# EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

# PRARAM 9 HOSPITAL **THAILAND / HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

# กำไร 1Q23 น่าจะลดลงเล็กน้อย

- ีเราคาดว่ากำไรปกติ 1Q23 จะลดลง y-y จากรายได้ที่เกี่ยวข้องกับโควิดที่หายไปและ ลดลง q-q จากปัจจัยด้านฤดูกาล
- ราคาหุ้นที่อ่อนตัวลงเป็นโอกาสในการสะสมหุ้นเพื่อจับการเติบโตที่ดีในช่วง 2H23 โดย จะได้ปัจจัยผลักดันจากผู้ป่วยชาวต่างชาติ
- ้คงแนะนำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 22 บาท (DCF)

# ิคาดกำไรปกติที่ 113 ลบ. ให 1Q23 (-18% q-q, -28% y-y)

เราคาดว่ารายได้จะลดลง 1% y-y มาอยู่ที่ 960 ลบ. จากรายได้ที่เกี่ยวข้องกับโควิดที่ลดลงโดย รายได้ดังกล่าวคิดเป็น 24% ของรายได้รวมใน 1Q22 รายได้จากผู้ป่วยชาวไทยที่ไม่ได้ ้เกี่ยวข้องกับโควิดน่าจะโต 32% y-y ในขณะที่รายได้จากผู้ป่วยชาวต่างชาติน่าจะโต 20% y-y ซึ่งเรามองว่าเป็นการเติบโตที่อยู่ในเกณฑ์ดี อย่างไรก็ดีราย<sup>้</sup>ได้น่าจะลดลง 13% q-q ส่วนมาก ้จากปัจจัยด้านฤดูกาล EBITDA margin น่าจะค่อนข้างทรงตัว q-q ที่ 22% ลดลงจาก 27% ใน 1Q22 ในภาพรว<sup>ุ</sup>มเราคาดว่ากำไรปกติจะลดลงมาอยู่ที่ 113 ลบ. ใน 1Q23 (เทียบกับ 139 ลบ. ใน 4Q22 และ 157 ลบ. ใน 1Q22) แต่น่าจะยังสูงกว่<sup>้</sup>าระดับก่อนโควิดอยู่ 31%

# คาดตัวเลขผู้ป่วยชาวจีนจะฟื้นตัวใน 2Q23

ราคาหุ้นปรับตัวลดลง 12% ในช่วง 2 วันที่ผ่านมาจากความกังวลของตลาดเกี่ยวกับแนวโน้ม ของบริ่ษัทฯ ใน 1Q23 ซึ่งเราคิดว่าไม่สมเหตุสมผลเนื่องจากเราคาดว่ากำไรน่าจะกลับมาโต ในช่วง 2H23 เราเห็นว่าราคาที่ปรับตัวลดลงเป็นโอกาสในการสะสมหุ้นเนื่องจากตัวเลขผู้ป่วย ้ชาวจีนที่บินเข้ามารับการรักษาน่าจะฟื้นตัวใน 2Q23 และเร่งตัวขึ้นในช่วง 2H23 นอกจากนี้ PR9 ยังคาดด้วยว่าจะมีผู้ป่วยส่งต่อจากกัมพูชาและลาวผ่านการเป็นพันธมิตรในด้านการศึกษา ทางการแพทย์กับโรงพย<sup>้</sup>าบาลในประเทศดังก<sup>ู</sup>ล่าวเพิ่มขึ้น

# ้ค่ารักษาพยาบาลที่อาจปรับขึ้นเป็น Upside ในปี 2023

้เราคาดว่ารายได้จะโต 8% ในปี 2023 ซึ่งต่ำกว่าเป้าประมาณการของผู้บริหารที่ 10-13% รายได้จากผู้ป่วยชาวไทยน่าจะโต 6% ในขณะที่รายได้จากผู้ป่วยชาวต่างชาติน่าจะโต 18-20% PR9 ระบุว่า<sup>้</sup>บริษัทฯ อาจปรับค่ารักษาพยาบาลขึ้น 5% โดยเ<sup>้</sup>ฉลี่ยในช่วง 3Q23 โดยจะขึ้นอยู่กับ สภาพเศรษฐกิจ การปรับดังกล่าวอาจให้ Upside แก่ประมาณการของเราเนื่องจากค่า รักษาพยาบาลที่ปรับขึ้นจะไหลตรงเข้าสู่กำไร

