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# THAI FOODS GROUP THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE

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# Profitability plunged in 1Q23

- 1Q23 net profit sharply dropped by 62% q-q and 31% y-y, in line with our estimate.
- We maintain our 2023E net profit of THB2.7b (-43% y-y).
- Retain HOLD recommendation with TP of THB5.2.

## 1Q23 net profit in line with our estimate

TFG reported a 1Q23 net profit of THB425m (-62.4% q-q, -31.2% y-y), in line with our estimate. Excluding an FX gain of THB82m, a biological loss of THB32m, and a loss on a change the in fair value of financial assets of THB140m, the company's core profit was equal to THB511m (-63.4% gq, -17.5% y-y). On a positive note, its retail shop revenue generated solid growth of 20.3% q-q and 241% y-y to THB3.5b, accounting for 25.3% of 1Q23 total revenue (vs 19% in 4Q22 and 9.8% in 1Q23). However, it was offset by lower farm business revenue.

### Meat prices dropped but raw material costs rose

Its 1Q23 total revenue dropped by 9.5% q-q due to a declining selling price. To elaborate, TFG's 1Q23 swine and chicken selling prices were THB81.2per kg (-16.8% q-q, -9.1% y-y) and THB59.7per kg (-10.9% q-q, +13.5% y-y), respectively, in line with the market prices. Moreover, Vietnam's swine price dropped to VND50.4b per kg (-4.6% q-q, -4.6% yy). Meanwhile, its gross margin plunged to 12.8% in 1Q23 (vs 16.9% in 4Q22 and 15.3% in 1Q22), mainly from higher raw material costs. SG&A to sales rose to 6.3% in 1Q23 from 5.9% in 4Q22 due to lower revenue.

## Maintain neutral outlook for 2023

Management has a positive view for the meat price trend in 2H23, after the government cracks down on illegal pork imports. We maintain our conservative view that meat prices might stabilise the same as in 1Q23. In particular, we assume the 2023 swine and chicken selling prices to be at THB85 per kg (-13% y-y) and THB44.5 per kg (-20% y-y), respectively. Therefore, we maintain our 2023 net profit forecast of THB2.7b (-43% yy) and expect a turnaround to 11% y-y growth in 2024.

## Retain HOLD call

We retain our HOLD call and TP of THB5.2, based on 12x 2023E P/E (-0.5 SD). There is no apparent catalyst in the short term. We suggest that investors wait until meat prices start rising again.



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TARGET PRICE	THB5.20
CLOSE	THB4.64
UP/DOWNSIDE	+12.1%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-25.5%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	52,323	47,277	49,044	51,299
Net profit	4,724	2,676	2,966	3,252
EPS (THB)	0.81	0.43	0.48	0.53
vs Consensus (%)	-	(29.5)	(24.8)	(24.6)
EBITDA	10,419	7,647	8,149	8,609
Core net profit	4,724	2,676	2,966	3,252
Core EPS (THB)	0.81	0.43	0.48	0.53
EPS growth (%)	713.3	(46.5)	10.8	9.7
Core P/E (x)	5.7	10.7	9.7	8.8
Dividend yield (%)	8.6	4.7	5.2	5.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.9	6.1	5.5	5.0
Price/book (x)	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4
Net debt/Equity (%)	150.8	103.4	88.7	72.9
ROE (%)	34.8	16.3	16.5	16.7



Absolute (%)	(10.8)	(14.1)	6.4
Relative to country (%)	(9.4)	(8.9)	10.0
Mkt cap (USD m)			780
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.7
Free float (%)			16
Major shareholder	New Sta	r Victor Co Lt	td (28%)
12m high/low (THB)		6	.90/4.16
Issued shares (m)		Ę	5,654.06

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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# Exhibit 1: 1Q23 earnings results

