions from poultry, swine, feed, and retail shops and others was 45.8%/24.4%/16.4%/13.4%, respectively (vs 47.8%/27.3%/20%/4.9% in 2021).

### Exhibit 1: Revenue breakdown by business segment in 2021





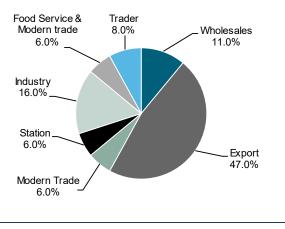
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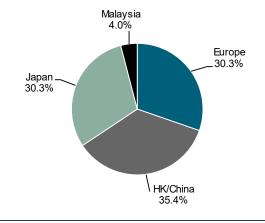
Its operations can be divided into three business segments, which are as follows:

 Poultry business – TFG produces and sells a variety of chicken meat, including whole chickens and chicken parts. Its chicken revenue contribution accounted for 45.8% of its total revenue in 9M22. TFG utilises a network of more than 291 contract farmers to raise day-old chicks, allowing it to raise 3.2 million birds at any given time.





## Exhibit 4: Poultry export revenue breakdown by country in 9M22



Source: TFG

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- 2. Swine business TFG has pig breeding and farming operations in Thailand and Vietnam, via which the company sells live pigs to brokers, slaughterhouses, and retailers. The company utilises a network of 526 contract farmers (490 in Thailand vs 36 in Vietnam) to raise fattening pigs on fattening farms before selling the live pigs to customers. The company has the capacity to raise over 575,000 fattening pigs through its network of contract farmers. TFG's swine revenue contribution accounted for 24.4% of its total revenue in 9M22.
- 3. Feed business TFG produces and distributes finished feed for land animals (such as chicken, pigs, cattle, goats, ducks, and crickets) in pellets, powder, and concentrated feed. The company produced 1.6 million tonnes of animal feed in 2021, of which 66% of the feed produced was used to feed its chickens and pigs. The remaining feed was sold to agents who resold it to chicken and pig farmers. TFG's feed revenue to third-party customers accounted for 16.4% of its total revenue in 9M22.

Pork part

25.0%

### Exhibit 5: Swine revenue breakdown by product in 9M22

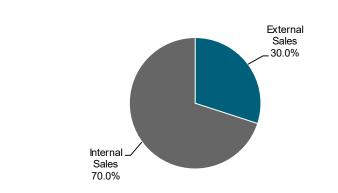


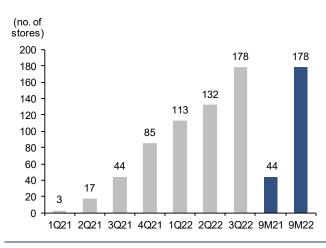
Exhibit 6: Feed revenue breakdown by customer type in

Source: TFG

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4. Retail shops – TFG has established its own retail shops named Thai Foods Fresh Market since 2020. The company operates a consumer goods distribution centre, selling products such as pork parts, chicken parts, and seasoning sauce, as well as other fresh products. There are 215 stores as of Dec-22 and its revenue contribution accounted for 13.4% of total revenue in 9M22.



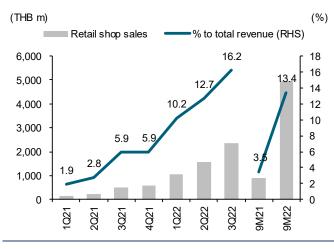
### Exhibit 7: Number of retail shops

Live Pig

75.0%

Source: TFG

### Exhibit 8: Retail shop revenues and % of total revenue



Source: TFG

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The 4Q22 gross margin should slightly drop q-q to 20% from 21.2% in 3Q22 due to a lower sales volume and the persistently high price of raw materials. In addition, we estimate that SG&A to sales should rise to 5.8% from 5.3% in 3Q22, coming from the q-q decrease in total revenue.

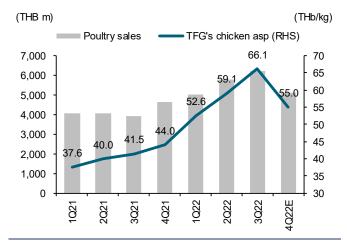
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### Exhibit 9: 4Q22 results preview

