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Asset value is unlocking

- A new record high profit and 37% larger asset size vs pre-Covid should drive share price to surpass IPO price of THB6.0/shr.
- More room to improve EBITDA yield from 3% to target of 10%, as only 3% of assets are classified as mature.
- Maintain BUY with 2023 DCF-based TP of THB6.8/shr.

TARGET PRICE	THB6.80
CLOSE	THB5.25
UP/DOWNSIDE	+29.5%
PRIOR TP	THB6.80
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+11.9%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	9,508	15,152	18,890	20,538
Net profit	3,854	4,607	6,185	6,601
EPS (THB)	0.12	0.14	0.19	0.21
vs Consensus (%)	-	164.2	84.5	56.7
EBITDA	2,750	5,561	7,681	8,562
Core net profit	(49)	2,107	3,685	4,101
Core EPS (THB)	0.00	0.07	0.12	0.13
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	0.0	0.0	nm
EPS growth (%)	nm	nm	74.9	11.3
Core P/E (x)	(3,401.5)	79.7	45.6	41.0
Dividend yield (%)	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	83.5	41.5	30.1	26.8
Price/book (x)	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	74.3	72.5	68.9	63.5
ROE (%)	(0.1)	2.5	4.1	4.3

1Q23 core profit hit a new record; momentum should continue

AWC's core profit hit a new record high of THB0.4b in 1Q23 and exceeded 1Q19's core profit by 68%, despite Thailand's tourist arrivals recovering to just 60% of the pre-Covid level. The key driver was its ADR of THB6,100, which surpassed 2019's level by 30% and boosted the hotel business' EBITDA margin back to the pre-Covid level at 40%. The momentum should accelerate in 2H23, driven by the recovery of Chinese tourist numbers. AWC mentioned that its hotel room supply is around 3% of the luxury segment market, but the international guest demand for its hotels is 13%. This is evidenced by the RevPAR index (RGI) of its hotels, which outperformed peers' (e.g. RGI of 201 for Bangkok Marriott Hotel The Surawongse and RGI of 136 for Banyan Tree Krabi).

Larger asset value and better core profit compared to pre-Covid

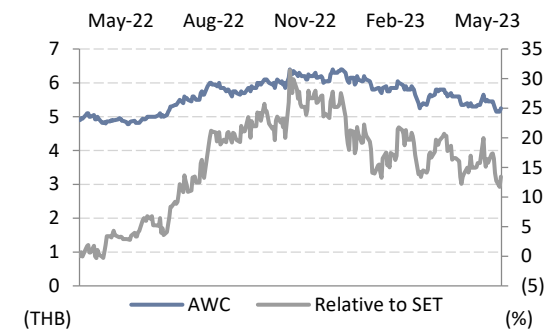
We believe there is a high potential for AWC's share price to convert and surpass its IPO level of THB6.0/shr, premised on 1) 2023E core profit that surpasses the 2019 level; 2) a 37% larger operating asset value from THB83.3b in 2019 to THB119.9b in 2023, with 76% more hotel rooms (6,306 in 2023 vs 3,432 in 2019) and a 35% larger NLA (603k sqm in 2023 vs 448k in 2019); and 3) a strong project pipeline of up to 20 hotels (from 18 hotels in 2022) that are scheduled to open during 2023-2030.

Potential for EBITDA to increase fourfold from current assets

AWC's assets generated EBITDA of THB3.8b in 2022, implying a rate of return (EBITDA yield) of 2.7%. The number is still low as only 3% of total assets are classified as mature, while the remaining assets are ramping up, repositioning and in development. Based on AWC's long-term goal to lift its EBITDA yield to double digits and its current asset base of THB142b (THB120b in operating assets and THB23b in developing assets), this implies EBITDA of THB14.2b, or 4x current EBITDA.

Valuation is not as expensive as the market perceives

We forecast a core profit of THB2.1b in 2023 (vs THB1.0b in 2019). AWC trades at 46x 2024E core profit P/E, which seems to be expensive. However, if we include a fair value gain of THB4.0b per year (regularly booked over the past five quarters), the valuation would come down to only 22x P/E, compared to its peers' average of 30x.



