**EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT** 

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## RAMKHAMHAENG HOSPITAL

THAILAND / HEALTH CARE SERVICES

# Projects are building up steam

- Expect revenue to be relatively flat y-y in 2023; non-Covid revenue should grow by 10-15%.
- Expansion mode underway: Ram 2's expected opening in 2Q23 and to increase bed capacity by 27% in 2028.
- Maintain BUY with a lower DCF-based TP of THB60/shr.

## Non-Covid growth led by RAM's flagship and larger SSO base

At the analyst meeting on 4 April, management said that it expects revenue to be relatively flat y-y in 2023, in line with our estimate. We estimate Covid-related revenue to account for c14% of hospital revenue, which implies that non-Covid hospital revenue should grow by 10-15% in 2023 driven by the new specialist centers at RAM's flagship hospital and more SSO-registered members from Vibharam group, especially at Chiangrai Ram, which recently joined the SSO scheme, adding 50,000 registered members.

## Expect RAM 2 to contribute a loss of up to THB50m-70m in 2023

RAM will increase its stake in Ramkhamhaeng 2 Hospital (RAM 2) from 50.75 to 52.17% via newly issued shares. Capex has increased from THB3.5b to THB4.5b, mainly to fund construction, a radiology center, and medical equipment. RAM will consolidate RAM 2 into its financial statements. RAM 2, with 560 registered beds in total, should open in 2Q23 with 60-100 beds in its first phase. Management expects a loss of THB200m-250m in its first year of operation, which implies c50-70m in losses for RAM in 2023. We expect RAM 2's EBITDA to turn positive by 2025.

## IPD capacity to increase by 27% in 2028

RAM continues to expand its hospital network. IPD bed capacity will rise from 6,920 beds as of 2022 to 8,790 beds by 2028 (from c2,068 beds to 2,962 in terms of equity beds, +43%) mostly through greenfield projects such as the recently announced Mahasarakham RAM, in which RAM will hold a 50% stake. The 120-bed hospital, which will focus on fee-forservice patients, is scheduled to open by 2026 with capex of THB1.2b. RAM's rationale for building it is based on support from Mahasarakham University's faculty of medicine and the province's growth outlook.

## Trim 2023-24E core profit

We slightly trim our 2023-24 core profit estimate by 7-8% to reflect the lower-than-expected revenue from Vibharam along with EBITDA margin in 4Q22 and derive a new 2023 DCF-based TP of THB60/shr. RAM is trading at 33x 2023E P/E, relatively in line with its peers' average.

## **RAM TB**

BUY

UNCHANGED

 TARGET PRICE
 THB60.00

 CLOSE
 THB53.25

 UP/DOWNSIDE
 +12.7%

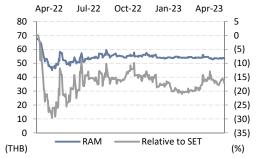
 PRIOR TP
 THB62.00

 CHANGE IN TP
 -3.2%

 TP vs CONSENSUS
 +27.7%

## **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	10,687	10,907	11,613	12,451
Net profit	2,088	1,965	2,289	2,531
EPS (THB)	1.74	1.64	1.91	2.11
vs Consensus (%)	-	8.6	22.4	24.9
EBITDA	2,356	2,368	2,677	2,935
Core net profit	2,088	1,965	2,289	2,531
Core EPS (THB)	1.74	1.64	1.91	2.11
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	(8.2)	(6.6)	nm
EPS growth (%)	(48.4)	(5.9)	16.5	10.6
Core P/E (x)	30.6	32.5	27.9	25.2
Dividend yield (%)	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	35.0	34.9	30.5	27.1
Price/book (x)	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9
Net debt/Equity (%)	35.7	35.5	30.6	21.6
ROE (%)	11.2	10.0	11.2	11.7



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month	
Absolute (%)	(2.7)	(1.4)	(13.4)	
Relative to country (%)	(2.6)	4.1	(9.0)	
Mkt cap (USD m)			1,866	
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.4	
Free float (%)			24	
Major shareholder	F&S 79 (23%)			
12m high/low (THB)		6	9.25/44.75	
Issued shares (m)			1,200.00	

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

RAM currently operates 18 hospitals with a capacity of more than 2,400 beds. We think the stock is undervalued due to its complicated structure and lack of trading liquidity. RAM split its par in 2021 and trading liquidity has improved since then.