# PR9 ยังอยู่ใหช่วงการเติบโต

ในภาพรวมเราคงประมาณการและราคาเป้าหมายของเราที่ 22 บาท (DCF) PR9 มีการซื้อขาย ์ ที่ 25x ของค่า 2023E P/E (เทียบกับค่าเฉลี่ยของกลุ่มฯ ที่ 32x) แม้ว่าการเติบโตของกำไรอาจ ชะลอตัวในปี 2023 จากฐานที่สูง เราเชื่อว่า PR9 ยังอยู่ในช่วงการเดิบโตโดยมีสมมติฐานจาก ้ศักยภาพในการเพิ่มความสามารถในการรับผู้ป่วยในเป็นไม่เกิน 300 เตียง (จาก 204 ใน ้ ปัจจุบัน) และเพิ่มความสามารถในการรับผู้ป่วยนอกเป็น 3,000-4,000 รายต่อวัน (จาก 1,500-2,000) ปัจจัยดังกล่าวน่าจะทำให้อัตรากำไรสุทธิเพิ่มเป็น 13-15% (เทียบกับ 10% ในปี 2019 และ 14% ในปี 2022)



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# UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB22.00
CLOSE	THB18.40
UP/DOWNSIDE	+19.6%
PRIOR TP	THB22.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	-2.2%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

PR9 TB

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	4,107	4,422	4,645	4,928
Net profit	568	582	632	694
EPS (THB)	0.72	0.74	0.80	0.88
vs Consensus (%)	-	(4.1)	(7.0)	(7.4)
EBITDA	991	1,023	1,098	1,193
Core net profit	568	582	632	694
Core EPS (THB)	0.72	0.74	0.80	0.88
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	0.0	0.0	nm
EPS growth (%)	127.8	2.6	8.5	9.8
Core P/E (x)	25.5	24.8	22.9	20.8
Dividend yield (%)	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.9	12.2	11.0	9.8
Price/book (x)	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.5
Net debt/Equity (%)	(36.1)	(40.1)	(44.2)	(48.3)
ROE (%)	12.6	11.9	12.0	12.3



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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#### **Investment thesis**

PR9 is a standalone hospital that is known as a "valuefor-money" hospital. It recently upgraded its services to include tertiary care with new specialist centres. One of the top contributors is the Kidney Transplant Institute, which is the only facility to be accredited by Joint Commission International (JCI) outside the US.

The hospital is in a growth phase, with a new building opened in July 2020. The new building enables PR9 to capture new customer groups from its new specialist centres and gives it a higher IPD capacity.

The improving EBITDA margin and ROE should lead to a stock valuation re-rating, in our view.

# **Company profile**

PR9 has been operating a private hospital since 1992.

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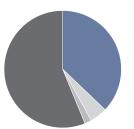
# Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

- OPD patient revenue 58.0 %
- IPD patient revenue 42.0 %

Source: Praram 9 Hospital

# Major shareholders

- Khunying Potjaman Damapong -37.1 %
- Thai NVDR 4.8 %
- Krungsri Asset Management -1.9 %
- Others 56.2 %



Source: Praram 9 Hospital

### Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) higher Thai patient volume from new specialist centres; and 2) rising demand from medical tourists, especially patients from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV), as well as China.

### **Risks to our call**

Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) weak patient volumes following the economic slowdown; 2) regulatory risks from drug price and medical bill controls; and 3) higher-than-expected expenses from its new building.

### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 May 2023
 1Q23 results announcement

### Key assumptions

	2023E	2024E	2025E
	(%)	(%)	(%)
No. of beds (no.)	249	270	312
OPD volume growth	3	3	3
OPD revenue / patient growth	3	2	3
IPD volume growth	7	3	3
IPD revenue / patient growth	3	2	3

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in patient volume, we project 2023 earnings to rise by 2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in EBITDA margin, we project 2023 earnings to rise by 6%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



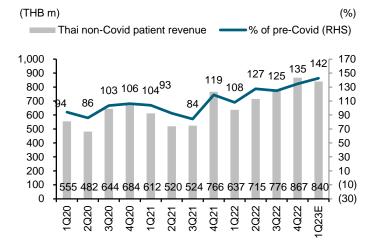
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# Exhibit 1: 1Q23 results preview

FY ending Dec	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23E	Cha	nge	2022	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Sales	970	970	1,064	1,103	960	(13)	(1)	4,107	4,422	8
COGS (incl depreciation)	(627)	(664)	(702)	(730)	(636)	(13)	1	(2,724)	(2,947)	8
Gross profit	343	306	362	373	324	(13)	(5)	1,384	1,475	7
SG&A	(159)	(164)	(195)	(218)	(200)	(8)	26	(735)	(805)	9
Operating profit	184	142	167	155	125	(20)	(32)	649	670	3
Net other income	10	12	13	17	17	0	69	52	58	12
Interest expenses	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	0	(100)	(100)	(0)	(1)	n/a
Pretax profit	194	154	181	172	141	(18)	(27)	700	728	4
Income Tax	(37)	(29)	(33)	(33)	(28)	(15)	(24)	(132)	(146)	10
Core profit	157	125	147	139	113	(18)	(28)	568	582	3
Extraordinaries, GW & FX										
Reported net profit	157	125	147	139	113	(18)	(28)	568	582	3
Outstanding shares (m)	786	786	786	786	786	0	0	786	786	0
Pre-ex EPS (THB)	0.20	0.16	0.19	0.18	0.14	(18)	(28)	0.72	0.74	3
EPS (THB)	0.20	0.16	0.19	0.18	0.14	(18)	(28)	0.72	0.74	3
COGS excl. depreciation	(553)	(588)	(626)	(656)	(561)	(15)	1	(2,424)	(2,640)	9
Depreciation	(74)	(75)	(76)	(74)	(75)	1	1	(299)	(306)	2
EBITDA	268	229	257	246	216	(12)	(19)	1,000	1,034	3
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin	35	32	34	34	34	(0)	(2)	34	33	(0)
SG&A/Revenue	16	17	18	20	21	1	4	18	18	0
EBITDA margin	27	23	24	22	22	0	(5)	24	23	(1)
Net profit margin	16	13	14	13	12	(1)	(4)	14	13	(1)
Operating stats	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)						
OPD revenue growth y-y	50	61	75	20						
OPD volume growth y-y	26	43	48	13						
OPD revenue per head growth y-y	19	13	18	6						
IPD revenue growth y-y	40	44	13	15						
IPD volume growth y-y	82	39	(11)	5						
IPD revenue per head growth y-y	(23)	4	28	10						
Thai patient revenue growth y-y	42	47	30	11						
Inter patient revenue growth y-y	77	114	196	96						

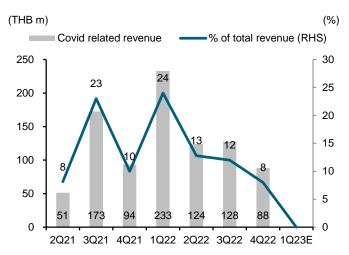
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#### Exhibit 2: Non-Covid Thai patient revenue



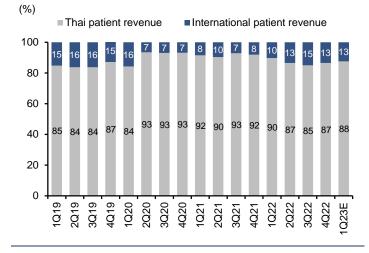
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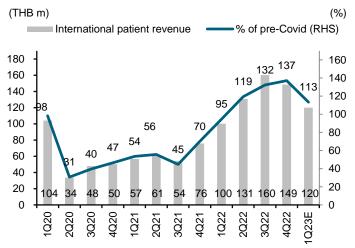
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# Exhibit 6: Thai and international patient revenue contributions