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(1.9)	(13.2)	7.6
Relative to country (%)	(0.4)	(7.6)	14.0
Mkt cap (USD m)	4,838		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	6.3		
Free float (%)	25		
Major shareholder	TCC Business Management (45%)		
12m high/low (THB)	6.55/4.74		
Issued shares (m)	32,000.77		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates


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Investment thesis

AWC plans to aggressively expand its hotel portfolio from 18 hotels in 2022 to 37 hotels by 2027 and expand its commercial property assets with a net leasable area (NLA) of 427k sqm to 673k sqm by 2027.

AWC has a strong balance sheet with an IBD/E of only 0.7x as of 2022, with ample room for M&A deals. AWC also has a competitive advantage, as it has a grant of rights (GOR) agreement with its major shareholder, Thai Charoen Corporation Group (TCC, not listed). Under the GOR, AWC has the right of first offer on assets that TCC plans to sell, and the right of first refusal on assets when any third party makes an offer.

Most of AWC's assets are classified as freehold, with about half of its asset value in land located in prime areas across Thailand. We believe those assets will likely appreciate in the future, which should support its balance sheet's gearing ratio for expansion projects.

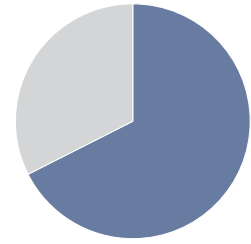
Company profile

AWC is the pure-play leader in the Thai hospitality and commercial property business.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

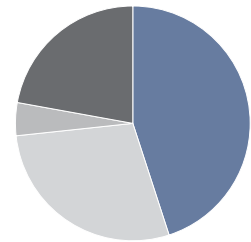
- Hotel revenue - 67.5 %
- Retail and office revenue - 32.5 %



Source: Asset World Corp

Major shareholders

- TCC Business Management - 45.0 %
- TCC Group International Limited - 28.3 %
- Thai NVDR - 4.5 %
- Others - 22.2 %



Source: Asset World Corp

Catalysts

Key growth drivers include 1) a faster OCC ramp-up rate following a global tourism recovery; 2) improving consumption and economic growth resulting in a strong retail business; and 3) the pent-up demand of Chinese tourists

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.

Event calendar

Date	Event
Aug 2023	2Q23 results announcement

Key assumptions

	2023E	2024E	2025E
Hotel - Number of rooms (no.)	6,036	6,999	7,233
Hotel - Occupancy rate (OCC %)	67.1	71.1	72.5
Hotel - RevPAR growth (%)	52.5	9.1	5.7
Retail - NLA ('000 sqm)	332.025	377.6	377.6
Retail - Occupancy rate (OCC %)	43.5	57.8	59.0
Retail - Rental rate growth (%)	(6.5)	15.0	7.5
Office - NLA ('000 sqm)	270.6	270.6	270.6
Office - Occupancy rate (OCC %)	71.0	72.0	72.5
Office - Rental rate growth (%)	5.0	2.0	2.0

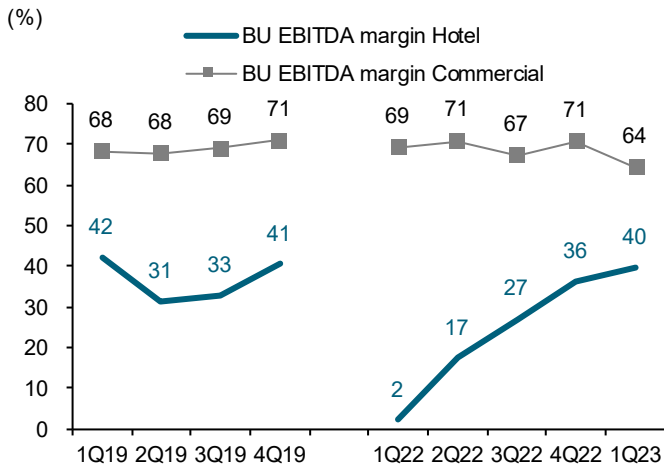
Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in hotel OCC, we project a 2023 profit increase of 4%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in retail OCC, we project a 2023 profit increase of 5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

