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## 1Q23 loss, but bottom likely

- Core operations posted a loss of THB7m in 1Q23, weaker than its dry bulk peers and below our expectation.
- We believe the worst has passed. Fertilizer demand in Vietnam has started to recover. Offshore services had a strong order book.
- Maintain BUY call with TP of THB9.

## Core operations sank to a loss in 1Q23

Despite a net profit of THB215m in 1Q23, TTA's core operations posted a loss of THB7m in 1Q23, weaker than its dry bulk peers and lower than our expectation. All business units except food and beverages showed weaker revenues, particularly its shipping business, in line with the falling freight rates. The 1Q23 shipping segment's freight revenue declined 31% q-q and 34% y-y to THB2.1b, the lowest in eight quarters. TTA's average TCE rate came in at USD13,718 per day, a steep fall of 29% q-q and 48% y-y. Its OPEX rose 12% q-q and 8% y-y to USD4,296 per day, largely due to higher crew expenses, resulting in a lower shipping gross profit margin of 30.5% in 1Q23 vs 39.0% in 4Q22 and 45.0% in 1Q22.

## The offshore service and agrochemical units contributed losses

The offshore service segment, 31% of total operating revenue, contributed a loss to the group of THB96m in 1Q23 due to rising consulting fees for new project bids, higher interest expenses, and lease liabilities from a long-term chartered-in vessel. The agrochemical segment, 9% of total operating revenue, also contributed a loss of THB27m to the group. Besides 1Q being the low season, the fertilizer demand in Vietnam decreased due to delayed purchase orders from domestic buyers amid the downtrend in fertilizer prices.

## The worst has passed

We believe TTA's operations bottomed out in 1Q23. The fertilizer demand in Vietnam has started to recover, as the country is entering harvesting season in 2Q. The offshore service segment had a strong backlog of USD320m at end-1Q23, which is targeted to deliver around USD60m per quarter during 2Q23-4Q23. Given the absence of consultant fees, we believe its offshore service segment will turn profitable in 2Q23 onwards.

## Maintain BUY with the same TP of THB9

Despite the global economic headwinds, the improving Chinese economy, limited vessel supplies, and demand growth for grain and coal should be enough to support the dry bulk carriers. We expect to see the dry bulk freight rates recover in 2H23. We, therefore, maintain our BUY rating for TTA with a TP of THB9, based on 6x 2023E P/E.



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## **KEY STOCK DATA**

TTA TB

| YE Dec (THB m)      | 2022   | 2023E  | 2024E  | 2025E  |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue             | 29,321 | 22,550 | 20,763 | 11,686 |
| Net profit          | 4,459  | 2,670  | 2,696  | 2,525  |
| EPS (THB)           | 2.45   | 1.46   | 1.48   | 1.39   |
| vs Consensus (%)    | -      | (2.0)  | 129.5  | 0.0    |
| EBITDA              | 5,475  | 4,955  | 4,966  | 4,915  |
| Core net profit     | 3,269  | 2,670  | 2,696  | 2,525  |
| Core EPS (THB)      | 1.79   | 1.46   | 1.48   | 1.39   |
| EPS growth (%)      | (6.4)  | (18.3) | 1.0    | (6.3)  |
| Core P/E (x)        | 3.8    | 4.7    | 4.7    | 5.0    |
| Dividend yield (%)  | 5.2    | 4.2    | 4.3    | -      |
| EV/EBITDA (x)       | 3.1    | 2.9    | 2.1    | 1.4    |
| Price/book (x)      | 0.5    | 0.5    | 0.4    | 0.4    |
| Net debt/Equity (%) | 4.3    | (4.2)  | (16.8) | (26.2) |
| ROE (%)             | 14.3   | 10.5   | 9.9    | 8.6    |



| Share price performance        | 1 Month | 3 Month      | 12 Month   |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------|------------|
| Absolute (%)                   | (11.0)  | (8.6)        | (33.7)     |
| Relative to country (%)        | (6.4)   | (0.9)        | (29.7)     |
| Mkt cap (USD m)                |         |              | 367        |
| 3m avg. daily turnover (USD m) |         |              | 0.9        |
| Free float (%)                 |         |              | 69         |
| Major shareholder              | Ма      | hagitsiri Fa | mily (24%) |
| 12m high/low (THB)             |         |              | 10.80/6.60 |
| Issued shares (m)              |         |              | 1,822.46   |