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	Char	ige
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)				
Sales	10,396	12,327	14,490	15,111	13,677	(9.5)	31.6
Cost of sales	8,804	9,581	11,420	12,562	11,925	(5.1)	35.5
Gross profit	1,592	2,746	3,070	2,548	1,751	(31.3)	10.0
SG&A	727	854	770	892	861	(3.5)	18.5
Operating profit	866	1,892	2,300	1,656	890	(46.3)	2.8
Interest expense	163	179	221	281	286	1.7	75.0
Tax expense	154	304	325	62	223	260.0	44.7
Other gain (loss)	(1)	(284)	(106)	(266)	(86)	nm	nm
Reported net profit	619	1,238	1,734	1,131	425	(62.4)	(31.2)
Core profit	620	1,522	1,840	1,397	511	(63.4)	(17.5)
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)
Gross margin	15.3	22.3	21.2	16.9	12.8	(4.1)	(2.5)
SG&A to sales	7.0	6.9	5.3	5.9	6.3	0.4	(0.7)
Operating margin	8.3	15.3	15.9	11.0	6.5	(4.5)	(1.8)
Net margin	5.9	10.0	12.0	7.5	3.1	(4.4)	(2.8)
Core margin	6.0	12.3	12.7	9.2	3.7	(5.5)	(2.2)
Operating statistics (THB/kg)							
Domestic chicken price	52.6	59.1	66.1	67.0	59.7	(10.9)	13.5
Domestic swine price	89.3	100.0	104.6	97.5	81.2	(16.8)	(9.1)
Vietnam swine price (VND/kg)	52,809	55,387	62,760	52,819	50,400	(4.6)	(4.6)
Corn price	11.4	13.1	12.1	12.6	13.5	7.1	18.4
Soybean meal price	21.4	23.1	23.1	23.3	23.9	2.6	11.7
Poultry sales (THB m)	5,032	5,792	6,220	6,254	4,623	(26.1)	(8.1)
Swine sales (THB m)	2,597	3,017	3,470	3,372	3,116	(7.6)	20.0
Feed sales (THB m)	1,702	1,956	2,452	2,423	2,432	0.4	42.9
Retail shop stores (no.)	113	132	178	220	239	8.6	111.5
Retail shop sale value (THB m)	1,016	1,562	2,348	2,876	3,459	20.3	240.6

Source: TFG

# **FINANSIA**

# **Financial Statements**

Thai Foods Group

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	34,823	52,323	47,277	49,044	51,299
Cost of goods sold	(29,244)	(39,030)	(36,935)	(38,149)	(39,817)
Gross profit	5,579	13,293	10,342	10,896	11,482
Other operating income	251	369	331	343	359
Operating costs	(1,927)	(3,243)	(3,026)	(3,090)	(3,232)
Operating EBITDA	3,903	10,419	7,647	8,149	8,609
Depreciation	(2,425)	(3,337)	(3,487)	(3,637)	(3,787)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	1,477	7,082	4,160	4,512	4,822
Net financing costs	(595)	(1,080)	(1,007)	(1,018)	(991)
Associates	0	(9)	0	0	1
Recurring non-operating income	216	(429)	0	0	1
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	1,098	5,573	3,153	3,495	3,832
Тах	(546)	(845)	(473)	(524)	(575)
Profit after tax	552	4,728	2,680	2,970	3,257
Minority interests	10	(4)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Preferred dividends	0	(+) 0	0	0	(3)
Other items	-	-	0	0	0
Reported net profit	562	4,724	2,676	2,966	3,252
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	-,, 0	2,010	2,000	0,202
Recurring net profit	562	4,724	2,676	2,966	3,252
Per share (THB)		-,	_,	_,	0,202
Recurring EPS *	0.10	0.81	0.43	0.48	0.53
Reported EPS	0.10	0.81	0.43	0.48	0.53
DPS	0.09	0.40	0.22	0.24	0.26
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	5,644	5,831	6,168	6,168	6,168
Growth	0,011	0,001	0,100	0,100	0,100
Revenue (%)	11.1	50.3	(9.6)	3.7	4.6
Operating EBITDA (%)	(28.3)	167.0	(26.6)	6.6	5.6
Operating EBIT (%)	(55.8)	379.5	(41.3)	8.5	6.9
Recurring EPS (%)	(78.2)	713.3	(46.5)	10.8	9.7
Reported EPS (%)	(78.2)	713.3	(46.5)	10.8	9.7
Operating performance	(1012)	110.0	(1010)	10.0	0
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	9.1	19.0	14.5	14.8	15.0
Gross margin of key business (%)	9.1	19.0	14.5	14.8	15.0
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	11.2	19.9	16.2	16.6	16.8
Operating EBIT margin (%)	4.2	13.5	8.8	9.2	9.4
Net margin (%)	1.6	9.0	5.7	6.0	6.3
Effective tax rate (%)	49.7	15.2	15.0	15.0	15.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	90.4	49.4	50.0	50.0	50.0
Interest cover (X)	2.8	6.2	4.1	4.4	4.9
Inventory days	51.3	55.3	61.8	53.9	4.9 53.6
Debtor days	25.1	22.2	26.1	24.5	24.5
Creditor days	43.9	38.2	45.3	24.5 43.1	24.5 42.9
Operating ROIC (%)	43.9 5.2	18.4	10.3	11.8	42.9
	5.2	15.0	8.8	10.1	12.7
ROIC (%)					
ROE (%)	5.0	34.8	16.3	16.5	16.7
ROA (%) * Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	3.3	13.8	8.0	9.2	9.8
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Poultry	16,642	23,298	19,011	19,391	19,779
Swine	9,518	12,457	10,723	10,937	11,547
Feed	6,958	8,533	8,268	8,434	8,687
	1,705	8,036	9,274	10,282	