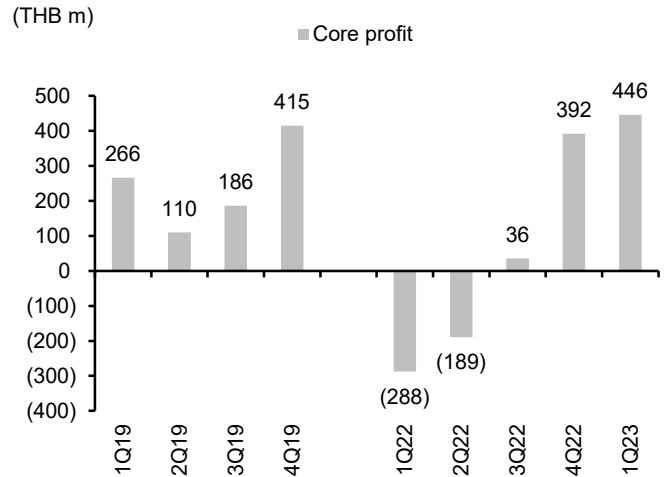
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 1: EBITDA margin



Sources: AWC; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 2: Core profit, quarterly



Sources: AWC; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: Asset rate of return

ASSETS ¹	ASSET VALUE			RATE OF RETURN FROM OPERATING PERFORMANCE AS AT 31 MAR 23 (PAST 12 MONTHS)	RATE OF RETURN FROM OPERATING PERFORMANCE FOR 2022	RATE OF RETURN FROM OPERATING PERFORMANCE FOR 2019	RATE OF RETURN FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31 MAR 23 (PAST 12 MONTHS)	RATE OF RETURN FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2022					
	NET OPERATING PROFIT	AMOUNT	%										
ASSET IN BUSINESS AS MATURE PERIOD (MATURE)	463	3,503	2.5%	13.2%	13.3%	8.3%	27.5%	26.6%					
ASSET IN INITIAL PERIOD (RAMP UP)	3,767	73,794	51.8%	5.1%	4.1%	3.8%	3.2%	5.8%	6.7%	8.9%	8.2%	7.9%	7.3%
ASSET UNDER REPOSITIONING (REPOSITIONING)	690	42,562	29.9%	1.6%	1.2%	6.0%	5.5%	4.7%					
ASSET UNDER DEVELOPMENT (DEVELOPMENT)	(27)	22,611	15.9%	-0.1%	0.0%	-1.4%	-0.1%	0.0%					
GRAND TOTAL	4,893	142,471	100.0%	3.4%	2.7%	5.6%	6.9%	6.2%					

Source: AWC

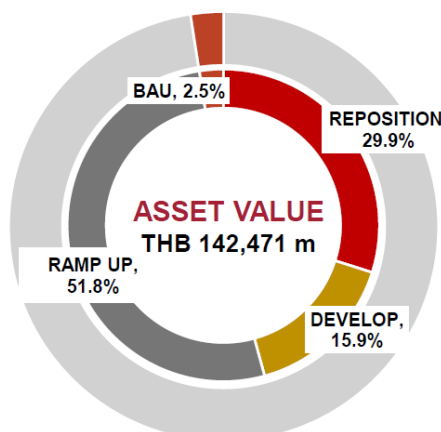
Exhibit 4: Asset breakdown

BAU ASSETS

- LASALLE'S AVENUE PHASE 1
- ATHENEE TOWER BUILDING

RAMP UP ASSETS

- HUA HIN MARRIOTT RESORT AND SPA
- HILTON SUKHUMVIT
- THE ATHENEE HOTEL BANGKOK
- THE OKURA PRESTIGE BANGKOK HOTEL
- VANA BELLE A LUXURY KOH SAMUI
- BANYAN TREE SAMUI
- MARRIOTT MARQUIS QUEEN'S PARK
- MELIA KOH SAMUI
- BANGKOK MARRIOTT HOTEL THE SURAWONGSE
- PHUKET MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA, NAI YANG BEACH
- DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SUKHUMVIT
- BANYAN TREE KRABI
- COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT PHUKET TOWN
- MELIA CHIANG MAI
- SIRIMAHANNOP
- EMPIRE TOWER BUILDING
- 208 BUILDING WIRELESS ROAD
- INTERLINK TOWER BANKNA
- GATEWAY AT BANGSUE
- LASALLE'S AVENUE PHASE 2
- TORYOD ONLINE