RAM has diversified its portfolio both geographically and through its revenue mix. RAM has several hospital brands to capture patients from the middle-income to high-income segments.

RAM is in an expansion mode. Its organic growth should be driven by VBR, which is in a harvesting period after investing in greenfield hospitals. RAM also has several projects in the pipeline which should lift its capacity by more than 40% (based on equity beds) by 2028.

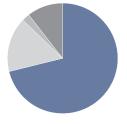
## Company profile

RAM is a private hospital which opened in 1988. Currently, RAM operates 18 hospitals with a capacity of more than 2,400 beds. It is the second largest private hospital operator in Thailand in terms of registered beds.

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## Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

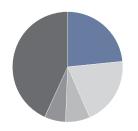
- Cash patient 71.2 %
- SSO 16.1 %
- NHSO 2.3 %
- Sales of medical equipment 10.5



Source: Ramkhamhaeng Hospital

## **Major shareholders**

- F&S 79 23.4 %
- Cypress Consolidated Healthcare
- Chiangmai Ram Hospital 7.2 %
- Vibhavadi Hospital PCL 6.2 %
- Others 43.2 %



Source: Ramkhamhaeng Hospital

## Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) an improving EBITDA margin led by new hospitals and a larger share of profits and dividend income from its subsidiaries; 2) more Social Security Office (SSO) registered members via VBR group; and 3) economies of scale due to its large network.

### 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) losses from its subsidiary companies.

## **Event calendar**

Date	Event	
May 2023	1Q23 results announcement	

## Key assumptions

	2023E	2024E	2025E
Ramkhamhaeng revenue growth (y-y %)	5	5	5
Ramkhamhaeng EBITDA margin (%)	32	33	33
Subsidiary revenue growth (y-y %)	(1)	8	10
Subsidiary EBITDA margin (%)	15	17	18
Share income - Synphaet (THB m)	225	275	285
Share income - Sukhumvit (THB m)	116	123	130
Share income - Chiangmai Ram (THB m)	105	112	115
Share income - VIBHA (THB m)	62	88	101
Share income - THG (THB m)	266	301	334

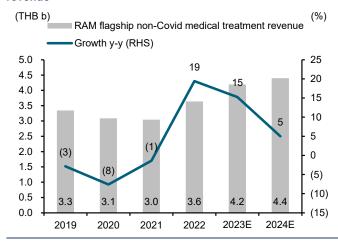
Source: FSSIA estimates

### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in patient volume, we project 2023 earnings to rise by 3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in EBITDA margin, we project 2023 earnings to rise by 5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

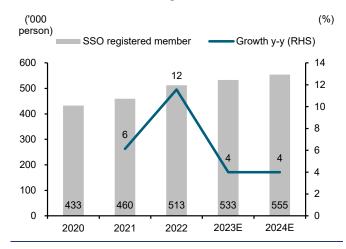
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Exhibit 1: RAM flagship's non-Covid medical treatment revenue



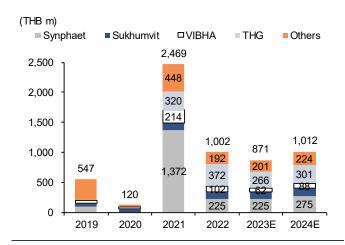
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Exhibit 3: Number of SSO-registered members



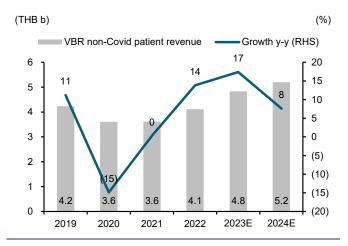
Sources: RAM; FSSIA estimate

Exhibit 5: RAM's share income



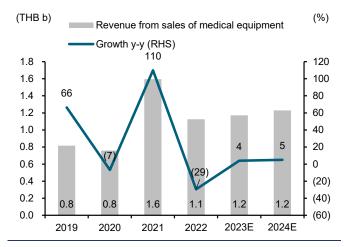
Sources: RAM; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: VBR's non-Covid patient revenue



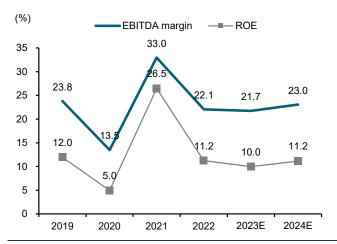
Sources: RAM; FSSIA estimate

Exhibit 4: Revenue from sales of medical equipment



Sources: RAM; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: EBITDA margin and ROE