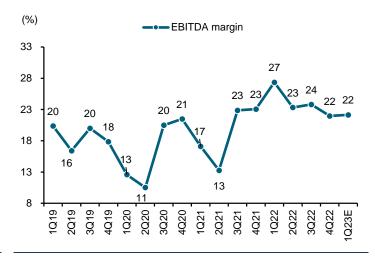
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#### Exhibit 3: International patient revenue



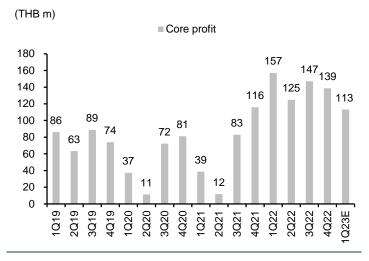
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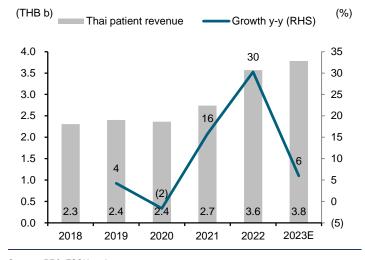
### Exhibit 7: Core profit



Sources: PR9; FSSIA estimates



#### Exhibit 8: Thai patient revenue



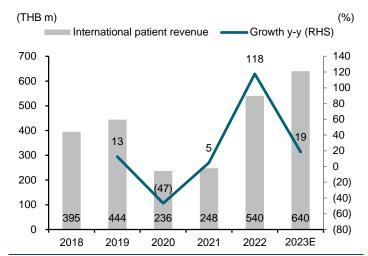
Sources: PR9; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 10: Historical P/E band

PR9 PER(x)



#### **Exhibit 9: International patient revenue**



Sources: PR9; FSSIA estimates





Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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# Exhibit 12: Peer comparisons as of 11 April 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	:	Share price	)	Market	P	'E	RC	)E	PB	3V	EV/ EB	BITDA
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand														
Bangkok Dusit Med Service	BDMS TB	BUY	30.50	34.50	13.1	14,153	36.0	31.7	14.5	15.4	5.1	4.7	20.1	18.0
Bumrungrad Hospital	BH TB	BUY	235.00	260.00	10.6	5,454	34.8	32.0	25.6	24.8	8.4	7.5	22.5	20.5
Bangkok Chain Hospital	BCH TB	BUY	21.20	25.50	20.3	1,544	29.5	24.3	14.1	16.0	4.1	3.7	15.2	12.8
Chularat Hospital	CHG TB	BUY	3.68	4.40	19.6	1,182	30.7	26.4	16.5	18.8	5.2	4.7	18.0	15.4
Praram 9 Hospital	PR9 TB	BUY	18.40	22.00	19.6	422	24.8	22.9	11.9	12.0	2.8	2.7	12.2	11.0
Thonburi Healthcare Group	THG TB	REDUCE	69.25	55.00	(20.6)	1,714	49.5	43.6	11.4	12.4	5.6	5.3	27.0	24.1
Vibhavadi Medical Center	VIBHA TB	BUY	2.68	3.20	19.4	1,062	33.6	30.0	7.3	7.9	2.4	2.3	27.9	25.1
Ramkhamhaeng Hospital	RAM TB	BUY	53.25	60.00	12.7	1,866	32.5	27.9	10.0	11.2	3.2	3.0	34.9	30.5
Rajthanee Hospital	RJH TB	n/a	29.00	n/a	n/a	253	21.8	22.1	18.4	17.6	5.8	3.9	13.9	13.7
Ekachai Medical Care	EKH TB	n/a	7.95	n/a	n/a	157	23.6	22.4	12.3	12.0	5.7	2.7	12.0	11.0
Thailand average						27,807	31.7	28.3	14.2	14.8	4.8	4.1	20.4	18.2
Regional														
Ramsay Health Care	RHC AU	n/a	69.11	n/a	n/a	10,539	38.8	28.5	10.1	12.3	3.9	3.7	13.1	11.8
Ihh Healthcare Bhd	IHH SP	n/a	1.76	n/a	n/a	11,639	30.9	27.5	6.4	6.8	2.2	1.9	13.8	12.9
Ryman Healthcare	RYM NZ	n/a	5.38	n/a	n/a	2,320	10.7	12.0	7.0	7.2	1.2	0.7	14.4	15.8
Apollo Hospitals Enterprise	APHS IN	n/a	4,237	n/a	n/a	7,478	72.9	50.2	13.8	17.6	16.9	9.5	30.2	23.9



