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กำไร 1Q23 ใกล้เคียงกับที่เราคาด

- เราประทับใจกับปริมาณขายและราคาขายเฉลี่ย (ASP) ที่สูงขึ้นใน 1Q23; กำไรสุทธิ
 1Q23 ใกล้เคียงกับที่เราคาด
- 🖣 เรามีมุมมองเชิงบวกต่อการดำเนินงานใน 2Q23; กำไรน่าจะโตต่อเนื่องตามฤดูกาล
- คงแนะนำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 26 บาท

กำไรสุทธิ 1Q23 ใกล้เคียงกับที่เราคาด

NSL รายงานกำไรสุทธิ 1Q23 ที่ 75 ลบ. (-3% q-q, +13% y-y) ใกล้เคียงกับที่เราคาด เมื่อหัก สำรองทรัพย์สินเสียหายจำนวน 3 ลบ. จากเหตุไฟไหม้ในเดือน มี.ค. 2023 กำไรปกติอยู่ที่ 78 ลบ. (+0.8% q-q, +18% y-y) ตัวเลขที่เพิ่มขึ้นเล็กน้อย q-q ดีกว่าปกติเมื่อพิจารณาจากปัจจัย ด้านฤดูกาล นอกจากนี้เหตุไฟไหม้ยังไม่ส่งผลกระทบต่อการดำเนินงานปกติของบริษัทฯ เรา คาดว่าบริษัทฯ จะได้รับค่าสินไหมทดแทนจากบริษัทประกันภัยใน 2Q23

ปริมาณขายและ ASP เพิ่มขึ้นในเกณฑ์ดี

เราชอบรายได้รวมที่โตดีใน 1Q23 โดยเพิ่มขึ้น 3% q-q และ 18% y-y จากปริมาณขายที่ เพิ่มขึ้นในกลุ่มเบเกอรี่ที่สูงกว่าระดับก่อนโควิด ทำให้อัตราการใช้กำลังการผลิตในปัจจุบัน สำหรับการผลิตแชนด์วิชแช่เย็นได้ปรับขึ้นสูงเป็นประมาณ 70-80% ซึ่งทำให้ได้ตันทุนต่อหน่วย ที่ลดลง ด้วยเหตุดังกล่าวอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นจึงปรับขึ้นเล็กน้อยเป็น 18.6% (เทียบกับ 18.2% ใน 4Q22 และ 18.4% ใน 1Q22) จาก ASP และอัตราการใช้กำลังการผลิตที่สูงขึ้น ปัจจัยดังกล่าว ช่วยชดเชยต้นทุนซีสที่สูงขึ้นได้ทั้งหมด สัดส่วนค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารต่อยอดขายเพิ่ม เป็น 9.8% ใน 1Q23 (เทียบกับ 9.1% ใน 4Q22 และ 9.3% ใน 1Q22) ส่วนมากจากค่า การตลาดและโฆษณาที่สูงขึ้น

คงประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี 2023

กำไรสุทธิ 1Q23 ของ NSL คิดเป็น 22% ของประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี 2023 ของเรา ใน 2Q23 แม้ว่าต้นทุนชีสจะทรงตัวอยู่ในระดับสูง เรายังมีมุมมองเชิงบวกต่อการดำเนินงานใน 2Q23 โดย คาดว่ากำไรจะโตต่อเนื่องสอดคล้องกับปัจจัยด้านฤดูกาลและการรับรู้ ASP ที่สูงขึ้นเต็มไตรมาส นอกจากนี้บริษัทฯ ยังได้เปิดตัวผลิตภัณฑ์ Rice Bar ใน Tops Supermarket และเริ่มรับรู้ รายได้จากการขายเค้าให้แก่ Bake A Wish มาตั้งแต่เดือน มี.ค. 2023 สถานการณ์ปัจจุบันของ บริษัทฯ ยังสอดคล้องกับมุมมองของเรา เพราะฉะนั้นเราจึงยังคงประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี 2023 ของเราไว้ที่ 343 ลบ. (+15% y-y)

คงแนะนำซื้อจากระดับการประเมินมูลค่าที่น่าสนใจ

เราคงแนะนำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 26 บาท (23x ของค่า 2023E P/E) ราคาหุ้นปรับตัวลดลง 10% ในช่วง 2 เดือน ปัจจุบันมีการซื้อขายที่ 18x ของค่า 2023E P/E ต่ำกว่ากลุ่มบริษัทแปรรูป อาหารในประเทศ