Sources: RAM; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: RAM - forecast revisions

	Current			Previous	;	Change		
	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2023E	2024E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	
Revenue	10,907	11,613	12,451	11,155	11,761	(2)	(1)	
EBITDA margin (%)	21.7	23.0	23.6	28.4	29.1	(7)	(6)	
Core profit	1,965	2,289	2,531	2,140	2,451	(8)	(7)	
Key assumptions								
RAM's flagship hospital revenue	4,192	4,402	4,622	3,982	4,181	5	5	
Revenue from sales of medical equipment	1,171	1,229	1,278	1,166	1,224	0	0	
Subsidiary hospital revenue	5,544	5,982	6,550	6,007	6,356	(8)	(6)	
Share income	871	1,012	1,085	823	1,009	6	0	

Note: Change of items in percentage terms are represented in ppt change Sources. RAM; FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 8: DCF-derived TP

Cost of equity assumptions	(%)	Cost of debt assumptions	(%)
Risk-free rate	3.0	Pre-tax cost of debt	3.5
Market risk premium	8.0	Marginal tax rate	20.0
Stock beta	1.0		
Cost of equity, Ke	10.7	Net cost of debt, Kd	2.8
Weight applied	70.0	Weight applied	30.0
WACC	8.3		

DCF valuation estimate	(THB b)	(THB/share)	Comments
NPV	24.1	20.1	WACC 8.3%, Risk-free rate 3%, Risk premium 8%
Terminal value	66.7	55.6	Terminal growth 3%
Cash & liquid assets	0.6	0.5	At end-2023E
Investments	0.0	0.0	At end-2023E
Debt	(10.8)	(9.0)	At end-2023E
Minorities	(8.6)	(7.2)	At end-2023E
Residual ordinary equity	72.0	60.0	

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 9: Peer comparisons as of 11 April 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	:	Share price		Market	P	E	RO	E	PB	V	EV/ EB	ITDA
			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	вн тв	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
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

**Exhibit 10: Capacity summary** 

Group	No	Hospital	RAM's stake	No. of beds	No. of beds based on stake
			(%)	(no.)	(no.)
Ramkhamhaeng Hospital	1	Ramkhamhaeng Hospital	100.0	486	486
Subsidiaries	2	Chaiyaphum Ram	78.0	60	47
	3	Mueng Loei Ram	77.7	100	78
	4	Chiangrai Ram (Watcharasirivej)	40.3	50	20
Subsidiaries - Vibharam (VBR)	5	Pattanakarn	50.0	150	75
	6	Laemchabang	50.0	100	50
	7	Samutsakhon	50.0	100	50
	8	Nawamin	50.0	52	26
	9	Parkkred	44.2	100	44
	10	Amatanakron	37.6	100	38
	11	Samut Prakarn	49.6	100	50
	12	Mahaesak	25.9	132	34
	13	Phaetpanya	25.0	160	40
	14	Cancer Center Amatanakorn	18.8	10	2
		Total Ram and subsidiaries		1,700	1,039
Associates - operated directly	15	Chiangmai Ram	42.9	200	86
	16	Phayao Ram	40.0	100	40
	17	Buriram Ram	36.1	90	32
	18	Sukhumvit	34.2	80	27
	19	Khonkaen Ram	16.4	300	49
		Total associates - operated directly		770	235
Associates - operated through Synphaet	20	Ramintra	28.4	346	98
	21	Theparak	23.0	120	28
	22	Lumlukka	28.4	100	28
	23	Srinakarin	21.3	100	21
	24	Serirak	22.5	238	53
	25	Nakhon Pathom	32.0	240	77
		Total associates - operated through Synphaet		1,144	306
Partner hospitals	26	Vibhavadi (VIBHA)	9.2	1,282	117
•	27	Thonburi (THG)	21.7	1,380	299
	28	Petcharat Hospital	17.9	100	18
	29	Eak Udorn	9.3	350	33
	30	Chaophaya	6.8	200	14
	31	EKH	5.3	142	7
		Total partner		3,454	488
		Grand total existing beds		7,068	2,068
Projects in pipeline	32	Ramkhamhaeng 2 (Ram Nakra)	52.2	560	292
,	33	Ramkhamhaeng 3 (Narathiwat Road)	100.0	210	210
	34	Nan Ram	52.5	141	74
	35	Vientiane Ram	70.0	150	105
	36	Thonburi Rangsit	40.0	250	100
	37	Mahasaraklam RAM	50.0	120	60
	38	Kanchanaburi	15.8	100	16
	39	Synphaet Pattanakan	15.7	100	16
	40	Rajthanee Romklao	14.0	150	21
		Total project in pipeline		1,781	894