DEVELOPING ASSETS

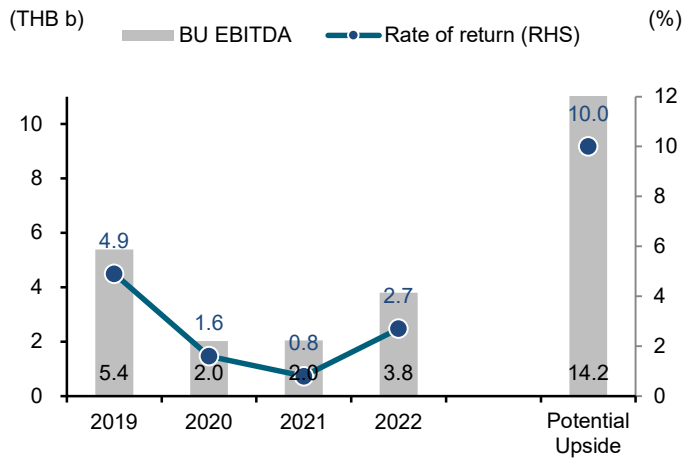
- EMPIRE TOWER ROOFTOP
- THE RITZ-CARLTON BANGKOK, THE RIVERSIDE
- GRAND MERCURE BANGKOK WINDSOR
- dustID2 Chiang Mai
- INNSIDE BANGKOK SUKHUMVIT HOTEL
- 17 CONDOMINIUM UNITS IN THE MAJESTIC MANSION
- A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE HOTEL AT ASIATIQUE

REPOSITIONING ASSETS

- LÉ MÉRIDIEN BANGKOK HOTEL
- LE MÉRIDIEN CHIANG MAI
- HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SATHORN
- WESTIN SIRAY BAY RESORT AND SPA PHUKET
- SHERATON SAMUI
- COMMUNITY MARKET BANGKAPI
- AEC TRADE CENTER
- AEC TRADE CENTER – PANTIP WHOLESALE DESTINATION
- PANTIP PLAZA IN CHIANGMAI
- ASIATIQUE THE RIVERFRONT
- PANTIP PLAZA AT NGAMWONGWAN
- TAWANNA BANGKAPI