	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22E	Chan	ge	2021	2022E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Sales	9,744	10,396	12,327	14,490	12,969	(10.5)	33.1	34,823	50,182	44.1
Cost of sales	8,918	8,804	9,581	11,420	10,375	(9.2)	16.3	31,670	40,180	26.9
Gross profit	826	1,592	2,746	3,070	2,594	(15.5)	213.9	3,153	10,002	217.2
SG&A	716	727	854	770	752	(2.3)	5.1	1,927	3,103	61.0
Operating profit	111	866	1,892	2,300	1,842	(19.9)	nm	1,226	6,899	462.7
Interest expense	148	163	179	221	225	1.8	51.9	493	789	59.8
Tax expense	122	154	304	325	272	(16.2)	123	546	1,055	93.4
Other gain (loss)	245	(1.3)	(283.7)	(105.8)	0	nm	nm	114	(391)	nm
Reported net profit	249	619	1,238	1,734	1,429	(17.6)	474.8	562	5,020	792.9
Core profit	4	620	1,522	1,840	1,429	(22.3)	36,066	241	5,411	2,144.9
Key Ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	8.5	15.3	22.3	21.2	20.0	(1.2)	11.5	9.1	19.9	10.9
SG&A / Sales	7.3	7.0	6.9	5.3	5.8	0.5	(1.5)	5.5	6.2	0.6
Operating margin	1.1	8.3	15.3	15.9	14.2	(1.7)	13.1	3.5	13.7	10.2
Net margin	2.6	5.9	10.0	12.0	11.0	(0.9)	8.5	1.6	10.0	8.4
Core margin	0.0	6.0	12.3	12.7	11.0	(1.7)	11.0	0.7	10.8	10.1
Operating Statistics										
Poultry sales (THB m)	4,615	5,032	5,792	6,220	5,115	(17.8)	10.8	16,642	32,500	95.3
Swine sales (THB m)	2,520	2,597	3,017	3,470	3,300	(4.9)	31.0	9,518	17,700	86.0
Feed sales (THB m)	1,788	1,702	1,956	2,452	2,168	(11.6)	21.3	6,958	60,000	762.3
TFG's chicken ASP (THB/kg)	44.0	52.6	59.1	66.1	55.0	(16.8)	25.0	51.5	17.4	(66.3)
TFG's swine ASP (THB/kg)	74.0	89.3	100.0	104.6	100.0	(4.4)	35.1	73.2	42.2	(42.4)
Corn (THB/kg)	10.7	11.6	13.1	12.1	13.0	7.4	21.5	10.1	12.5	23.3
Soybean meal (THB/kg)	18.9	20.4	21.9	22.1	22.2	0.5	17.5	18.4	21.7	17.7
Retail shop stores (no.)	85	113	132	178	215	20.8	152.9	85	215	152.9
Retail shop sales value (THB m)	578	1,065	1,562	2,348	2,386	1.6	312.4	1,705	6,725	294.4

Sources: TFG, FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 10: TFG's poultry sales and chicken price



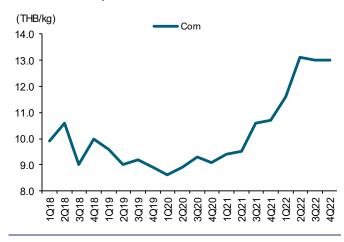
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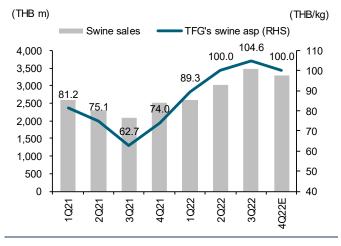
Sources: TFG, Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE)

#### Exhibit 14: Corn price



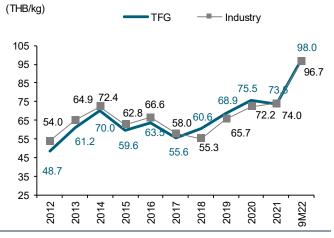
Source: Department of Internal Trade (DIT)

Exhibit 11: TFG's swine sales and swine price



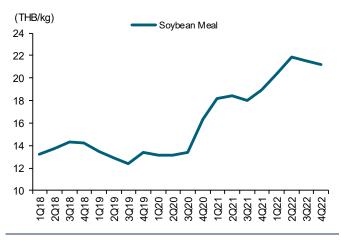
Source: TFG





Sources: TFG, OAE

### Exhibit 15: Soybean meal price



Source: DIT

### Meat prices to drop in 2H23

The ASF outbreak was detected in Thailand in 2H21 and has persisted until now, resulting in a 30% reduction in swine production. This caused the steep jump in the domestic pig price to a record high at THB105 per kg in Jan-22. The average price in 2022 was THB99 per kg (+30% y-y). However, most Thai swine farmers forecast the ASF outbreak to ease in 1H23, which would cause the pig price to decrease in 2H23. We assume a 2023 domestic pig price at THB90 per kg (-9% y-y). For Vietnam, we expect a 2023 pig price at VND50,000 per kg (-10.7% y-y), due to a higher level of production after the ASF outbreak has eased.

Meanwhile, the average live chicken price in 2022 was THB43 per kg (+33% y-y), driven by solid demand as the substitute product for pork. The sharp rise in the chicken price led to an increase in the live chicken supply since last year. When the pig price declines as expected, we think the chicken price will drop as well, much in the same pattern. However, TFG's average chicken selling price should remain higher than the market price as usual, hence we forecast its 2023 chicken average selling price (ASP) at THB49.7 per kg (-15% y-y).