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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## Exhibit 1: 1Q23 results review

| Year to Dec 31           | 1Q22    | 2Q22    | 3Q22    | 4Q22    | 1Q23    | Char    | nge     | 2022    | 2023E   | Change  |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                          | (THB m) | (q-q %) | (y-y %) | (THB m) | (THB m) | (y-y %) |
| Sales                    | 6,034   | 8,092   | 8,073   | 7,122   | 4,766   | (33)    | (21)    | 29,321  | 22,550  | (23)    |
| Cost of sales            | 4,585   | 0       | 6,072   | 5,466   | 4,036   | (26)    | (12)    | 21,887  | 16,988  | (22)    |
| Gross profit             | 1,449   | 0       | 2,000   | 1,655   | 730     | (56)    | (50)    | 7,433   | 5,562   | (25)    |
| Operating costs          | 627     | 1,330   | 797     | 1,322   | 580     | (56)    | (7)     | 4,076   | 3,157   | (23)    |
| Operating profit         | 822     | (1,330) | 1,203   | 334     | 150     | (55)    | (82)    | 3,358   | 2,405   | (28)    |
| Operating EBITDA         | 1,242   | 1,521   | 2,223   | 474     | 787     | 66      | (37)    | 5,475   | 4,955   | (10)    |
| Other income             | 38      | 126     | 484     | (380)   | 129     | (134)   | 241     | 268     | 317     | 19      |
| Interest expense         | 105     | 109     | 144     | 152     | 180     | 18      | 71      | 511     | 373     | (27)    |
| Profit before tax        | 755     | 1,016   | 1,543   | (199)   | 98      | (149)   | (87)    | 3,115   | 2,349   | (25)    |
| Associates               | 49      | 47      | 41      | 31      | (19)    | (162)   | (139)   | 168     | 193     | 15      |
| Net profit               | 980     | 1,035   | 1,449   | (194)   | 215     | nm      | (78)    | 3,269   | 2,670   | (18)    |
| Core profit              | 924     | 1,673   | 1,449   | 358     | (7)     | nm      | nm      | 4,459   | 2,670   | (40)    |
| Reported EPS (THB)       | 0.54    | 0.57    | 0.79    | (0.11)  | 0.12    | nm      | (78)    | 1.79    | 1.46    | (18)    |
| Core EPS (THB)           | 0.51    | 0.92    | 0.79    | 0.20    | 0.10    | (47)    | (80)    | 2.45    | 1.46    | (40)    |
| Key ratios (%)           | (%)     | (%)     | (%)     | (%)     | (%)     | (ppt)   | (ppt)   | (%)     | (%)     | (ppt)   |
| Gross margin             | 24.0    | 28.8    | 24.8    | 23.2    | 15.3    | (7.9)   | (8.7)   | 25.4    | 24.7    | (0.7)   |
| Operating margin         | 14.3    | 13.9    | 20.9    | (0.7)   | 5.8     | 6.5     | (8.4)   | 11.5    | 10.7    | (0.8)   |