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Kpj Healthcare Berhad	KPJ MK	n/a	1.18	n/a	n/a	1,166	24.6	21.9	9.2	10.0	2.6	2.2	11.5	10.9
Raffles Medical Group	RFMD SP	n/a	1.48	n/a	n/a	2,067	22.1	21.8	12.0	11.7	3.2	2.6	12.5	12.3
Mitra Keluarga Karyasehat	MIKA IJ	n/a	2,850	n/a	n/a	2,722	35.5	30.6	19.4	20.2	8.4	6.4	22.4	19.4
Aier Eye Hospital Group	300015 CH	n/a	31.05	n/a	n/a	32,368	59.4	45.9	22.2	23.7	25.5	12.3	34.2	27.2
Regional average						70,299	36.9	29.8	12.5	13.7	8.0	4.9	19.0	16.8
Overall average						98,106	34.0	29.0	13.5	14.3	6.2	4.5	19.8	17.6

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Praram 9 Hospital

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	2,987	4,107	4,422	4,645	4,928
Cost of goods sold	(1,879)	(2,424)	(2,640)	(2,764)	(2,918)
Gross profit	1,108	1,683	1,781	1,881	2,011
Other operating income	39	43	46	48	50
Operating costs	(557)	(735)	(805)	(832)	(867)
Operating EBITDA	590	991	1,023	1,098	1,193
Depreciation	(294)	(299)	(306)	(322)	(342)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	297	692	716	776	851
Net financing costs	4	8	12	14	16
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	300	700	728	790	867
Tax	(51)	(132)	(146)	(158)	(173)
Profit after tax	249	568	582	632	694
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	249	568	582	632	694
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	249	568	582	632	694
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.32	0.72	0.74	0.80	0.88
Reported EPS	0.32	0.72	0.74	0.80	0.88
DPS	0.14	0.29	0.37	0.40	0.44
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	786	786	786	786	786
Growth					
Revenue (%)	14.8	37.5	7.7	5.1	6.1
Operating EBITDA (%)	33.0	67.9	3.2	7.4	8.6
Operating EBIT (%)	28.5	133.3	3.6	8.3	9.7
Recurring EPS (%)	23.3	127.8	2.6	8.5	9.8
Reported EPS (%)	23.3	127.8	2.6	8.5	9.8
Operating performance	2010	12110	2.0	010	0.0
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	27.3	33.7	33.4	33.6	33.9
Gross margin of key business (%)	27.3	33.7	33.4	33.6	33.9
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	19.8	24.1	23.1	23.6	24.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	9.9	16.8	16.2	16.7	17.3
Net margin (%)	8.3	13.8	13.2	13.6	14.1
Effective tax rate (%)	17.0	18.9	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	44.2	40.2	50.0	50.0	50.0
Interest cover (X)	(79.4)	(84.0)	(62.3)	(56.1)	(52.0)
Inventory days	10.2	8.1	7.4	7.6	(32.0)
Debtor days	22.7	20.2	21.4	21.7	20.4
Creditor days	101.4	82.5	72.1	73.5	73.2
Operating ROIC (%)	7.7	18.1	18.9	20.5	22.7
ROIC (%)	7.5	17.4	17.7	20.5 19.1	22.7
ROE (%)	5.9	12.6	11.9	12.0	12.3
ROA (%) * Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	5.0	10.5	9.9	10.1	10.4
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
OPD patient revenue	1,620	2,383	2,521	2,648	2,810
IPD patient revenue	1,367	1,725	1,901	1,997	2,119

