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Healthy 1Q23 profit as expected

- 1Q23 net profit was THB1.48b (+28% q-q, -15% y-y), in line with our estimate. Highlight was the solid gross margin, up q-q and y-y.
- Expect positive quarterly momentum for presales and earnings.
- Our forecast calls for AP's 2023 net profit to reach a four-year record high of THB6.3b (+7% y-y); maintain TP of THB14.

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|-----------------|----------|
| TARGET PRICE | THB14.00 |
| CLOSE | THB12.20 |
| UP/DOWNSIDE | +14.8% |
| TP vs CONSENSUS | -3.1% |

KEY STOCK DATA

| YE Dec (THB m) | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue | 38,539 | 42,223 | 43,979 | 45,724 |
| Net profit | 5,877 | 6,274 | 6,450 | 6,568 |
| EPS (THB) | 1.87 | 1.99 | 2.05 | 2.09 |
| vs Consensus (%) | - | 1.6 | - | 0.0 |
| EBITDA | 6,107 | 6,627 | 6,894 | 7,178 |
| Core net profit | 5,874 | 6,274 | 6,450 | 6,568 |
| Core EPS (THB) | 1.87 | 1.99 | 2.05 | 2.09 |
| EPS growth (%) | 29.3 | 6.8 | 2.8 | 1.8 |
| Core P/E (x) | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 9.8 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 7.7 |
| Price/book (x) | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Net debt/Equity (%) | 58.5 | 46.4 | 41.5 | 34.8 |
| ROE (%) | 17.0 | 16.2 | 15.0 | 13.9 |

1Q23 profit rose q-q but dropped y-y

AP posted a 1Q23 net profit of THB1.48b (+28% q-q, -15% y-y), in line with our estimate. Transfers came in at THB9.1b, up 6% q-q from one newly built condo, but down 14% y-y from the high transfer value in 1Q22. Low-rise transfers posted a healthy amount at THB8.7b (+4% q-q, -11% y-y). Meanwhile, condo transfers amounted to THB487m, up 75% q-q as it started to realise Aspire Rattanathibet Weston, but down 43% y-y from a lower value of new projects. 1Q23 share of profits from its JV were THB238m (-16% q-q, -4% y-y), mainly from a new condo, Rhythm Charoenkrung Pavillion. However, we are impressed by the property gross margin, which was slightly above our expectation at 35.5% – the highest in 10 years since some low-rise projects had an excellent margin.

Presales should improve in June onwards

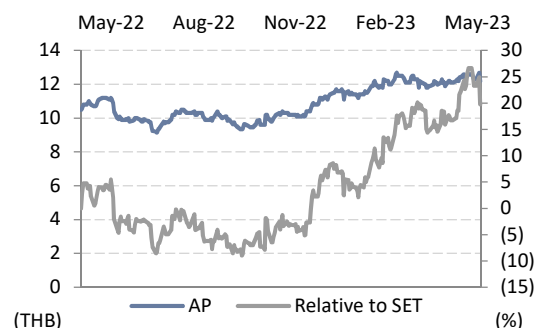
AP's 4M23 presales decreased 12% y-y to THB14.3b, accounting for 25% of its full-year target. Low-rise presales dropped to THB10.6b (-22% y-y) since it has had only four new projects (vs nine projects in 1Q22). Moreover, demand for housing was softer in the short run from the high base in 4Q22 when customers accelerated buying before the expiration of the easing of the LTV limits at end-2022. However, condo presales jumped 39% y-y to THB3.7b from an inventory sales improvement and more Chinese buyers. Management believes that presales will step up in June onwards following numerous new projects. In 2Q23, AP plans to launch 15 low-rise projects totalling THB17.5b, and one condo named Life Phahon-Ladprao worth THB3.5b with a target of 30% sold.

Expect to see further positive earnings momentum

AP's 1Q23 performance accounts for 24% of our 2023E profit. We expect earnings to gradually increase q-q in 2Q23 onwards, led by a sizable number of new low-rise projects scheduled to launch worth THB17.5b in 2Q23 and THB43.5b in 2H23 (vs THB4.2b in 1Q23), plus two newly built condos in 3Q23 amidst an economy recovery after the election.