TARGET PRICE	THB26.00
CLOSE	THB20.70
UP/DOWNSIDE	+25.6%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+0.0%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	4,001	4,458	4,937	5,305
Net profit	298	343	394	432
EPS (THB)	0.99	1.14	1.31	1.44
vs Consensus (%)	-	0.0	-	-
EBITDA	484	563	635	697
Core net profit	298	343	394	432
Core EPS (THB)	0.99	1.14	1.31	1.44
EPS growth (%)	41.5	15.3	14.9	9.7
Core P/E (x)	20.9	18.1	15.8	14.4
Dividend yield (%)	4.4	5.1	3.5	3.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.1	10.4	9.2	8.4
Price/book (x)	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.5
Net debt/Equity (%)	9.4	(25.2)	(24.9)	(19.3)
ROE (%)	22.4	23.8	26.0	26.0



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month	
Absolute (%)	(5.5)	(14.5)	25.5	
Relative to country (%)	(1.3)	(5.8)	35.2	
Mkt cap (USD m)			182	
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)				
Free float (%)			0	
Major shareholder	Mr. Somcha	ai Asavapiya	non (75%)	
12m high/low (THB)		2	6.25/15.20	
Issued shares (m)			300.00	

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Exhibit 1: 1Q23 earnings results

	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	Cha	nge
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)					
Sales	851	932	988	1,018	1,063	1,095	3.0	17.6
Cost of sales	708	761	799	831	870	892	2.6	17.3
Gross profit	142	171	190	188	194	204	5.1	18.9
SG&A	86	87	88	97	97	107	11.2	23.4
Operating profit	58	86	104	93	100	98	(1.7)	15.0
Interest expense	3	2	3	3	3	3	7.1	22.3
Tax expense	11	16	20	18	20	19	(1.3)	17.1
Reported net profit	44	67	81	72	78	75	(3.0)	13.2
Core profit	44	67	81	72	78	78	0.8	17.7
Key ratios (%)								
Gross margin	16.8	18.4	19.2	18.4	18.2	18.6	0.4	0.2
SG&A / Sales	10.1	9.3	8.9	9.5	9.1	9.8	0.7	0.5
Operating margin	6.8	9.2	10.5	9.1	9.4	9.0	(0.4)	(0.2)
Net margin	5.2	7.1	8.2	7.1	7.3	6.9	(0.4)	(0.3)
Core margin	5.2	7.1	8.2	7.1	7.3	7.2	(0.2)	0.0
Operating statistics (THB m)								
Bakery sales	756	847	898	938	966	1,004	3.9	18.5
Food service sales	80	72	73	62	80	68	(14.5)	(5.9)
Snack sales	11	5	9	10	10	10	(1.7)	115.2
OEM sales	4	8	8	9	8	14	83.9	71.6

Source: NSL

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	3,038	4,001	4,458	4,937	5,305
Cost of goods sold	(2,400)	(3,157)	(3,502)	(3,867)	(4,140)
Gross profit	638	844	956	1,070	1,165
Other operating income	5	8	8	9	10
Operating costs	(297)	(369)	(401)	(444)	(477)
Operating EBITDA	346	484	563	635	697
Depreciation	(97)	(102)	(122)	(142)	(157)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	249	382	440	493	540
Net financing costs	(17)	(10)	(12)	(12)	(13)
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	232	372	429	480	527
Tax	(41)	(74)	(86)	(86)	(95)
Profit after tax	191	298	343	394	432
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	191	298	343	394	432
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	191	298	343	394	432
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.70	0.99	1.14	1.31	1.44
Reported EPS	0.70	0.99	1.14	1.31	1.44
DPS	0.50	0.91	1.05	0.72	0.76
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	273	300	300	300	300
Growth					
Revenue (%)	3.9	31.7	11.4	10.8	7.4
Operating EBITDA (%)	7.7	40.0	16.2	12.8	9.8
Operating EBIT (%)	15.9	53.3	15.3	11.9	9.6
Recurring EPS (%)	3.7	41.5	15.3	14.9	9.7
Reported EPS (%)	3.7	41.5	15.3	14.9	9.7
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	17.8	18.5	18.7	18.8	19.0
Gross margin of key business (%)	16.2	17.8	18.5	18.7	18.8
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	11.4	12.1	12.6	12.9	13.1
Operating EBIT margin (%)	8.2	9.5	9.9	10.0	10.2
Net margin (%)	6.3	7.4	7.7	8.0	8.1
Effective tax rate (%)	17.8	19.9	20.0	18.0	18.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	71.3	92.2	91.9	54.8	52.9
Interest cover (X)	14.8	37.1	37.6	40.2	41.2
Inventory days	25.1	26.4	24.3	19.7	20.1
Debtor days	54.6	49.8	49.4	47.6	48.3
Creditor days	65.2	58.5	65.4	69.1	59.8
Operating ROIC (%)	18.0	25.9	30.0	34.2	33.1
ROIC (%)	17.5	22.3	25.7	32.7	31.8
ROE (%)	22.4	22.4	23.8	26.0	26.0
ROA (%)	11.1	13.9	14.6	15.6	16.7
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	11.1	10.0	17.0	10.0	10.7
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
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Bakery and appetizers	2,791	3,643	4,064	4,516	4,854
Food Services	207	288	317	339	363
NSL snack	25	35	38	41	44
OEM & bread wastes Sources: NSI, Foods: FSSIA estimates	15	35	38	41	44