Sources: Praram 9 Hospital; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Praram 9 Hospital

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
ecurring net profit	249	568	582	632	694
epreciation	294	299	306	322	342
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
ther non-cash items	3	10	0	0	0
hange in working capital	27 <b>574</b>	(5)	14 <b>903</b>	28 <b>982</b>	35
cash flow from operations Capex - maintenance	(235)	<b>871</b> (140)	(344)	(330)	<b>1,071</b> (350)
Capex - new investment	(200)	(140)	(344)	(330)	(550)
let acquisitions & disposals	0	(150)	0	0	C
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	
cash flow from investing	(235)	(290)	(344)	(330)	(350)
Dividends paid	(86)	(110)	(228)	(291)	(316)
quity finance	0	0	0	0	C
Debt finance	(2)	2	0	0	C
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	(240)
Cash flow from financing	(88)	(108)	(228)	(291)	(316)
Ion-recurring cash flows Dther adjustments	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	C
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
lovement in cash	250	473	331	361	405
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	338.71	581.44	559.55	653.02	721.73
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	336.58	582.47	559.02	652.48	721.20
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	0.43	0.74	0.71	0.83	0.92
CFE per share	0.43	0.74	0.71	0.83	0.92
Recurring cash flow per share	0.69	1.11	1.13	1.21	1.32
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
· · · ·			5,982	6,311	
angible fixed assets (gross) .ess: Accumulated depreciation	5,565 (2,090)	5,638 (2,322)	5,982 (2,629)	6,311 (2,951)	6,661 (3,293)
angible fixed assets (net)	3,475	3,315	3,353	3,360	3,368
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0,410	0,010	0,000	0	0,000
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	4	154	154	154	154
Cash & equivalents	1,244	1,717	2,048	2,409	2,815
VC receivable	212	243	276	276	276
nventories	56	51	56	59	62
Other current assets	90	12	13	14	14
Current assets	1,603	2,023	2,393	2,757	3,167
Other assets	55	65	65	65	65
fotal assets	5,137	5,558	5,965	6,337	6,754
Common equity	4,278	4,735	5,090	5,430	5,808
Ainorities etc.	0 <b>4,278</b>	0 4,735	0 5,090	0 5,430	0 5,808
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b> .ong term debt	<b>4,278</b> 6	4,735	5,090	<b>5,430</b> 8	<b>5,000</b> 8
Other long-term liabilities	190	209	209	209	209
.ong-term liabilities	196	203	200	203	200
VC payable	597	499	544	569	601
Short term debt	0	0	0	0	001
Other current liabilities	66	106	114	120	128
Current liabilities	663	606	658	690	729
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	5,137	5,558	5,965	6,337	6,754
let working capital	(305)	(299)	(313)	(341)	(376)
nvested capital	3,230	3,235	3,258	3,238	3,210
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is beir	ng treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	5.44	6.02	6.47	6.91	7.39
angible book value per share	5.44	6.02	6.47	6.91	7.39
inancial strength					
let debt/equity (%)	(28.9)	(36.1)	(40.1)	(44.2)	(48.3
let debt/total assets (%)	(24.1)	(30.8)	(34.2)	(37.9)	(41.6
Current ratio (x)	2.4	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.3
F interest cover (x)	(89.2)	(69.7)	(47.6)	(46.2)	(43.1
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
ecurring P/E (x) *	58.1	25.5	24.8	22.9	20.8
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	69.4	30.5	29.7	27.4	24.9
Reported P/E (x)	58.1	25.5	24.8	22.9	20.8
Dividend yield (%)	0.8	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.4
Price/book (x)	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.5
Price/tangible book (x)	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.5
V/EBITDA (x) **	22.4	12.9	12.2	11.0	9.8
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	27.2 4.1	15.7 3.9	14.9 3.8	13.6 3.7	12.1 3.6
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Sources: Praram 9 Hospital; FSSIA estimates