We have a positive outlook on its retail shop business, however, as TFG has targeted opening 150-200 new stores to reach 350-400 stores in 2023. This would support an increase in sales volume by expanding the distribution channels to end customers. Moreover, retail prices are less volatile and generate a higher margin than wholesale prices. We forecast 2023 retail shop revenue growth at 17.9% y-y to THB7.93b, accounting for 16.5% of total revenue (vs 13.4% in 2022).

However, we think that declining swine and chicken prices both in Thailand and Vietnam, along with raw material costs that are likely to maintain at high prices, could offset the potentially solid performance of the retail shop business. Overall, we project TFG's 2023 net profit at THB3.63b (-28% y-y), but it should remain substantially higher than the pre-Covid level.

Assumptions		Forecast			% Growth		
	2022E	2023E	2024E	2022E	2023E	2024E	
Poultry volume (tonnes)	377,000	384,540	399,922	16.7	2.0	4.0	
Swine volume (tonnes)	124,544	127,035	129,576	11.2	2.0	2.0	
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TFG's swine ASP (THB/kg)	98.0	90.0	85.0	33.8	(8.2)	(5.6)	
Retail shop stores (no.)	215	315	385	152.9	46.5	22.2	
Retail shop sales value (THB m)	6,725	7,927	8,896	294.4	17.9	12.2	
Total sales value (THB m)	50,182	47,829	48,434	44.1	(4.7)	1.3	
Gross profit (THB m)	10,002	8,035	8,234	217.2	(19.7)	2.5	
Gross margin (%)	19.9	16.8	17.0	10.9	(3.1)	(6.1)	
SG&A expenses (THB m)	3,103	3,109	2,906	61.0	0.2	(6.5)	
SG&A to sales (%)	6.2	6.5	6.0	0.6	0.3	(0.5)	
Other gain/loss (-)	(390.9)	0	0	nm	nm	0.0	
Reported net profit (THB m)	5,020	3,632	3,952	792.9	(27.6)	8.8	
Net margin (%)	10.0	7.6	8.2	8.4	(2.4)	0.2	
Core profit (THB m)	5,411	3,632	3,952	2,144.9	(32.9)	8.8	
Core margin (%)	10.8	7.6	8.2	10.1	(3.2)	0.6	

#### Exhibit 16: Key assumptions for TFG

Source: FSSIA estimates

### Valuations

We recommend BUY with a TP of THB8, based on 13.6x 2023E P/E, in line with local peers. Even though there are no short-term catalysts for its share price and we expect its 2023 net profit to drop y-y, TFG's valuation looks less expensive at a 2023E P/E of only 9.8x, below its historical average, with a high upside potential of 39%. Aside from that, we expect the company to pay a 2H22 DPS of THB0.29, implying a dividend yield of 5%.

### Exhibit 17: Peers comparison as of 2 February 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	9	hare price	)	Market	P	E	RC	)E	PE	3V	EV/EB	ITDA
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	22E	23E	22E	23E	22E	23E	22E	23E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(X)	(x)
Thailand														
Thaifoods Group	TFG TB	BUY	5.75	8.00	39	990	6.7	9.8	38.5	23.2	2.3	2.1	5.4	6.5
GFPT	GFPT TB	BUY	13.10	18.00	37	500	8.0	9.8	13.4	10.1	1.0	0.9	6.3	6.7
Thai Union Group	TU TB	BUY	16.10	24.00	49	2,347	12.3	12.3	10.5	10.3	1.3	1.2	10.8	9.5
Charoen Pokphand Foods	CPF TB	n/a	23.80	n/a	n/a	6,047	14.3	12.8	6.8	7.1	0.9	0.9	13.3	13.2
Asian Sea Corporation	ASIAN TB	n/a	13.70	n/a	n/a	339	12.8	11.6	18.2	20.9	2.5	2.3	8.7	7.6
Betagro	BTG TB	n/a	33.50	n/a	n/a	1,968	8.8	8.3	34.2	25.3	2.1	1.8	6.5	6.4
Average						12,190	10.5	10.8	20.3	16.1	1.7	1.5	8.5	8.3

Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 18: Historical P/E band

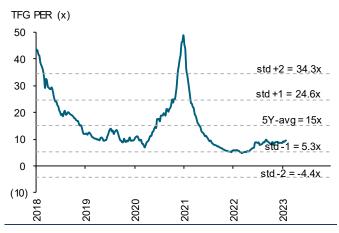


Exhibit 19: Historical P/BV band



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### **Corporate Governance – TFG**

### **Board structure**

Independent Directors (ID)	5 of 8 board members, one female
Percentage of IDs on the board	62.5%
ID attendance at board meetings	100%
ID in audit/remuneration committee	3/3 in audit committee and 3/3 in remuneration committee
ID terms	Nine years consecutively