| EBITDA margin            | 20.6    | 18.8    | 27.5    | 6.7     | 16.5    | 9.9     | (4.1)   | 18.7    | 22.0    | 3.3     |
| Recurring net margin     | 16.2    | 20.7    | 17.9    | 5.0     | (0.2)   | (5.2)   | (16.4)  | 15.2    | 11.8    | (3.4)   |
| SG&A / Sales             | 10.4    | 16.4    | 9.9     | 18.6    | 12.2    | (6.4)   | 1.8     | 13.9    | 14.0    | 0.1     |
| Revenue breakdown        | (THB m) | (q-q %) | (y-y %) | (THB m) | (THB m) | (y-y %) |
| Shipping                 | 3,165   | 4,377   | 3,481   | 2,995   | 2,077   | (31)    | (34)    | 14,017  | 10,173  | (27)    |
| Offshore business        | 1,336   | 1,889   | 2,396   | 2,285   | 1,479   | (35)    | 11      | 7,906   | 5,100   | (35)    |
| Agrochemical             | 725     | 1,013   | 1,420   | 1,088   | 412     | (62)    | (43)    | 4,246   | 3,951   | (7)     |
| Food and beverage        | 516     | 522     | 460     | 482     | 503     | 4       | (3)     | 1,980   | 2,118   | 7       |
| Investment               | 292     | 292     | 316     | 272     | 295     | 8       | 1       | 1,172   | 1,207   | 3       |
| Gross margin by business | (%)     | (%)     | (%)     | (%)     | (%)     | (ppt)   | (ppt)   | (%)     | (%)     | (ppt)   |
| Shipping                 | 45.0    | 43.8    | 42.3    | 39.0    | 30.5    | (8.5)   | (14.5)  | 42.7    | 38.3    | (4.4)   |
| Offshore business        | (5.8)   | 15.3    | 19.9    | 20.7    | 11.6    | (9.1)   | 17.4    | 14.7    | 8.5     | (6.2)   |
| Agrochemical             | 12.1    | 13.7    | 14.0    | 14.5    | 7.4     | (7.1)   | (4.8)   | 13.7    | 10.0    | (3.7)   |
| Food and beverage        | 39.6    | 38.2    | 37.6    | 38.6    | 37.0    | (1.6)   | (2.6)   | 38.5    | 38.0    | (0.5)   |
| Investment               | 27.7    | 23.8    | 22.2    | 21.8    | 24.5    | 2.6     | (3.3)   | 23.9    | 20.1    | (3.8)   |
| Core profit to TTA       | (THB m) | (q-q %) | (y-y %) |         |         |         |
| Shipping                 | 1,297   | 1,763   | 1,214   | 920     | 421     | (54)    | (68)    |         |         |         |
| Offshore business        | (153)   | 46      | 62      | 53      | (96)    | nm      | nm      |         |         |         |
| Agrochemical             | 1       | 11      | 28      | 13      | (27)    | nm      | nm      |         |         |         |
| Food and beverage        | (11)    | (16)    | (24)    | (35)    | (26)    | nm      | nm      |         |         |         |
| Investment               | (154)   | (131)   | 169     | (593)   | (280)   | nm      | nm      |         |         |         |