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Rating regarding the sustainable development of Thai listed companies, both on the SET and MAI, are publicly available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand (SEC). Currently, ratings available are 1) "CG Score" by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD); 2) "AGM Checklist" by the Thai Investors Association (TIA), a "CAC certified member" of the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC); and 3) Sustainability Investment List (THSI) by the Stock Exchange of Thailand. The ratings are updated on an annual basis. FSS International Investment Advisory Company Limited does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such ratings.

#### CG Score by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)<sup>1</sup>

The CG Score indicates corporate governance (CG) strength in the sustainable development of Thai listed companies. Annually, the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), surveys and assesses the CG practices of companies and publishes the results on the <u>Thai IOD website</u> in a bid to promote and enhance the CG of Thai listed companies in order to promote compliance with international standards for better investment decisions. The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations, as of the date appearing in the report, and may be changed after that date.

The five underlying categories and weighting used for the CG scoring in 2022 include the rights of shareholders and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined), the role of stakeholders (25%), disclosure and transparency (15%), and board responsibilities (35%).

The CGR report rates CG in six categories: 5 for Excellent (score range 90-100), 4 for Very Good (score range 80-89), 3 for Good (Score range 70-79), 2 for Fair (score range 60-69), 1 for Pass (score range 60-69), and not rated (score below 50).

#### AGM Checklist by the Thai Investors Association (TIA)<sup>2</sup>

The "<u>AGM Checklist</u>" quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and the extent to which information is sufficiently disclosed and the level of its transparency. All the considered factors form important elements of two out of five the CG components. Annually, the TIA, with support from the SEC, leads the project to evaluate the quality of Annual General Meetings of Shareholders (AGMs) and to rate quality of the meetings.

The <u>Checklist</u> contains the minimum requirements under law that companies must comply with, or best practices according to international CG guidance. Representatives of the TIA will attend the meetings and perform the evaluation. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating of how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.

The results are classified into four categories: 5 for Excellent (score 100), 4 for Very Good (score 90-99), 3 for Fair (score 80-89), and not rated (score below 79).

#### CAC certified member by the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)<sup>3</sup>

A <u>CAC certified member</u> is a listed company whose Checklist satisfies the CAC Certification's criteria and is approved by the CAC Council. The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. Note that the CAC does not certify the behaviour of the employees nor whether the companies have engaged in bribery, and Certification is good for three years.

Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start with by submitting a Declaration of Intent signed by the Chairman of the Board to kick off the 18-month deadline for companies to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification. The 18-month provision is for risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of managers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.

The checklist document will be reviewed by the CAC Certification Committee for adequate information and evidence. It is worth noting that the committee consists of nine professionals in business law, corporate governance, internal audit, financial audit and experienced representatives from certified members.

A passed Checklist will move on to the <u>CAC Council</u> for granting certification approvals. The CAC Council consists of twelve prominent individuals who are highly respected in professionalism and ethical achievements. Among them are former ministers, a former central bank governor, the former head of the Thai Listed Companies Association, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Organizations (Thailand), Chairman of Thai Institute of Directors, and reputable academic scholars.

#### Sustainability Investment (THSI)<sup>4</sup> by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI) quantifies responsibility in <u>Environmental</u>, and <u>Social</u> issues, by managing business with transparency in <u>Governance</u>. The THSI serves as another choice for investors who desire to adopt a responsible investment approach, according to the SET.