Additional information: 2021 annual report; chairman of the board is an ID; one ID was added in 2022, making 6/9 or 75% of board members

### **Compensation and remuneration**

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Audit	Practices

Auditor	KPMG Poomchai Audit Ltd
Length of service	More than five years
Reporting incidents	None
Fee track record	n/a
Policy on change of audit firm	To review every five years

Additional information: None

### Shareholders' rights

		Practice	Activity		
Directors' remuneration vs earnings/ROE/share performance	In 2021, THB9.5m vs net profit of THB561.7m	Communication - shareholder participation in AGMs/EGMs	AGM once annually, EGM when appropriated and in accordance with SEC		
Changes/stability in senior management	One ID added in 2022		guidelines		
Incidents of termination of senior	None	Related party transactions	In accordance with SEC guidelines		
management		Voting issues - policies, incidents	None		
Track record on insider sales	None	of rejected proposals			
Additional information: None		Additional information: None			

### ESG and sustainability management

Thaifoods Group (TFG) is a vertically integrated food producer specialising in the production of chicken and swine with operations in Thailand and Vietnam. The company created its risk management policy based on the COSO - Enterprise Risk Management - Integrated Framework (COSO - ERM) risk management principles that employ self-assessment processes to analyse and prioritise risks, as well as define critical risk indicators.

Materiality issues	Activities and practices
Contract farming dependency	TFG raises poultry and swine by way of contract farming. At end of 2021, in Thailand, the company had 291 poultry contracts and 490 swine contracts, respectively compared with 489 and 341 at end-2016. To manage potential risks, TFG engages in three-year term contract farming and provides necessary assistance and knowledge to ensure profitability for the farm owners. Not only getting new farms, but also extending the capacity of each contracted farm where preventive measures are taken to grow the operations.
Single breeder and a few great-grandparent swine suppliers	TFG keeps a good relationship with the supplier. If necessary, the company believes its extensive experience and knowledge in the poultry and pork businesses can allow it to compensate for any shortfalls on its own.
Animal diseases	Preventive measures implemented to avoid internal risks are mainly strict sanitisation throughout the production process both in-house and at contracted farms. Some critical measures include temperature controls, vaccination, revolutionising farming systems to align with Genesis standards and adopting efficient management systems to analyse information to improve production and predict potential risks ahead. Nevertheless, the company has certified standards of safety from the Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.
Product quality and safety	Quality and safety are TFG's top priority. The company adopts and complies with various related international standards throughout the production process from producing, sanitising, temperature controlling and sample testing. The Group certifies GMP, HACCP, HALAL, ISO 9001 and ISO14001.
Single shareholder holds more than 75% stake	At end-2021, the Teawsomboonkij group held 76.38%, exceeding the 75% voting threshold for influencing decision making. The group is the founder, growing the business since 1987 with a 20,000 chicken farm and raising revenues substantially at a 10.7% 7Y-CAGR to THB34.8b in 2021 from 2014's THB17.1b, amid the challenging domestic and global economy in addition to emerging risks. Bearing in mind the CG risk, the company strictly operates the business in compliance with regulatory guidance for integrity, accountability and transparency. As mentioned above, TFG's board of directors currently comprises 75% IDs and 3 IDs with 3 on the audit committee.
Volatility of product price	Product pricing is uncontrollable and fluctuates according to both domestic and overseas demand and supply seasonality, particularly in regard to emerging factors and economic sentiment. In an attempt to sustain and improve profitability, the company has extended distribution to less risk exposed markets such as large restaurant chains, and created value-added products of its own TFG brands in addition to increasing the sales proportion of dissected swine than live.
Uncertainty of raw material costs	Demand and supply are threats to the cost of raw materials like corn, soybean meal, and tapioca pellets. TFG strategically optimises costs by balancing pricing, storage cost, and currency exchange rate for procurement in a particular period. Should costs exceed the acceptable threshold, the company will procure alternative raw materials with support from R&D to adjust recipes to meet customer preference.
Currency fluctuation	TFG's procurement in USD of both raw materials and exports provides natural hedging. If necessary, financial instruments will be used to limit profitability risk.
Sustainability projects in 2021	In Dec-21, TFG commenced commercial operations of a 3.78MW solar power generation system. The company also issued the first social bond, under ASEAN social bond standards by a non-financial corporate, guaranteed by CGIF, worth THB1b to fund the procurement of domestic raw materials from domestic farmers, hiring local people during the poor economic conditions caused by Covid-19 lockdowns.
CSG and sustainable awards and recognition in 2021	<ul> <li>4-star rating or "Very good" in the corporate governance survey of Thai listed companies 2021, assessed by the Thai Institute of Directors Association and achieved a 100 score for AGM checklist assessment</li> <li>Selected as a sustainable stock listed for 2021, the third consecutive year from 2019 and listed on the ESG100</li> <li>Rated by Thaipat Institute as one of the companies on the ESG100</li> <li>"Outstanding" Code of Conduct from the Thai Chamber of Commerce for 2021</li> <li>Received an honorary certificate of Sustainability Disclosure Recognition from Thaipat Institute</li> <li>"Outstanding Establishment Award" for labour relations and labour welfare</li> <li>Received certificate of "CSR-DIW Continuous Award 2021" for passing the standards of the project promoted to industrial factories for social responsibility and community sustainability</li> </ul>