Maintain BUY with TP of THB14

We maintain our 2023E net profit of THB6.3b (+7% y-y). The stock trades at 6.1x 2023E P/E with a decent dividend yield at 5.7%. The success of new launches and solid earnings should support the share price.



| Share price performance | 1 Month | 3 Month | 12 Month |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Absolute (%) | 2.5 | 3.4 | 11.9 |
| Relative to country (%) | 4.4 | 10.0 | 16.1 |
| Mkt cap (USD m) | 1,140 | | |
| 3m avg. daily turnover (USD m) | 7.0 | | |
| Free float (%) | 66 | | |
| Major shareholder | Mr. Anuphong Assavabhokhin (21%) | | |
| 12m high/low (THB) | 12.80/9.00 | | |
| Issued shares (m) | 3,145.90 | | |

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimat



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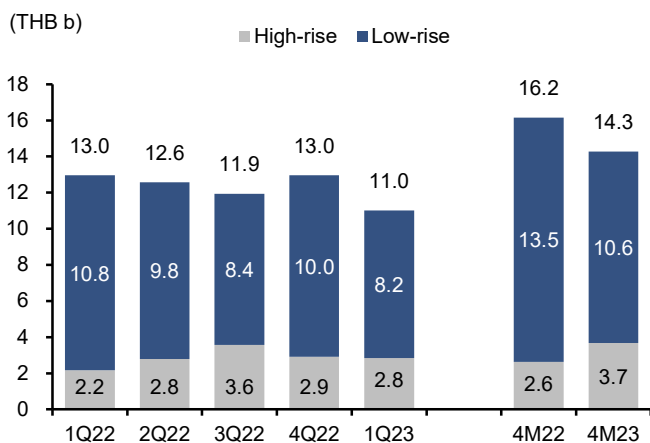
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Exhibit 1: 1Q23 results summary

| | 1Q22 | 2Q22 | 3Q22 | 4Q22 | 1Q23 | ----- Change ----- | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | (THB m) | (THB m) | (THB m) | (THB m) | (THB m) | (q-q%) | (y-y%) |
| Total revenue | 10,849 | 9,862 | 8,982 | 8,846 | 9,409 | 6 | (13) |
| Gross profit | 3,616 | 3,313 | 3,046 | 3,090 | 3,445 | 11 | (5) |
| SG&A | (1,709) | (1,715) | (1,805) | (2,020) | (1,853) | n/a | n/a |
| Operating profit | 1,907 | 1,598 | 1,241 | 1,070 | 1,592 | 49 | (17) |
| Other income | 9 | 18 | 122 | 14 | 33 | 126 | 253 |
| Interest expense | (28) | (14) | (18) | (45) | (76) | n/a | n/a |
| Profit before tax | 1,883 | 1,508 | 1,345 | 1,134 | 1,549 | 37 | (18) |
| Tax | (400) | (312) | (251) | (267) | (309) | n/a | n/a |
| Associates | 247 | 378 | 324 | 284 | 238 | (16) | (4) |
| Reported net profit | 1,730 | 1,574 | 1,419 | 1,155 | 1,478 | 28 | (15) |
| Normalised profit | 1,730 | 1,574 | 1,419 | 1,151 | 1,478 | 28 | (15) |
| Key ratios (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (ppt) | (ppt) |
| Property gross margin | 32.3 | 32.4 | 32.4 | 33.7 | 35.5 | 1.8 | 3.2 |
| Gross margin | 33.3 | 33.6 | 33.9 | 34.9 | 36.6 | 1.7 | 3.3 |
| Operating margin | 17.6 | 16.2 | 13.8 | 12.1 | 16.9 | 4.8 | (0.7) |
| Net profit margin | 15.9 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 | 2.7 | (0.2) |
| Normalised profit margin | 15.9 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 13.0 | 15.7 | 2.7 | (0.2) |
| Operating statistics | (THB m) | (THB m) | (THB m) | (THB m) | (THB m) | (q-q%) | (y-y%) |
| Property transfers | 10,621 | 9,620 | 8,689 | 8,592 | 9,144 | 6 | (14) |
| -- Low-rise | 9,768 | 9,139 | 8,384 | 8,314 | 8,657 | 4 | (11) |
| -- High-rise | 853 | 481 | 305 | 278 | 487 | 75 | (43) |
| Presales | 12,959 | 12,572 | 11,924 | 12,960 | 11,016 | (15) | (15) |
| -- Low-rise | 10,798 | 9,774 | 8,354 | 10,049 | 8,172 | (19) | (24) |
| -- High-rise | 2,161 | 2,798 | 3,570 | 2,911 | 2,844 | (2) | 32 |