Annually, the SET will announce the voluntary participation of the company candidates which pass the preemptive criteria, and whose two key crucial conditions are met, i.e. no irregular trading of the board members and executives and a free float of >150 by the number of shareholders, and combined holding must >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include a CG score of below 70%; independent directors and free float violation; executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social and environmental impacts, equity in negative territory, and earnings in the red for more than three years in the last five years. To become eligible for THSI, the candidate must pass three indicators in data declaration: Economic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and innovation); Environmental (environmental management, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); Social (human rights, talent attraction, operational health & safety, community development, and stakeholder engagement); and the incorporation of ESG in business operations.

To be approved for THSI inclusion, verified data must be scored at a 50% minimum for each indicator, unless the company is a part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices<sup>5</sup> (DJSI) during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality.

Note that, from the <u>THSI list</u>, the SET further developed a sustainability <u>SETTHSI Index</u> in June 2018 from selected THSI companies whose 1) market capitalisation > THB5b (~USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity >0.5% of paid-up capital for at least 9 out of 12 months. The SETTHSI Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.

Sources: SEC; Thai IOD; Thai CAC; SET; FSSIA's compilation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Dow Jones Sustainability Indices – <u>Wikipedia</u> – Launched in 1999, DJSI evaluates the sustainability performance of companies based on corporate economic, environmental, and social performance.



Thai Institute of Directors Association (<u>Thai IOD</u>) was established in December 1999 and is a membership organisation that strives to promote professionalism in directorship. The Thai IOD offers directors certification and professional development courses, provides a variety of seminars, forums and networking events, and conducts research on board governance issues and practices. Membership comprises board members from companies ranging from large publicly listed companies to small private firms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Thai Investors Association (<u>TIA</u>) was established in 1983 with a mission to promote investment knowledge and to protect the investment rights of Thai investors. In 2002, the association was appointed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to represent individual shareholders. To obtain information for evaluation, the association recruits volunteer investors to join AGMs and score the meetings. Weightings for each meeting are at a 45:45:10 ratio. They have been applied since 2017 and subject to change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Thai Private Sector Collective Action against Corruption (<u>CAC</u>) was founded in 2010 and is 100% privately funded. It is an initiative by the Thai private sector to take part in tackling corruption problems via collective action. The CAC promotes the implementation of effective anti-corruption policies in order to create a transparent business ecosystem by developing a unique certification program for large/medium/small companies to apply for and to control corruption risk systematically and efficiently. The CAC's operations are sponsored by the US-based Center for Private Enterprise (CIPE) and the UK Prosperity Fund.

Sustainability Investment List (THSI), created by the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 2015, comprises the listed companies that conduct sustainable business operations.

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Praram 9 Hospital	PR9 TB	THB 18.40	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) weak patient volumes following the economic slowdown; 2) regulatory risks from drug price and medical bill controls; and 3) higher-than-expected expenses from its new building.
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services	BDMS TB	THB 30.50	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in international patients due to economic concerns, political protests or floods; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) higher-than-expected capex and opex for CoE projects.
Bumrungrad Hospital	BH TB	THB 235.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in international patients due to economic concerns, political protests or floods; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) higher medical fee discount promotions, leading to a weaker EBITDA margin.
Bangkok Chain Hospital	BCH TB	THB 21.20	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in international patients due to economic concerns, political protests or floods; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) SSO provision expenses following a limited SSO budget.
Chularat Hospital	CHG TB	THB 3.68	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in Thai patient volume due to economic concerns; 2) regulatory risks from drug price and medical bill controls; and 3) SSO provision expenses following limited budgets from the SSO.
Thonburi Healthcare Group	THG TB	THB 69.25	REDUCE	Upside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a new Covid wave from a new variant; and 2) big-lot sales of Jin Wellbeing County units.
Vibhavadi Medical Center	VIBHA TB	THB 2.68	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in Thai patient volume due to economic concerns; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) SSO provision expenses following limited budgets from the SSO.
Ramkhamhaeng Hospital	RAM TB	THB 53.25	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) weak patient volumes following the economic slowdown; 2) regulatory risks from drug price and medical bill controls; and 3) losses from its subsidiary companies.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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#### **Stock ratings**

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

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