Additional information: 2021 annual report; GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice), HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point), ISO 9001 (Quality Manangement System) and ISO14001 (Environmental Management System), HALAL refers to meats and food sourced and prepared following Islamic dietary guidelines and is similar to how kosher food follows Jewish dietary rules. CGIF = Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility internationally estimated by ASEAN+3 (China/Japan/Korea) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), ESG100 = The corporate sustainability assessment of Thai publicly listed companies on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors for the first time since 2015.

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Thai Foods Group

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Revenue	31,339	34,823	50,182	47,829	48,434
Cost of goods sold	(24,808)	(29,244)	(37,579)	(37,043)	(37,300)
Gross profit	6,531	5,579	12,602	10,786	11,134
Other operating income	199	251	355	359	363
Operating costs	(1,291)	(1,927)	(3,103)	(3,109)	(2,906)
Operating EBITDA	5,439	3,903	9,855	8,035	8,591
Depreciation	(2,101)	(2,425)	(2,600)	(2,750)	(2,900)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	C
Operating EBIT	3,338	1,477	7,254	5,285	5,691
Net financing costs	(214)	(595)	(1,082)	(795)	(807
Associates	0	0	8	0	C
Recurring non-operating income	77	216	(89)	0	C
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	C
Profit before tax	3,201	1,098	6,083	4,490	4,884
Гах	(649)	(546)	(1,055)	(853)	(928
Profit after tax	2,551	552	5,028	3,637	3,957
Ainority interests	12	10	(8)	(5)	(5)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	
Other items	-	-	-	0	C
Reported net profit	2,563	562	5,020	3,632	3,952
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	Ċ
Recurring net profit	2,563	562	5,020	3,632	3,952
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.46	0.10	0.86	0.59	0.64
Reported EPS	0.46	0.10	0.86	0.59	0.64
DPS	0.09	0.09	0.39	0.26	0.29
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	5,608	5,644	5,831	6,168	6,168
Growth					
Revenue (%)	8.4	11.1	44.1	(4.7)	1.3
Operating EBITDA (%)	47.3	(28.3)	152.5	(18.5)	6.9
Operating EBIT (%)	68.1	(55.8)	391.1	(27.1)	7.7
Recurring EPS (%)	78.0	(78.2)	764.3	(31.6)	8.8
Reported EPS (%)	78.0	(78.2)	764.3	(31.6)	8.8
Dperating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	14.1	9.1	19.9	16.8	17.0
Gross margin of key business (%)	14.1	9.1	19.9	16.8	17.0
Dperating EBITDA margin (%)	17.4	11.2	19.6	16.8	17.7
Operating EBIT margin (%)	10.7	4.2	14.5	11.1	11.8
Net margin (%)	8.2	1.6	10.0	7.6	8.2
Effective tax rate (%)	20.3	49.7	17.3	19.0	19.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	18.6	90.4	45.0	45.0	45.0
nterest cover (X)	15.9	2.8	6.6	6.6	7.1
nventory days	45.5	51.3	50.3	54.0	53.6
Debtor days	22.3	25.1	25.3	30.7	29.8
Creditor days	45.9	43.9	38.1	43.2	42.9
Derating ROIC (%)	15.2	5.2	20.4	14.4	15.5
ROIC (%)	13.3	5.1	17.2	12.2	13.2
ROE (%)	24.4	5.0	38.5	23.2	22.2
ROA (%)	11.1	3.3	15.5	10.6	11.5
<sup>e</sup> Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted		0.0			
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	20246
Poultry	16,309	16,642	22,036	19,105	18,876
	9,502	9,518	12,381	11,998	11,687
Feed	5,528	6,958	8,242	7,986	8,146
Retail Shop and other	519	1,706	7,522	8,740	9,726