Sources: TTA, FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Thoresen Thai Agencies

| Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec           | 2021     | 2022     | 2023E    | 2024E    | 2025E   |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Revenue   | 22,128   | 29,321   | 22,550   | 20,763   | 11,686  |
| Cost of goods sold                                | (14,636) | (20,037) | (14,756) | (13,121) | (5,101) |
| Gross profit                                      | 7,492    | 9,283    | 7,794    | 7,641    | 6,585   |
| Other operating income                            | 186      | 268      | 317      | 293      | 1       |
| Operating costs                                   | (2,365)  | (4,076)  | (3,157)  | (2,969)  | (1,671) |
| Dperating EBITDA                                  | 5,313    | 5,475    | 4,955    | 4,966    | 4,915   |
| Depreciation                                      | (1,532)  | (1,850)  | (2,232)  | (2,370)  | (2,465) |
| Goodwill amortisation                             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0       |
| Operating EBIT                                    | 3,781    | 3,626    | 2,722    | 2,595    | 2,450   |
| Net financing costs                               | (416)    | (511)    | (373)    | (276)    | (166)   |
| Associates  | 80       | 168      | 193      | 189      | 195     |
| Recurring non-operating income                    | 80       | 168      | 193      | 189      | 195     |
| Non-recurring items                               | 171      | 1,190    | 0        | 0        | 0       |
| Profit before tax                                 | 3,617    | 4,473    | 2,542    | 2,509    | 2,479   |
| ax  | (126)    | (22)     | (35)     | 8        | 16      |
| Profit after tax                                  | 3,490    | 4,451    | 2,507    | 2,516    | 2,495   |
| /inority interests                                | 173      | 8        | 162      | 180      | 30      |
| Preferred dividends                               | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       |
| Other items                                       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -       |
| Reported net profit                               | 3,663    | 4,459    | 2,670    | 2,696    | 2,525   |
| Ion-recurring items & goodwill (net)              | (171)    | (1,190)  | 0        | 0        | 0       |
| Recurring net profit                              | 3,492    | 3,269    | 2,670    | 2,696    | 2,525   |
| Per share (THB)                                   |          |          |          |          |         |
| Recurring EPS *                                   | 1.92     | 1.79     | 1.46     | 1.48     | 1.39    |
| Reported EPS                                      | 2.01     | 2.45     | 1.46     | 1.48     | 1.39    |
| DPS   | 0.22     | 0.36     | 0.29     | 0.30     | 0.00    |
| Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data) | 1,822    | 1,822    | 1,822    | 1,822    | 1,822   |
| Growth  |          |          |          |          |         |
| Revenue (%)                                       | 72.5     | 32.5     | (23.1)   | (7.9)    | (43.7)  |
| Operating EBITDA (%)                              | 681.0    | 3.1      | (9.5)    | 0.2      | (1.0)   |
| Operating EBIT (%)                                | nm       | (4.1)    | (24.9)   | (4.7)    | (5.6)   |
| Recurring EPS (%)                                 | nm       | (6.4)    | (18.3)   | 1.0      | (6.3)   |
| Reported EPS (%)                                  | nm       | 21.7     | (40.1)   | 1.0      | (6.3)   |
| Dperating performance                             |          |          |          |          |         |
| Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)                | 26.9     | 25.4     | 24.7     | 25.4     | 35.3    |
| Gross margin of key business (%)                  | 26.9     | 25.4     | 24.7     | 25.4     | 35.3    |
| Operating EBITDA margin (%)                       | 24.0     | 18.7     | 22.0     | 23.9     | 42.1    |
| Dperating EBIT margin (%)                         | 17.1     | 12.4     | 12.1     | 12.5     | 21.0    |
| Net margin (%)                                    | 15.8     | 11.1     | 11.8     | 13.0     | 21.6    |
| Effective tax rate (%)                            | 3.5      | 0.5      | 1.4      | -0.3     | -0.7    |
| Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)           | 11.5     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     | -       |
| nterest cover (X)                                 | 9.3      | 7.4      | 7.8      | 10.1     | 15.9    |
| nventory days                                     | 29.9     | 29.5     | 45.0     | 49.1     | 117.4   |
| Debtor days                                       | 53.6     | 53.7     | 69.7     | 71.5     | 107.0   |
| Creditor days                                     | 33.0     | 34.3     | 47.8     | 47.0     | 86.6    |
| Dperating ROIC (%)                                | 16.9     | 15.1     | 10.9     | 10.5     | 10.5    |
| ROIC (%)  | 12.0     | 10.8     | 8.0      | 8.0      | 8.2     |
| ROE (%)   | 18.7     | 14.3     | 10.5     | 9.9      | 8.6     |
| ROA (%)   | 10.4     | 9.1      | 6.7      | 6.6      | 6.6     |
| Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted   |          |          |          |          |         |
| Revenue by Division (THB m)                       | 2021     | 2022     | 2023E    | 2024E    | 2025E   |
|   |          |          |          |          |         |
| Shipping revenue                                  | 11,719   | 14,017   | 10,173   | 10,214   | 10,374  |
| Offshore service                                  | 3,605    | 7,906    | 5,100    | 3,040    | 0       |
| Agrochemical                                      | 3,933    | 4,246    | 3,984    | 4,167    | 4,358   |
| Food & Beverage                                   | 1,935    | 1,980    | 2,376    | 2,589    | 2,797   |