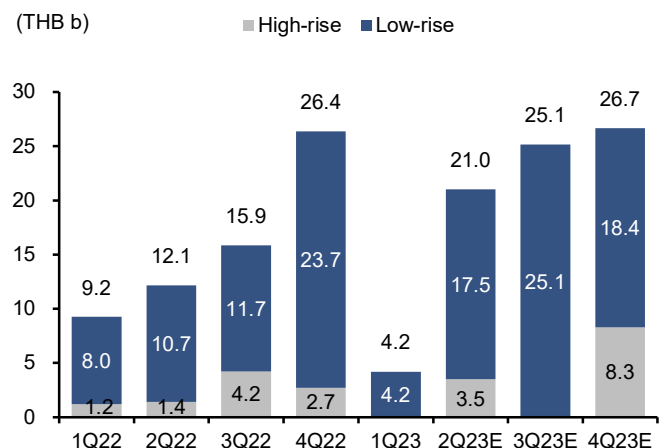
Sources: AP; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 2: Quarterly presales



Sources: AP; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: Quarterly new launches



Sources: AP; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 4: Condo values to be transferred in 2023

| Transfer | Project | Value (THB m) | % sold (%) |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1Q23 | Aspire Rattanathibet – Weston | 1,600 | 29 |
| | Rhythm Charoenkrung Pavillion (JV) | 4,800 | 73 |
| 3Q23 | Aspire Pinklao – Arunamarin | 1,200 | 76 |
| | The Address Siam – Ratchathewi (JV) | 8,600 | 37 |

Sources: AP; FSSIA's compilation

Financial Statements

AP (Thailand)

| Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec | 2021 | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue | 31,794 | 38,539 | 42,223 | 43,979 | 45,724 |
| Cost of goods sold | (21,204) | (25,184) | (27,658) | (28,817) | (29,950) |
| Gross profit | 10,590 | 13,355 | 14,565 | 15,162 | 15,774 |
| Other operating income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating costs | (5,828) | (7,248) | (7,938) | (8,268) | (8,596) |
| Operating EBITDA | 4,763 | 6,107 | 6,627 | 6,894 | 7,178 |
| Depreciation | (279) | (291) | (168) | (185) | (202) |
| Goodwill amortisation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating EBIT | 4,484 | 5,816 | 6,458 | 6,709 | 6,976 |
| Net financing costs | (248) | (99) | (115) | (136) | (128) |
| Associates | 999 | 1,233 | 1,151 | 1,130 | 1,024 |
| Recurring non-operating income | 1,175 | 1,385 | 1,211 | 1,208 | 1,106 |
| Non-recurring items | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Profit before tax | 5,411 | 7,106 | 7,555 | 7,780 | 7,954 |
| Tax | (869) | (1,230) | (1,281) | (1,330) | (1,386) |
| Profit after tax | 4,542 | 5,876 | 6,274 | 6,450 | 6,568 |
| Minority interests | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Preferred dividends | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported net profit | 4,542 | 5,877 | 6,274 | 6,450 | 6,568 |
| Non-recurring items & goodwill (net) | 0 | (4) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recurring net profit | 4,542 | 5,874 | 6,274 | 6,450 | 6,568 |
| Per share (THB) | | | | | |
| Recurring EPS * | 1.44 | 1.87 | 1.99 | 2.05 | 2.09 |
| Reported EPS | 1.44 | 1.87 | 1.99 | 2.05 | 2.09 |
| DPS | 0.50 | 0.65 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.72 |
| Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data) | 3,146 | 3,146 | 3,146 | 3,146 | 3,146 |
| Growth | | | | | |
| Revenue (%) | 6.4 | 21.2 | 9.6 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Operating EBITDA (%) | 34.6 | 28.2 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Operating EBIT (%) | 37.1 | 29.7 | 11.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Recurring EPS (%) | 7.5 | 29.3 | 6.8 | 2.8 | 1.8 |
| Reported EPS (%) | 7.5 | 29.4 | 6.7 | 2.8 | 1.8 |
| Operating performance | | | | | |
| Gross margin inc. depreciation (%) | 32.4 | 33.9 | 34.1 | 34.1 | 34.1 |
| Gross margin of key business (%) | 31.1 | 32.7 | 32.9 | 32.9 | 32.9 |
| Operating EBITDA margin (%) | 15.0 | 15.8 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.7 |
| Operating EBIT margin (%) | 14.1 | 15.1 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 15.3 |
| Net margin (%) | 14.3 | 15.2 | 14.9 | 14.7 | 14.4 |
| Effective tax rate (%) | 19.7 | 20.2 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| Dividend payout on recurring profit (%) | 34.6 | 34.8 | 35.0 | 34.5 | 34.5 |
| Interest cover (X) | 22.8 | 72.7 | 66.9 | 58.2 | 63.2 |
| Inventory days | 804.9 | 743.8 | 724.4 | 714.3 | 725.9 |
| Debtor days | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Creditor days | 36.8 | 41.0 | 41.4 | 39.6 | 39.7 |
| Operating ROIC (%) | 8.3 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.1 |
| ROIC (%) | 8.8 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 9.8 |
| ROE (%) | 14.7 | 17.0 | 16.2 | 15.0 | 13.9 |
| ROA (%) | 8.0 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 8.8 |

* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

| Revenue by Division (THB m) | 2021 | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sales | 30,879 | 37,522 | 41,107 | 42,841 | 44,563 |
| Service income | 915 | 1,017 | 1,116 | 1,138 | 1,161 |

Sources: AP (Thailand); FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

AP (Thailand)

| Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec | 2021 | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Recurring net profit | 4,542 | 5,874 | 6,274 | 6,450 | 6,568 |
| Depreciation | 279 | 291 | 168 | 185 | 202 |
| Associates & minorities | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other non-cash items | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Change in working capital | (1,046) | (6,585) | 93 | (3,544) | (2,405) |
| Cash flow from operations | 3,775 | (417) | 6,535 | 3,092 | 4,365 |
| Capex - maintenance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capex - new investment | (941) | (179) | (1,805) | (592) | (606) |
| Net acquisitions & disposals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other investments (net) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash flow from investing | (941) | (179) | (1,805) | (592) | (606) |
| Dividends paid | (1,382) | (1,572) | (2,196) | (2,225) | (2,266) |
| Equity finance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Debt finance | (2,122) | 1,749 | (1,915) | 17 | (1,332) |
| Other financing cash flows | 0 | (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from financing | (3,504) | 176 | (4,111) | (2,209) | (3,598) |
| Non-recurring cash flows | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net other adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Movement in cash | (670) | (420) | 620 | 291 | 160 |
| Free cash flow to firm (FCFF) | 3,088.77 | (491.91) | 4,847.51 | 2,637.76 | 3,888.07 |
| Free cash flow to equity (FCFE) | 711.53 | 1,152.31 | 2,815.93 | 2,516.51 | 2,426.31 |

Per share (THB)

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|-------------------------------|------|--------|------|------|------|
| FCFF per share | 0.98 | (0.16) | 1.54 | 0.84 | 1.24 |
| FCFE per share | 0.23 | 0.37 | 0.90 | 0.80 | 0.77 |
| Recurring cash flow per share | 1.53 | 1.96 | 2.05 | 2.11 | 2.15 |

| Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec | 2021 | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Tangible fixed assets (gross) | 1,841 | 1,904 | 1,455 | 1,527 | 1,599 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (279) | (291) | (168) | (185) | (202) |
| Tangible fixed assets (net) | 1,562 | 1,614 | 1,286 | 1,341 | 1,396 |
| Intangible fixed assets (net) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Long-term financial assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Invest. in associates & subsidiaries | 6,645 | 6,481 | 8,445 | 8,796 | 9,145 |
| Cash & equivalents | 2,070 | 1,650 | 2,270 | 2,561 | 2,722 |
| A/C receivable | 118 | 104 | 169 | 176 | 183 |
| Inventories | 47,379 | 55,261 | 54,527 | 58,264 | 60,855 |
| Other current assets | 1,386 | 1,874 | 1,689 | 1,759 | 1,829 |
| Current assets | 50,953 | 58,889 | 58,655 | 62,760 | 65,589 |
| Other assets | 1,250 | 1,243 | 1,478 | 1,539 | 1,600 |
| Total assets | 60,409 | 68,227 | 69,863 | 74,437 | 77,731 |
| Common equity | 32,442 | 36,747 | 40,825 | 45,050 | 49,353 |
| Minorities etc. | (18) | (19) | (19) | (19) | (19) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 32,423 | 36,728 | 40,806 | 45,031 | 49,334 |
| Long term debt | 15,024 | 15,284 | 15,805 | 9,564 | 8,919 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 523 | 675 | 612 | 638 | 663 |
| Long-term liabilities | 15,546 | 15,959 | 16,418 | 10,202 | 9,582 |
| A/C payable | 2,449 | 3,211 | 3,061 | 3,190 | 3,317 |
| Short term debt | 6,352 | 7,841 | 5,405 | 11,663 | 10,976 |
| Other current liabilities | 3,637 | 4,487 | 4,174 | 4,350 | 4,523 |
| Current liabilities | 12,439 | 15,539 | 12,640 | 19,204 | 18,815 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | 60,409 | 68,227 | 69,863 | 74,437 | 77,731 |
| Net working capital | 42,796 | 49,540 | 49,150 | 52,658 | 55,028 |
| Invested capital | 52,253 | 58,878 | 60,358 | 64,335 | 67,170 |

* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt

Per share (THB)

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Book value per share | 10.31 | 11.68 | 12.98 | 14.32 | 15.69 |
| Tangible book value per share | 10.31 | 11.68 | 12.98 | 14.32 | 15.69 |

Financial strength

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|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Net debt/equity (%) | 59.5 | 58.5 | 46.4 | 41.5 | 34.8 |
| Net debt/total assets (%) | 32.0 | 31.5 | 27.1 | 25.1 | 22.1 |
| Current ratio (x) | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| CF interest cover (x) | 7.7 | 14.4 | 41.3 | 23.9 | 24.7 |

| Valuation | 2021 | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Recurring P/E (x) * | 8.5 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Recurring P/E @ target price (x) * | 9.7 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| Reported P/E (x) | 8.5 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 4.1 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| Price/book (x) | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Price/tangible book (x) | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) ** | 12.1 | 9.8 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 7.7 |
| EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** | 13.3 | 10.7 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 8.5 |
| EV/invested capital (x) | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted ** EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income

Sources: AP (Thailand); 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 **CAC certified member** 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 **CAC Council** 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 **E**nvironmental, and **S**ocial issues, by managing business with transparency in **G**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: **E**conomic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and innovation); **E**nvironmental (environmental management, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); **S**ocial (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 Indices⁵ (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: [SEC](#); [Thai IOD](#); [Thai CAC](#); [SET](#); FSSIA's compilation

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⁴ Sustainability Investment List ([THSI](#)), created by the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 2015, comprises the listed companies that conduct sustainable business operations.

⁵ 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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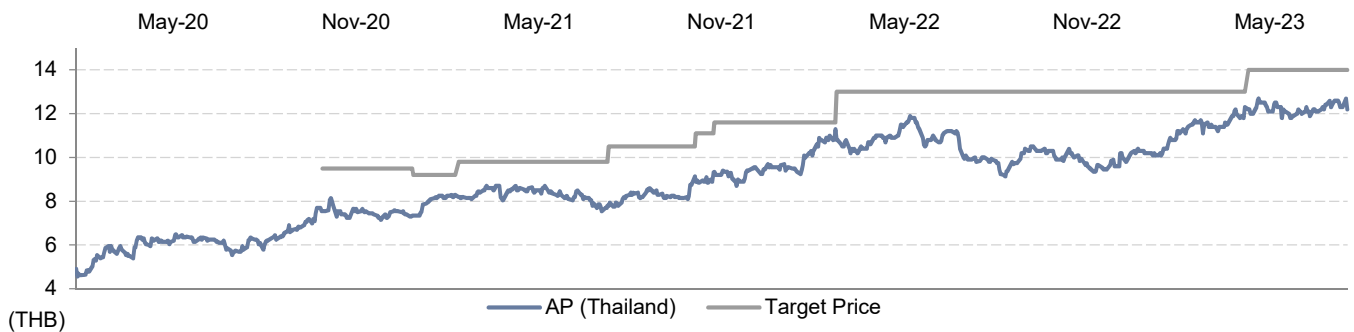
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AP (Thailand) (AP TB)



| Date | Rating | Target price | Date | Rating | Target price | Date | Rating | Target price |
|-------------|--------|--------------|-------------|--------|--------------|-------------|--------|--------------|
| 08-Dec-2020 | BUY | 9.50 | 11-Aug-2021 | BUY | 10.50 | 23-Feb-2022 | BUY | 13.00 |
| 24-Feb-2021 | BUY | 9.20 | 25-Oct-2021 | BUY | 11.10 | 10-Feb-2023 | BUY | 14.00 |
| 02-Apr-2021 | BUY | 9.80 | 10-Nov-2021 | BUY | 11.60 | | | |

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

| Company | Ticker | Price | Rating | Valuation & Risks |
|---------------|--------|-----------|--------|--|
| AP (Thailand) | AP TB | THB 12.20 | BUY | Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) rising competition in the low-rise market, such that it could hurt take-up rates; 2) weaker-than-expected take-up rates of new launches; 3) construction delays from labour shortages; 4) increasing raw material prices; and 5) the impact of the expiration of the loan-to-value (LTV) limit easing. |

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Stock ratings

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

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

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