Sources: Thai Foods Group; FSSIA estimates

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cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
ecurring net profit	2,563	562	5,020	3,632	3,952
repreciation	2,101	2,425	2,600	2,750	2,900
ssociates & minorities	0	0	(8)	0	0
ther non-cash items	892 (1,936)	635 (5 510)	196	0 533	0 (146)
hange in working capital ash flow from operations	(1,930) 3,620	(5,519) <b>(1,896)</b>	(1,334) <b>6,474</b>	6,916	6,706
apex - maintenance	(1,447)	(4,947)	(4,806)	(2,788)	(3,054)
apex - new investment	(1,++7)	(4,347)	(4,000)	(2,700)	(3,034)
et acquisitions & disposals		_			
ther investments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
ash flow from investing	(1,447)	(4,947)	(4,806)	(2,788)	(3,054)
ividends paid	(1,290)	(589)	(2,259)	(1,634)	(1,778)
quity finance	0	36	187	337	Ó
ebt finance	1,863	8,960	799	(3,145)	(1,461)
ther financing cash flows	(2,361)	(1,931)	2	0	(200)
ash flow from financing	(1,788)	6,475	(1,271)	(4,442)	(3,440)
on-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
ther adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
et other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
ovement in cash	385	(368)	397	(314)	212
ee cash flow to firm (FCFF)	2,542.80	(6,349.87)	2,456.07	4,922.73	4,458.49
ee cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,674.74	184.99	2,468.85	982.63	1,989.91
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	0.45	(1.12)	0.43	0.87	0.79
CFE per share	0.30	0.03	0.44	0.17	0.35
ecurring cash flow per share	0.99	0.64	1.34	1.03	1.11
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
ingible fixed assets (gross)	16,034	19,682	23,182	26,182	29,182
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(3,171)	(3,316)	(5,916)	(8,667)	(11,567)
angible fixed assets (net)	(3,171) 12,864	16,366	17,265	17,515	17,615
tangible fixed assets (net)	162	179	179	179	179
ong-term financial assets	102	-		-	1/3
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	272	704	704	704	704
ash & equivalents	784	416	813	498	710
C receivable	1,964	2,829	4,125	3,931	3,981
ventories	3,350	4,863	5,504	5,451	5,507
ther current assets	3,858	7,001	7,527	7,174	7,265
urrent assets	9,956	15,109	17,968	17,055	17,463
ther assets	2,837	3,210	4,516	4,305	4,359
otal assets	26,091	35,567	40,633	39,757	40,319
ommon equity	11,116	11,556	14,504	16,839	18,812
inorities etc.	24	14	17	17	16
otal shareholders' equity	11,140	11,570	14,521	16,856	18,829
ong term debt	6,196	8,229	8,829	8,132	7,532
ther long-term liabilities	370	442	602	574	581
ong-term liabilities	6,566	8,670	9,431	8,706	8,113
C payable	3,605	3,434	4,403	4,361	4,405
nort term debt	4,447	11,734	11,776	9,356	8,487
her current liabilities	333	159	502	478	484
urrent liabilities	8,385	15,326	16,681	14,195	13,377
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	26,091	35,567	40,633	39,757	40,319
et working capital	5,234	11,100	12,251	11,717	11,863
vested capital	21,369	31,559	34,915	34,419	34,719
ncludes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	ing treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	1.98	2.05	2.49	2.73	3.05
angible book value per share	1.95	2.02	2.46	2.70	3.02
nancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	88.5	168.9	136.3	100.8	81.3
et debt/total assets (%)	37.8	55.0	48.7	42.7	38.0
urrent ratio (x)	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
interest cover (x)	8.8	1.3	3.3	2.2	3.5
luation	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
ecurring P/E (x) *	12.6	57.7	6.7	9.8	9.0
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	17.5	80.3	9.3	13.6	12.5
eported P/E (x)	12.6	57.7	6.7	9.8	9.0
vidend yield (%)	1.5	1.6	6.7	4.6	5.0
ice/book (x)	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.1	1.9
ice/tangible book (x)	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.1	1.9
//EBITDA (x) **	7.7	13.3	5.4	6.5	5.9
V/EDITDA (X)					
	10.1	16.6	6.7	8.3	1.5
V/EBITDA (x) V/EBITDA () target price (x) ** V/invested capital (x)	10.1 2.0	16.6 1.6	6.7 1.5	0.3 1.5	7.5 1.5