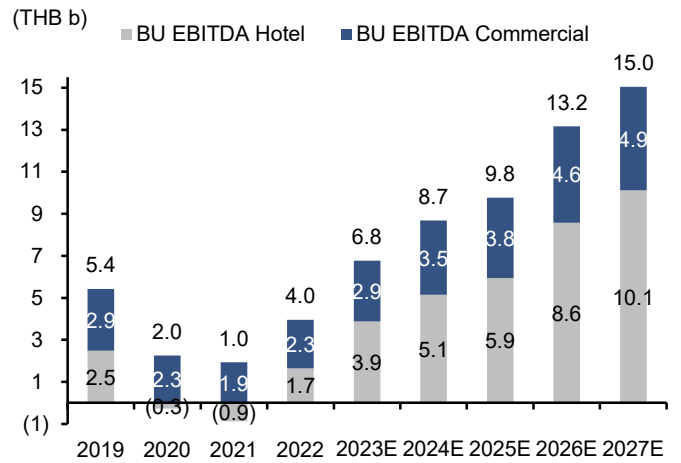
Source: AWC

Exhibit 5: BU EBITDA and rate of return



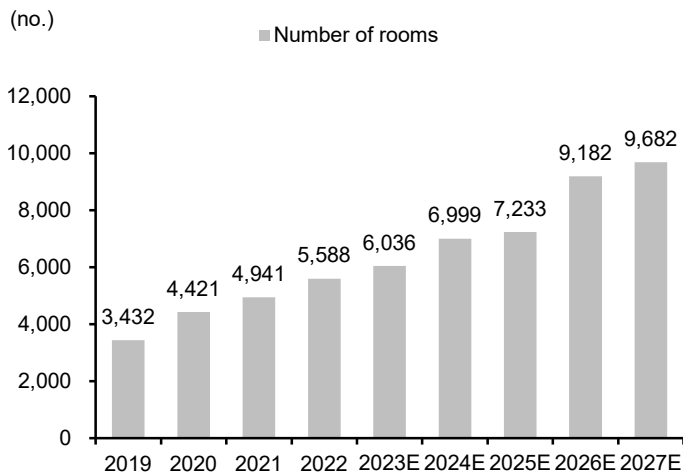
Note: BU EBITDA (business unit EBITDA) is EBITDA before corporate expenses
Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: BU EBITDA forecast



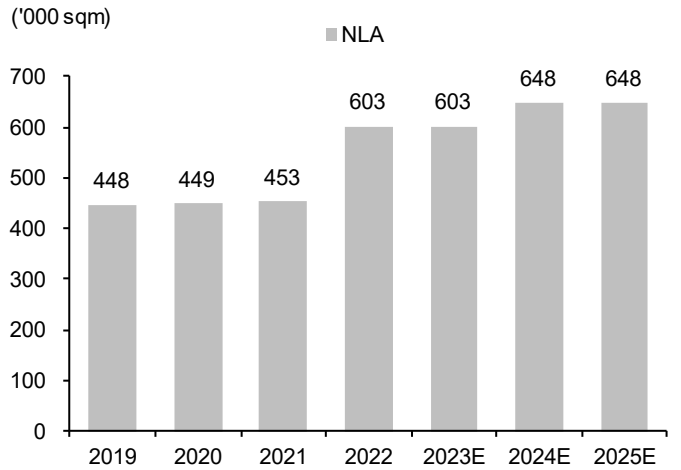
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Exhibit 7: Hotel room expansion pipeline



Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: NLA of retail and commercial expansion



Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates

Recap: 1Q23 results review

AWC reported a 1Q23 core profit of THB446m, beating the Bloomberg consensus estimate by 7% mainly due to higher-than-expected RevPAR for the hotel business. Including a THB1.0b gain on changes in the fair value of investment properties, AWC booked a net profit of THB1.4b.

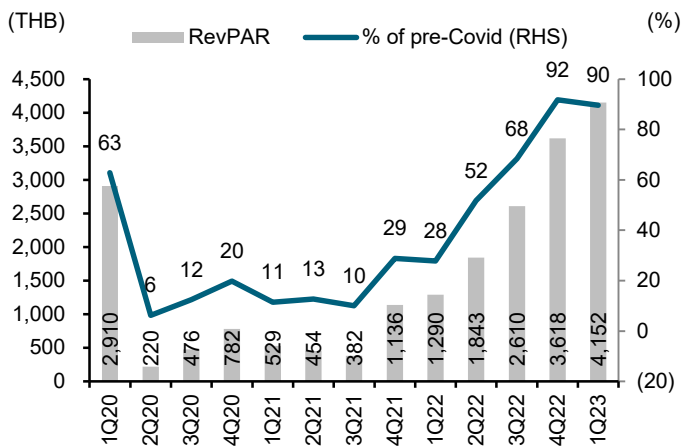
Hospitality business: Hotel revenue grew 10% q-q in 1Q23 as RevPAR increased by 15% q-q to THB4,152, exceeding the pre-Covid level by 17%. The OCC rate was 68% (vs 64% in 4Q22) and the average daily rate (ADR) was THB6,100 (vs THB5,697 in 4Q22). Luxury resorts and non-Bangkok hotels were key drivers in this quarter, with revenue growth of 25% q-q and 42% q-q, respectively.