Sources: RAM; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Ramkhamhaeng Hospital

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	12,664	10,687	10,907	11,613	12,451
Cost of goods sold	(7,125)	(6,817)	(6,930)	(7,295)	(7,841)
Gross profit	5,539	3,869	3,977	4,318	4,609
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	
Operating costs	(1,364)	(1,513)	(1,609)	(1,641)	(1,674)
Operating EBITDA	4,175	2,356	2,368	2,677	2,935
Depreciation	(816)	(998)	(1,090)	(1,136)	(1,157)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	
Operating EBIT	3,359	1,359	1,278	1,540	1,778
Net financing costs	(224)	(234)	(240)	(237)	(223)
Associates	2,259	1,002	871	1,012	1,085
Recurring non-operating income	2,640	1,450	1,322	1,488	1,575
Non-recurring items	122	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	5,897	2,575	2,360	2,791	3,130
Tax	(506)	(274)	(283)	(356)	(409)
Profit after tax	5,391	2,301	2,077	2,435	2,721
Minority interests	(1,220)	(212)	(112)	(146)	(190)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	4,171	2,088	1,965	2,289	2,531
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(122)	0	0	0	(
Recurring net profit	4,049	2,088	1,965	2,289	2,531
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	3.37	1.74	1.64	1.91	2.11
Reported EPS	3.48	1.74	1.64	1.91	2.11
DPS	0.76	1.10	1.10	0.95	1.05
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Growth					
Revenue (%)	61.9	(15.6)	2.1	6.5	7.2
Operating EBITDA (%)	295.8	(43.6)	0.5	13.0	9.7
Operating EBIT (%)	892.2	(59.6)	(5.9)	20.5	15.4
Recurring EPS (%)	540.6	(48.4)	(5.9)	16.5	10.6
Reported EPS (%)	559.9	(49.9)	(5.9)	16.5	10.6
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	37.3	26.9	26.5	27.4	27.7
Gross margin of key business (%)	37.3	26.9	26.5	27.4	27.7
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	33.0	22.1	21.7	23.0	23.6
Operating EBIT margin (%)	26.5	12.7	11.7	13.3	14.3
Net margin (%)	32.0	19.5	18.0	19.7	20.3
Effective tax rate (%)	14.4	17.4	19.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	22.5	63.2	67.2	50.0	50.0
Interest cover (X)	26.8	12.0	10.8	12.8	15.0
Inventory days	38.7	40.8	40.9	40.2	39.8
Debtor days	54.7	77.7	67.7	63.6	59.3
Creditor days	25.1	30.4	35.9	35.3	34.9
Operating ROIC (%)	23.3	7.7	6.2	7.4	9.0
ROIC (%)	16.8	6.4	5.4	6.2	6.9
ROE (%)	26.5	11.2	10.0	11.2	11.7
ROA (%)	16.6	6.4	5.5	6.3	6.7
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	10.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	5.1
Paramata ha District (THD an)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue by Division (THB m)					
Revenue by Division (THB m)  Cash patient	8 845	7.604	7,659	8.215	8 907
Cash patient	8,845 1,575	7,604 1,716	7,659 1,836	8,215 1 928	
	8,845 1,575 649	7,604 1,716 241	7,659 1,836 241	8,215 1,928 241	8,907 2,025 241

Sources: Ramkhamhaeng Hospital; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Ramkhamhaeng Hospital