Sources: Thai Foods Group; FSSIA estimates



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AAV	BCPG	CPALL	GCAP	K	MSC	PLANET	SAMART	SPI	THRE	TVD
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	BEM	CPI	GGC	KCE	MTC	PORT	SAT	SPVI	TIPCO	TVO
Н	BGC	CPN	GLAND	KKP	MVP	PPS	SC	SSSC	TISCO	TWPC
RA	BGRIM	CRC	GLOBAL	KSL	NCL	PR9	SCB	SST	ТК	U
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٢R	BKI	DDD	GPSC	KTC	NER	PRG	SCCC	STEC	TMT	UBIS
LT	BOL	DELTA	GRAMMY	LALIN	NKI	PRM	SCG	STI	TNDT	UV
MA	BPP	DEMCO	GULF	LANNA	NOBLE	PROUD	SCGP	SUN	TNITY	VGI
ATA	BRR	DRT	GUNKUL	LH	NSI	PSH	SCM	SUSCO	TOA	VIH
VATAN	BTS	DTAC	HANA	LHFG	NVD	PSL	SDC	SUTHA	TOP	WACOAL
VAN	BTW	DUSIT	HARN	LIT	NWR	PTG	SEAFCO	SVI	TPBI	WAVE
тс	BWG	EA	HMPRO	LPN	NYT	PTT	SEAOIL	SYMC	TQM	WHA
P	CENTEL	EASTW	ICC	MACO	OISHI	PTTEP	SE-ED	SYNTEC	TRC	WHAUP
RIP	CFRESH	ECF	ICHI	MAJOR	OR	PTTGC	SELIC	TACC	TRU	WICE
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	CHO			MALEE	OSP	Q-CON	SHR	TCAP	TSC	ZEN
JCT	CIMBT	EGCO	ILM	MBK	ОТО	QH	SIRI	TEAMG	TSR	
VC	CK	EPG	INTUCH	MC	PAP	QTC	SIS	TFMAMA	TSTE	
YUD	CKP	ETC	IP	MCOT	PCSGH	RATCH	SITHAI	TGH	TSTH	
AFS	CM	FPI	IRPC	METCO	PDG	RS	SMK	THANA	TTA	
ANPU	CNT	FPT	ITEL	MFEC	PDJ	S	SMPC	THANI	TTB	
AY	COM7	FSMART	IVL	MINT	PG	S & J	SNC	THCOM	TTCL	
BL	COMAN	GBX	JSP	MONO	PHOL	SAAM	SONIC	THG	TTW	
CP	COTTO	GC	JWD	MOONG	PLANB	SABINA	SPALI	THIP	TU	
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S	ASIMAR	CHOW	FLOYD	IT	LOXLEY	OCC	RPC	SKY	TCC	TVT
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BICO	ASN	CIG	FNS	J	LST	PATO	RWI	SMIT	TEAM	UEC
BM	ATP30	CMC	FORTH	JAS	M	PB	S11	SMT	TFG	UMI
CE	В	COLOR	FSS	JCK	MATCH	PICO	SA	SNP	TFI	UOBKH
CG	BA	CPL	FTE	JCKH	MBAX	PIMO	SAK	SO	TIGER	UP
DB	BAM	CPW	FVC	JMART	MEGA	PJW	SALEE	SORKON	TITLE	UPF
EONTS	BC	CRD	GEL	JMT	META	PL	SAMCO	SPA	TKN	UPOIC
GE	BCH	CSC	GENCO	KBS	MFC	PM	SANKO	SPC	TKS	UTP
HC	BEC	CSP	GJS	KCAR	MGT	PMTA	SAPPE	SPCG	TM	VCOM
IT	BEYOND	CWT	GYT	KEX	MICRO	PPP	SAWAD	SR	TMC	VL
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	BJC	DCON	HPT	KIAT	MITSIB	PRIME			TMI	VRANDA
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LUCON	BJCHI	DHOUSE	HTC	KISS	MK	PRIN	SCP	SSF	TMILL	WGE
MANAH	BLA	DOD	HYDRO	KOOL	MODERN	PRINC	SE	STANLY	TNL	WIIK
MARIN	BR	DOHOME	ICN	KTIS	MTI	PSG	SFLEX	STGT	TNP	WP
00	BROOK	DV8	IFS	KUMWEL	NBC	PSTC	SFP	STOWER	TOG	XO
PCS	CBG	EASON	IMH	KUN	NCAP	PT	SFT	STPI	TPA	XPG
PURE	CEN	EFORL	IND	KWC	NCH	QLT	SGF	SUC	TPAC	YUASA
QUA	CGH	ERW	INET	KWM	NETBAY	RBF	SIAM	SWC	TPCS	
SAP	CHARAN	ESSO	INSET	L&E	NEX	RCL	SINGER	SYNEX	TPS	
SEFA	CHAYO	ESTAR	INSURE	LDC	NINE	RICHY	SKE	TAE	TRITN	
SIA	CHG	ETE	IRC	LEO	NRF	RML	SKN	TAKUNI	TRT	
SIAN	CHOTI	FE	IRCP	LEO	NTV	ROJNA	SKR	TBSP	TSE	
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	BGT	CITY	GIFT	JTS	MDX	PK	SGP	SUPER	TQR	YGG
	BH	CMAN	GLOCON	JUBILE	MJD	PLE	SICT	SVOA	TTI	ZIGA
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PHAX	BM	CPT	GTB	KK	NC	PRAPAT	SK	THMUI	UMS	
NC	BROCK	CRANE	HTECH	KKC	NDR	PRECHA	SMART	TNH	UNIQ	
P	BSBM	CSR	HUMAN	KWI	NFC	PTL	SOLAR	TNR	UPA	
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### **Anti-corruption Progress Indicator**