Retail and commercial business: Revenue grew by 1% q-q in 1Q23. Tourist lifestyle revenue grew by 61% q-q. However, it was offset by 3% q-q lower revenue for the commercial business (office building).

EBITDA of operating assets (BU EBITDA) improved from THB1.5b in 4Q22 to THB1.6b in 1Q23, consisting of THB1.1b for the hotel business, THB0.2b for retail and THB0.4b for office properties. The hotel business' EBITDA margin improved to 40% (vs 36% in 4Q22) and the retail and commercial business' EBITDA margin declined to 64% (vs 71% in 4Q22).

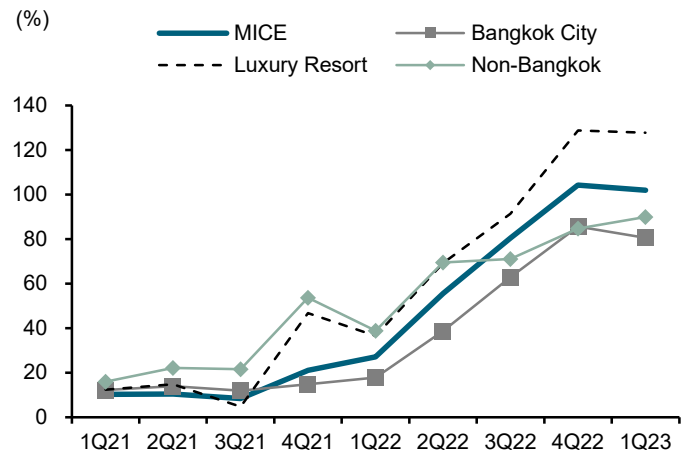
Including corporate expenses, group EBITDA improved from THB1.2b in 4Q22 to THB1.4b in 1Q23, with an EBITDA margin of 38% (vs 35% in 4Q22).

Exhibit 9: RevPAR trend, quarterly



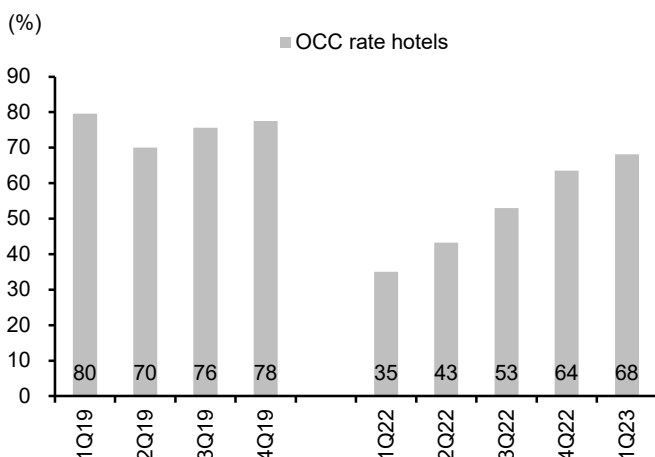
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Exhibit 10: RevPAR breakdown by segment (% of pre-Covid)



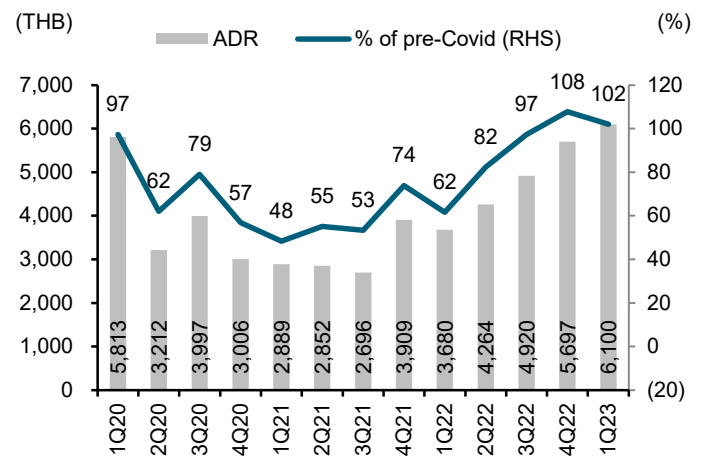
Source: AWC

Exhibit 11: OCC rate trend, quarterly



Sources: AWC; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 12: ADR trend, quarterly