Sources: NSL Foods; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	191	298	343	394	432
Depreciation	97	102	122	142	157
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	61	0	0	0	0
Change in working capital	(157)	(54)	187	(8)	(243)
Cash flow from operations	192	346	652	528	346
Capex - maintenance	(39)	(146)	(200)	(200)	(150)
Capex - new investment Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	7	(301)	289	(5)	(4)
Cash flow from investing	(33)	(448)	89	(205)	(154)
Dividends paid	(266)	(144)	(274)	(315)	(216)
Equity finance	75	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(107)	(100)	(3)	(20)	(34)
Other financing cash flows	588	1	36	4	(21)
Cash flow from financing	290	(243)	(242)	(331)	(271)
Non-recurring cash flows Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	449	(344)	500	(8)	(79)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	176.03	(91.06)	753.12	335.26	205.84
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	640.64	(200.65)	774.02	307.10	137.42
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.59	(0.30)	2.51	1.12	0.69
FCFE per share	2.14	(0.67)	2.58	1.02	0.46
Recurring cash flow per share	1.28	1.33	1.55	1.79	1.96
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	1,614	1,738	1,877	2,001	2,065
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(688)	(768)	(829)	(896)	(967)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	926	970	1,047	1,105	1,098
Intangible fixed assets (net)	7	6	6	6	6
Long-term financial assets	0	301	0	0	0
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	0	0	0	0
Cash & equivalents	459	115	615	607	528
A/C receivable	496 189	595 267	611 199	676 220	727 235
Inventories Other current assets	2	3	199	220	3
Current assets	1,147	980	1,426	1,505	1,493
Other assets	31	32	45	49	53
Total assets	2,111	2,290	2,524	2,666	2,650
Common equity	1,252	1,406	1,475	1,553	1,770
Minorities etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Total shareholders' equity	1,252	1,406	1,475	1,553	1,770
Long term debt	181	80	85	65	56
Other long-term liabilities Long-term liabilities	50 231	30 110	67 152	74 139	53 109
A/C payable	453	559	695	769	589
Short term debt	146	167	158	155	130
Other current liabilities	29	47	45	49	53
Current liabilities	628	774	898	973	772
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	2,111	2,290	2,524	2,666	2,650
Net working capital	205	259	72	80	323
Invested capital	1,169	1,568	1,170	1,241	1,480
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	4.17	4.69	4.92	5.18	5.90
Tangible book value per share	4.15	4.67	4.90	5.16	5.88
Financial strength	(40.0)	2.1	(05.6)	(0.4.6)	(40.0)
Net debt/equity (%)	(10.6)	9.4	(25.2)	(24.9)	(19.3)
Net debt/total assets (%) Current ratio (x)	(6.3) 1.8	5.8 1.3	(14.7) 1.6	(14.5) 1.5	(12.9) 1.9
CF interest cover (x)	39.1	(18.5)	67.1	26.1	11.5
Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring P/E (x) *	29.5	20.9	18.1	15.8	14.4
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	37.1	26.2	22.7	19.8	18.1
Reported P/E (x)	29.5	20.9	18.1	15.8	14.4
Dividend yield (%)	2.4	4.4	5.1	3.5	3.7
Price/book (x)	5.0	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.5
Price/tangible book (x)	5.0	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.5
EV/EBITDA (x) **	17.6	13.1	10.4	9.2	8.4
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	22.2	16.4	13.2	11.7	10.7
EV/invested capital (x) * Pro exceptional are goodwill and fully diluted	5.2	4.0	5.0	4.7	4.0
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted ** EBIT	DA includes associate	income and recurrii	ng non-operating in	icome	

Sources: NSL Foods; 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) 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 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)⁴ by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (<u>SET</u>)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI) quantifies responsibility in Environmental, and Social issues, by managing business with transparency in Governance. 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 (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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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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BUY 18-Jan-2023 26.00

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 18-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
NSL Foods	NSL TB	THB 21.20	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in raw material prices; 3) the failure of new products; and 4) changing consumer demand and lifestyles.

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

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Unless otherwise specified, these recommendations are set with a 12-month horizon. Thus, it is possible that future price volatility may cause a temporary mismatch between upside/downside for a stock based on market price and the formal recommendation.

* In most cases, the target price will equal the analyst's assessment of the current fair value of the stock. However, if the analyst doesn't think the market will reassess the stock over the specified time horizon due to a lack of events or catalysts, then the target price may differ from fair value. In most cases, therefore, our recommendation is an assessment of the mismatch between current market price and our assessment of current fair value.

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