Sources: Thai Foods Group; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring net profit	562	4,724	2,676	2,966	3,25
Depreciation	2,425	3,337	3,487	3,637	3,25
Associates & minorities	2,425	9	0	0	3,70 (1
ther non-cash items	635	(184)	0	0	(
Change in working capital	(5,519)	252	1,645	(871)	(475
ash flow from operations	(1,896)	8,138	7,808	5,732	6,56
apex - maintenance	(4,947)	(9,785)	(2,435)	(3,159)	(3,203
apex - new investment	-	-	-	-	(-)=
et acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
ther investments (net)	-	-	-	-	
ash flow from investing	(4,947)	(9,785)	(2,435)	(3,159)	(3,203
Dividends paid	(589)	(799)	(1,338)	(1,483)	(1,626
quity finance	36	56	469	0	
Debt finance	8,960	2,756	(4,746)	(1,002)	(1,873
Other financing cash flows	(1,931)	36	(32)	(200)	
cash flow from financing	6,475	2,049	(5,648)	(2,685)	(3,500
on-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
ther adjustments	0	0	0	0	
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
lovement in cash	(368)	402	(274)	(113)	(139
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(6,349.87)	(801.37)	6,380.43	3,590.56	4,351.6
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	184.99	1,145.83	594.59	1,369.90	1,486.8
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(1.12)	(0.14)	1.13	0.64	0.7
CFE per share	0.03	0.20	0.11	0.24	0.7
ecurring cash flow per share	0.64	1.35	1.00	1.07	1.1
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alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
angible fixed assets (gross)	19,682	23,182	26,182	29,182	32,18
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(3,316)	(1,879)	(5,366)	(9,003)	(12,790
angible fixed assets (net)	16,366	21,302	20,815	20,178	19,39
ntangible fixed assets (net)	179	213	179	179	17
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	704	605	605	605	60
ash & equivalents	416	818	544	431	29
/C receivable	2,829	3,531	3,238	3,359	3,51
iventories	4,863	6,963	5,537	5,724	5,97
Other current assets	7,001	7,452	6,146	6,376	6,66
current assets	15,109	18,764	15,465	15,890	16,44
Other assets	3,210	4,786	4,255	4,414	4,61
otal assets	35,567	45,670	41,319	41,266	41,23
common equity	11,556	15,568	17,343	18,626	20,25
linorities etc.	14	18	18	18	1
otal shareholders' equity	11,570	15,587	17,361	18,643	20,26
ong term debt	8,229	11,960	8,132	7,532	6,83
ther long-term liabilities	442	462	567	589	61
ong-term liabilities	8,670	12,422	8,699	8,121	7,44
/C payable	3,434	4,733	4,430	4,579	4,77
hort term debt	11,734	12,370	10,356	9,432	8,23
ther current liabilities	159	557	473	490	51
urrent liabilities	15,326	17,661	15,259	14,502	13,52
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	35,567	45,670	41,319	41,266	41,23
et working capital	11,100	12,655	10,019	10,389	10,86
vested capital	31,559	39,562	35,873	35,765	35,65
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	any treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	2.05	2.67	2.81	3.02	3.2
angible book value per share	2.02	2.63	2.78	2.99	3.2
inancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	168.9	150.8	103.4	88.7	72.
et debt/total assets (%)	55.0	51.5	43.4	40.1	35.
urrent ratio (x)	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.
F interest cover (x)	1.3	2.1	1.6	2.3	2.
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	46.6	5.7	10.7	9.7	8.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	52.2	6.4	12.0	10.8	9.
eported P/E (x)	46.6	5.7	10.7	9.7	8.
ividend yield (%)	1.9	8.6	4.7	5.2	5.
rice/book (x)	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.
rice/tangible book (x)	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.
V/EBITDA (x) **	11.7	4.9	6.1	5.5	5.
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	12.5	5.2	6.5	6.0	5.
V/invested capital (x)	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.

Sources: Thai Foods Group; FSSIA estimates

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

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Thai Foods Group	TFG TB	THB 4.64	HOLD	Downside and upside risks to our P/E-based TP are 1) a slower or faster-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) a potential rise or fall in meat and raw material prices; 3) a stronger or weaker-than-expected THB against USD.

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Additional Disclosures**

Target price history, stock price charts, valuation and risk details, and equity rating histories applicable to each company rated in this report is available in our most recently published reports. You can contact the analyst named on the front of this note or your representative at Finansia Syrus Securities Public Company Limited

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# **RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE**

#### Stock ratings

Stock ratings are based on absolute upside or downside, which we define as (target price\* - current price) / current price.

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

HOLD (H). The upside or downside is less than 10%.

REDUCE (R). The downside is 10% or more.

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.

#### **Industry Recommendations**

**Overweight.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months. **Neutral.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months. **Underweight.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be negative over the next 12 months.

#### **Country (Strategy) Recommendations**

**Overweight (O).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

**Neutral (N).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on one of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

**Underweight (U).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

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