Sources: Thoresen Thai Agencies; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Thoresen Thai Agencies

| Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec                                 | 2021               | 2022           | 2023E          | 2024E                     | 2025                    |
|---|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Recurring net profit  | 3,492              | 3,269          | 2,670          | 2,696                     | 2,52                    |
| Depreciation  | 1,532              | 1,850          | 2,232          | 2,370                     | 2,46                    |
| Associates & minorities   | (173)              | (8)            | (162)          | (180)                     | (30                     |
| Other non-cash items  | 555                | 3,093          | 843            | 409                       | (203                    |
| Change in working capital   | (480)              | (682)          | 874            | 530                       | (144                    |
| Cash flow from operations   | 4,926              | 7,522          | 6,457          | 5,826                     | 4,613                   |
| Capex - maintenance   | -                  | -              | -              | -                         |                         |
| Capex - new investment  | (1,825)            | (1,320)        | (2,859)        | (1,300)                   | (1,000                  |
| Net acquisitions & disposals                                      | 33                 | 5              | 85             | 122                       |                         |
| Other investments (net)   | 169                | (1,947)        | (1,017)        | (17)                      | 40                      |
| Cash flow from investing  | (1,623)            | (3,263)        | (3,791)        | (1,195)                   | (597                    |
| Dividends paid  | (59)               | (401)          | (534)          | (539)                     | (505                    |
| Equity finance  | 0                  | 0              | 0              | 0                         |                         |
| Debt finance  | 601                | (2,593)        | (1,070)        | (3,067)                   | (1,369                  |
| Other financing cash flows  | (388)              | (487)          | 0              | 1                         |                         |
| Cash flow from financing  | 154                | (3,481)        | (1,604)        | (3,606)                   | (1,872                  |
| Non-recurring cash flows  | -                  | -              | -              | -                         |                         |
| Other adjustments   | 339                | 0              | 0              | 0                         |                         |
| Net other adjustments   | 339                | (621)          | 0              | 0                         |                         |
| Movement in cash  | 3,796              | 157            | 1,063          | 1,026                     | 2,14                    |
| Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)                                     | 3,719.19           | 4,769.80       | 3,039.60       | 4,907.42                  | 4,181.3                 |
| Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)                                   | 3,855.15           | 557.67         | 1,596.63       | 1,565.24                  | 2,648.5                 |
| Per share (THB)   |                    |                |                |                           |                         |
| FCFF per share  | 2.04               | 2.62           | 1.67           | 2.69                      | 2.2                     |
| FCFE per share  | 2.12               | 0.31           | 0.88           | 0.86                      | 1.4                     |
| Recurring cash flow per share                                     | 2.97               | 4.50           | 3.06           | 2.91                      | 2.6                     |
| Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec                             | 2021               | 2022           | 2023E          | 2024E                     | 2025                    |
| Fangible fixed assets (gross)                                     | 38,612             | 40,518         | 43,377         | 44,677                    | 45,67                   |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation                                    | (23,317)           | (25,167)       | (27,399)       | (29,770)                  | (32,234                 |
| Tangible fixed assets (net)                                       | 15,295             | 15,351         | 15,978         | (29,770)<br><b>14,907</b> | (32,234<br><b>13,44</b> |
| Intangible fixed assets (net)                                     | 1,036              | 4,309          | 2,826          | 2,480                     | 1,59                    |
|   |                    | -              | -              | -                         | -                       |
| _ong-term financial assets<br>nvest. in associates & subsidiaries | 3,209<br>3,376     | 1,630<br>2,888 | 1,545<br>2,888 | 1,422<br>2,888            | 1,42<br>2,88            |
|   |                    |                |                |                           |                         |
| Cash & equivalents<br>A/C receivable                              | 8,274<br>4 340     | 8,430<br>4 288 | 9,493<br>4 325 | 10,519<br>3 811           | 12,66                   |
|   | 4,340              | 4,288          | 4,325          | 3,811                     | 3,04                    |
| nventories  | 1,431              | 1,805          | 1,833          | 1,697                     | 1,58                    |
| Other current assets  | 1,508              | 1,870          | 1,904          | 1,913                     | 1,84                    |
| Current assets  | 15,553             | 16,393         | 17,555         | 17,941                    | 19,13                   |
| Other assets  | 478                | 1,022          | 1,016          | 1,011                     | 1,00                    |