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Recurring net profit	4,049	2,088	1,965	2,289	2,53
epreciation	816	998	1,090	1,136	1,15
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	40
Other non-cash items Change in working capital	2,038	609 439	112	146	19 1,15
cash flow from operations	(199) <b>6,705</b>	4,134	(911) <b>2,256</b>	(7) <b>3,564</b>	5,02
Capex - maintenance	(1,776)	(4,895)	(654)	(680)	(1,081
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	(.,
let acquisitions & disposals	(4,791)	(1,480)	(395)	(395)	(360
Other investments (net)	-	· · · · · ·	-	-	
ash flow from investing	(6,567)	(6,375)	(1,049)	(1,075)	(1,441
Dividends paid	(969)	(1,362)	(1,320)	(1,320)	(1,145
quity finance	0	0	0	0	
Debt finance	753	1,318	(600)	(300)	(300
Other financing cash flows Cash flow from financing	589 <b>372</b>	2,527 <b>2,483</b>	(76) <b>(1,996)</b>	(73) <b>(1,693)</b>	(95 <b>(1,540</b>
lon-recurring cash flows		2,403	(1,330)	(1,033)	(1,540
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
lovement in cash	510	242	(789)	796	2,04
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	377.20	(1,997.35)	1,458.11	2,730.86	3,822.5
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,479.50	1,604.43	530.99	2,116.43	3,193.0
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	0.31	(1.66)	1.22	2.28	3.1
CFE per share	1.23	1.34	0.44	1.76	2.6
tecurring cash flow per share	5.75	3.08	2.64	2.98	3.2
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
angible fixed assets (gross)	19,197	24,024	24,678	25,358	26.43
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(8,133)	(9,062)	(10,152)	(11,288)	(12,445
angible fixed assets (net)	11,064	14,961	14,526	14,069	13,99
ntangible fixed assets (net)	409	422	422	422	42
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	20,016	21,496	21,891	22,286	22,64
cash & equivalents	1,126	1,369	580	1,376	3,42
/C receivable	2,524	2,023	2,023	2,023	2,02
nventories	756	770	782	824	88
Other current assets	373	373	983	1,051	36
current assets	4,779	4,534	4,368	5,274	6,69
Other assets Total assets	143	202 <b>41,615</b>	202 <b>41,409</b>	202	20 <b>43,9</b> 6
Common equity	<b>36,411</b> 17,781	19,387	20,032	<b>42,254</b> 21,001	22,38
Minorities etc.	6,362	8,592	8,629	8,702	8,79
otal shareholders' equity	24,143	27,980	28,661	29,704	31,18
ong term debt	4,501	5,189	4,889	4,889	4,88
Other long-term liabilities	404	501	501	501	50
ong-term liabilities	4,905	5,690	5,390	5,390	5,39
/C payable	460	676	687	723	77
short term debt	5,548	6,178	5,878	5,578	5,27
Other current liabilities	1,356	1,092	792	859	1,33
current liabilities	7,363	7,945	7,357	7,160	7,38
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	36,411	41,615	41,409	42,254	43,96
let working capital	1,838	1,398	2,310	2,317	1,16
nvested capital Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bein	33,470	38,480	39,350	39,296	38,42
<u>.                                      </u>	.9				
er share (THB)	44.00	40.40	40.00	47.50	40.6
ook value per share angible book value per share	14.82 14.48	16.16 15.80	16.69 16.34	17.50 17.15	18.6 18.3
inancial strength	14.40	13.00	10.34	17.13	10.0
let debt/equity (%)	37.0	35.7	35.5	30.6	21
et debt/total assets (%)	24.5	24.0	24.6	21.5	15
current ratio (x)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0
F interest cover (x)	7.6	7.9	3.2	9.9	15
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	15.8	30.6	32.5	27.9	25
ecurring P/E (x) * ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	17.8	34.5	32.5 36.6	27.9 31.5	28
eported P/E (x)	15.3	30.6	32.5	27.9	25
ividend yield (%)	1.4	2.1	2.1	1.8	2
rice/book (x)	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.0	2
			3.3	3.1	2
	3.7	3.4			
rice/tangible book (x)	3.7 19.0	35.0	34.9	30.5	
rice/tangible book (x)					27 29

Sources: Ramkhamhaeng Hospital; FSSIA estimates

## Public disclosures related to sustainable development evaluation of Thai listed companies

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) 1

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 Thai IOD website 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)2

The "AGM Checklist" 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 Checklist 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)3

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 <u>start with</u> 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)4 by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI) quantifies responsibility in <u>Environmental</u>, and <u>S</u>ocial issues, by managing business with transparency in <u>G</u>overnance. 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 THSI list, the SET further developed a sustainability SETTHSI Index 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: <u>SEC</u>; <u>Thai IOD</u>; <u>Thai CAC</u>; <u>SET</u>; FSSIA's compilation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Thai Investors Association (TIA) 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.

Thai Private Sector Collective Action against Corruption (CAC) 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sustainability Investment List (THSI), created by the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 2015, comprises the listed companies that conduct sustainable business operations.

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

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
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.
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	ВН ТВ	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	ВСН ТВ	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.
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.
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.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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