CERTIFIED										
2S	BCH	CPALL	GC	К	MFC	PE	QLT	SNP	THCOM	TU
7UP	BCP	CPF	GCAP	KASET	MFEC	PG	QTC	SORKON	THIP	TVD
ADVANC	BCPG	CPI	GEL	KBANK	MILL	PHOL	RATCH	SPACK	THRE	TVI
AF	BE8	CPN	GFPT	KBS	MINT	PK	RML	SPALI	THREL	TVO
AI	BEYOND	CSC	GGC	KCAR	MONO	PL	RWI	SPC	TIDLOR	TWPC
AIE	BGC	DCC	GJS	KCE	MOONG	PLANB	S & J	SPI	TIPCO	U
AIRA	BGRIM	DELTA	GPI	KGI	MSC	PLANET	SAAM	SPRC	TISCO	UBE
AKP	BJCHI	DEMCO	GPSC	KKP	MST	PLAT	SABINA	SRICHA	TKS	UBIS
ALPHAX	BKI	DIMET	GSTEEL	KSL	MTC	PM	SAPPE	SSF	TKT	UEC
AMA	BLA	DRT	GUNKUL	KTB	MTI	PPP	SAT	SSP	TMD	UKEM
AMANAH	BPP	DTAC	HANA	KTC	NBC	PPPM	SC	SSSC	TMILL	UOBKH
AMATA	BROOK	DUSIT	HARN	KWC	NEP	PPS	SCB	SST	TMT	UPF
AMATAV	BRR	EA	HEMP	KWI	NINE	PR9	SCC	STA	TNITY	UV
AP	BSBM	EASTW	HENG	L&E	NKI	PREB	SCCC	STOWER	TNL	VGI
APCS	BTS	ECL	HMPRO	LANNA	NMG	PRG	SCG	SUSCO	TNP	VIH
AQUA	BWG	EGCO	HTC	LH	NNCL	PRINC	SCN	SVI	TNR	WACOAL
ARROW	CEN	EP	ICC	LHFG	NOBLE	PRM	SEAOIL	SYMC	TOG	WHA
AS	CENTEL	EPG	ICHI	LHK	NOK	PROS	SE-ED	SYNTEC	TOP	WHAUP
ASIAN	CFRESH	ERW	IFEC	LPN	NSI	PSH	SELIC	TAE	TOPP	WICE
ASK	CGH	ESTAR	IFS	LRH	NWR	PSL	SENA	TAKUNI	TPA	WIIK
ASP	CHEWA	ETE	ILINK	Μ	000	PSTC	SGP	TASCO	TPP	XO
AWC	CHOTI	FE	INET	MAKRO	OGC	PT	SINGER	TBSP	TRU	ZEN
AYUD	CHOW	FNS	INSURE	MALEE	ORI	PTG	SIRI	TCAP	TRUE	
В	CIG	FPI	INTUCH	MATCH	PAP	PTT	SITHAI	TCMC	TSC	
BAFS	CIMBT	FPT	IRC	MBAX	PATO	PTTEP	SKR	TFG	TSTE	
BAM	CM	FSMART	IRPC	MBK	PB	PTTGC	SMIT	TFI	TSTH	
BANPU	CMC	FSS	ITEL	MC	PCSGH	PYLON	SMK	TFMAMA	TTA	
BAY	COM7	FTE	IVL	MCOT	PDG	Q-CON	SMPC	TGH	ттв	
BBL	COTTO	GBX	JKN	META	PDJ	QH	SNC	THANI	TTCL	
DECLARED										
AJ	CHG	DDD	ETC	JR	MAJOR	NUSA	RS	SSS	TQM	YUASA
ALT	CPL	DHOUSE	FLOYD	JTS	NCAP	NYT	SAK	STECH	TSI	ZIGA
APCO	CPR	DOHOME	GULF	KEX	NCL	OR	SCGP	STGT	VARO	
B52	CPW	ECF	Ш	KUMWEL	NOVA	PIMO	SCM	TKN	VCOM	
BEC	CRC	EKH	INOX	LDC	NRF	PLE	SIS	ТМІ	VIBHA	

#### Level

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### Thai Union Group (TU TB)



Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 23-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Thai Foods Group	TFG TB	THB 5.75	BUY	Downside risks to our PE-based TP are 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in meat and raw material prices; 3) a stronger THB than expected; and 4) a minimum wage increase and/or a labour shortage.
GFPT	GFPT TB	THB 13.10	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in chicken and raw material prices; 3) a stronger THB than expected; and 4) a minimum wage increase and/or a labour shortage.
Thai Union Group	TU TB	THB 16.10	BUY	Downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include 1) a stronger-than-expected THB against the USD; 2) the high volatility of raw material prices; 3) labor shortages; and 4) tariff and non-tariff barriers in international trade.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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

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