| Total assets  | <b>38,947</b>      | 41,593         | 41,807         | 40,649                    | 39,48                   |
| Common equity   | 21,266             | 24,534         | 26,320         | 28,427                    | 30,39                   |
| Minorities etc.   | 3,135              | 3,192          | 3,256          | 3,321                     | 3,38                    |
| Fotal shareholders' equity  | 24,400             | 27,726         | 29,576         | 31,748                    | 33,78                   |
| _ong term debt  | 7,634              | 5,090          | 4,376          | 3,437                     | 2,39                    |
| Other long-term liabilities                                       | 294                | 324            | 406            | 374                       | 19                      |
| Long-term liabilities   | 7,928              | 5,413          | 4,782          | 3,811                     | 2,59                    |
| A/C payable   | 1,889              | 2,311          | 2,094          | 1,952                     | 99                      |
| Short term debt   | 3,071              | 4,523          | 3,865          | 1,737                     | 1,410                   |
| Other current liabilities   | 1,658              | 1,618          | 1,489          | 1,401                     | 70                      |
| Current liabilities   | 6,619              | 8,453          | 7,449          | 5,090                     | 3,11                    |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity                        | 38,947             | 41,593         | 41,807         | 40,649                    | 39,48                   |
| Net working capital   | 3,731              | 4,033          | 4,478          | 4,069                     | 4,77                    |
| nvested capital   | 27,126             | 29,233         | 28,730         | 26,777                    | 25,12                   |
| Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bein           | ng treated as debt |                |                |                           |                         |
| Per share (THB)   |                    |                |                |                           |                         |
| Book value per share  | 11.67              | 13.46          | 14.44          | 15.60                     | 16.6                    |
| Fangible book value per share                                     | 11.10              | 11.10          | 12.89          | 14.24                     | 15.8                    |
| Financial strength  |                    |                |                |                           |                         |
| Net debt/equity (%)   | 10.0               | 4.3            | (4.2)          | (16.8)                    | (26.2                   |
| Net debt/total assets (%)   | 6.2                | 2.8            | (3.0)          | (13.1)                    | (22.4                   |
| Current ratio (x)   | 2.3                | 1.9            | 2.4            | 3.5                       | 6.                      |
| CF interest cover (x)   | 14.7               | 4.7            | 12.9           | 11.4                      | 23.                     |
| /aluation   | 2021               | 2022           | 2023E          | 2024E                     | 2025                    |
| Recurring P/E (x) *   | 3.6                | 3.8            | 4.7            | 4.7                       | 5.                      |
| Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *                                | 4.7                | 5.0            | 6.1            | 6.1                       | 6.                      |
| Reported P/E (x)  | 3.4                | 2.8            | 4.7            | 4.7                       | 5.                      |
| Dividend yield (%)  | 3.4                | 5.2            | 4.7            | 4.7                       |                         |
| Price/book (x)  | 0.6                | 0.5            | 4.2<br>0.5     | 4.3<br>0.4                | 0.4                     |
| Price/tangible book (x)   | 0.6                | 0.6            | 0.5            | 0.4                       | 0.                      |
|   |                    |                |                |                           |                         |
| EV/EBITDA (x) **<br>EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **               | 3.4<br>4.1         | 3.1<br>3.8     | 2.9<br>3.7     | 2.1<br>2.9                | 1.4<br>2.2              |
|   |                    |                |                |                           |                         |

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

Sources: Thoresen Thai Agencies; 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 <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 <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)<sup>4</sup> by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

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: <u>E</u>conomic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and innovation); <u>E</u>nvironmental (environmental environment, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); <u>S</u>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 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.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<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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#### History of change in investment rating and/or target price



Jitra Amornthum started covering this stock from 10-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

| Company                | Ticker | Price    | Rating | Valuation & Risks   |
|------------------------|--------|----------|--------|---|
| Thoresen Thai Agencies | TTA TB | THB 6.90 | BUY    | Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a fall in freight rates (TCE); 2) exchange rate volatility; 3) slow economic growth in China; and 4) regulatory risks, including new EEXI and CII requirements, effective 1 Jan-23. |

Source: FSSIA estimates

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#### **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.

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