Sources: AWC; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 13: 1Q23 results review

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	Change		2023E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)
Sales	1,600	1,982	2,475	3,450	3,547	3	122	15,152
- Hotel	914	1,280	1,762	2,465	2,715	10	197	11,067
- Commercial	686	702	713	985	832	(16)	21	4,084
COGS (Incl. depreciation)	(1,069)	(1,186)	(1,341)	(1,586)	(1,554)	(2)	45	(8,039)
Gross profit	532	796	1,134	1,864	1,994	7	275	7,113
SG&A	(658)	(740)	(818)	(1,039)	(1,064)	2	62	(3,333)
Net management income	1	1	1	5	1	(84)	(9)	7
Operating profit	(125)	57	317	830	930	12	844	3,787
Other income	12	14	9	36	12	(66)	1	73
Interest income	0	0	0	0	0	(61)	1,214	2
Interest expenses	(251)	(264)	(336)	(375)	(377)	1	50	(1,493)
Pretax profit	(364)	(193)	(11)	492	566	15	255	2,368
Income Tax	76	4	47	(100)	(120)	20	(257)	(260)
Associates	0	0	0	0	0			
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0			
Core profit	(288)	(189)	36	392	446	14	255	2,107
Extraordinaries, GW & FX	933	966	991	1,014	976	(4)	5	2,500
Reported net profit	645	776	1,026	1,406	1,422	1	120	4,607
Shares out (end Q, m)	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000	0	0	32,001
Core EPS (THB)	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.00	0.01	0.01	14	(255)	0.07
EPS (THB)	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	1	120	0.14
COGS (Excl. depreciation)	(670)	(771)	(928)	(1,176)	(1,144)	(3)	71	(6,337)
Depreciation	(399)	(415)	(413)	(410)	(410)	0	3	(1,702)
EBITDA	286	486	739	1,276	1,353	6	373	5,561
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)
Gross margin	33	40	46	54	56	2	23	47
SG&A/Revenue	41	37	33	30	30	(0)	(11)	22
EBITDA margin	18	24	30	37	38	1	20	37
Net profit margin	40	39	41	41	40	(1)	(0)	30
Operating stats								
MICE								
OCC (%)	32	42	54	67				
ADR (THB)	3,156	4,048	4,886	5,630				
RevPar (THB)	1,006	1,705	2,658	3,744				
Bangkok City								
OCC (%)	35	48	59	72				
ADR (THB)	1,914	2,450	3,160	3,936				
RevPar (THB)	668	1,163	1,848	2,823				
Luxury Resorts								
OCC (%)	34	48	60	66				
ADR (THB)	13,212	13,611	15,466	16,079				
RevPar (THB)	4,503	6,518	9,199	10,611				
Non-Bangkok								
OCC (%)	40	42	47	55				
ADR (THB)	3,980	4,173	4,303	5,043				
RevPar (THB)	1,602	1,742	2,041	2,762				
Tourist Lifestyle								
OCC (%)	35	38	39	37				
Rental rate (THB)	562	538	773	1,157				
Community Shopping Malls								
OCC (%)	61	61	66	65				
Rental rate (THB)	571	578	614	589				
Community Market								
OCC (%)	40	39	40	40				
Rental rate (THB)	675	690	703	701				
Commercial (Office)								
OCC (%)	71	71	70	69				
Rental rate (THB)	764	770	769	815				

Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 14: Forecast revisions

	Current			Previous		Change	
	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2023E	2024E
Hotel - OCC (%)	67.1	71.1	72.5	66.5	67.6	0.6	3.4
Hotel - RevPar (THB)	3,572	3,896	4,118	3,262	3,457	9.5	12.7
Retail - OCC (%)	43.5	57.8	59.0	50.0	53.3	(6.5)	4.5
Retail - Rental rate (THB/sqm/month)	604	695	747	740	809	(18.4)	(14.1)
Office - OCC (%)	71.0	72.0	72.5	71.0	72.0	0.0	0.0
Office - Rental rate (THB/sqm/month)	819	835	852	762	762	7.5	9.7
Revenue (THB b)	15.2	18.9	20.5	14.5	21.9	4.4	(13.7)
EBITDA margin (%)	36.7	40.7	41.7	37.9	35.8	(1.2)	4.9
Core earnings (THB m)	2,107	3,685	4,101	2,107	3,685	(0.0)	0.0

Note: Change of items in % terms are represented in ppt

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 15: DCF valuation

Cost of equity assumptions	(%)	Cost of debt assumptions	(%)
Risk-free rate	3.0	Pre-tax cost of debt	2.6
Market risk premium	8.0	Marginal tax rate	20.0
Stock beta	1.0		
Cost of equity, Ke	11.0	Net cost of debt, Kd	2.1
Weight applied	60.0	Weight applied	40.0
WACC	7.4		

DCF valuation estimate	(THB b)	(THB/share)	Comments
NPV	61.2	1.9	WACC 7.4%, risk-free rate 3%, risk premium 8%
Terminal value	217.6	6.8	Terminal growth 2.5%
Cash & liquid assets	1.2	0.0	At end-2023E
Investments	0.0	0.0	At end-2023E
Debt	(63.9)	(2.0)	At end-2023E
Minorities	0.0	0.0	At end-2023E
Residual ordinary equity	216.2	6.8	

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 16: Peers comparison as of 23 May 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	Share price			Market Cap (USD m)	PE			ROE		PBV		EV/ EBITDA	
			Current (LCY)	Target (LCY)	Upside (%)		23E (x)	24E (x)	25E (x)	23E (%)	24E (%)	23E (x)	24E (x)	23E (x)	24E (x)
Thailand															
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	BUY	5.25	6.80	30	4,838	79.7	45.6	41.0	2.5	4.1	1.9	1.8	41.5	30.1
Minor International	MINT TB	BUY	33.75	40.00	19	5,291	35.3	27.6	24.3	7.0	9.2	2.2	2.9	10.9	11.0
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	BUY	50.00	58.00	16	1,944	31.6	25.7	24.0	10.9	12.2	3.3	3.0	15.1	13.0
Erawan Group	ERW TB	BUY	4.44	5.50	24	579	37.8	35.5	30.6	8.9	8.8	3.2	2.8	16.0	14.8
S Hotels & Resorts	SHR TB	BUY	3.50	5.30	51	362	27.4	18.6	16.1	2.8	4.1	0.8	0.7	8.6	7.5
Dusit Thani	DUSIT TB	BUY	11.00	18.00	64	269	182.9	38.2	3.8	1.2	5.7	2.2	2.1	40.8	31.6
Bound and Beyond	BEYOND TB	BUY	14.30	24.00	68	119	56.7	17.3	13.7	1.3	4.0	0.7	0.7	12.2	9.2
Thailand average						13,403	64.5	29.8	21.9	5.0	6.9	2.0	2.0	20.7	16.7
Regional															
Btg Hotels Group	600258 CH	n/a	20.07	n/a	n/a	3,182	27.2	19.3	16.3	7.4	9.7	2.0	1.8	11.7	10.0
Sh Jinjiang Intl Hotels	900934 CH	n/a	1.86	n/a	n/a	6,387	8.9	6.3	5.4	8.7	11.3	0.8	0.7	15.1	11.8
Huangshan Tourism Develop	900942 CH	n/a	0.77	n/a	n/a	1,071	13.6	10.4	9.1	6.7	8.2	0.9	0.9	11.2	9.6
Genting Bhd	GENT MK	n/a	4.43	n/a	n/a	3,682	13.3	10.8	9.1	3.9	5.1	0.5	0.5	6.6	6.0
Greentree Hospitality	GHG US	n/a	4.37	n/a	n/a	447	10.3	7.0	6.6	19.1	25.0	1.7	1.4	5.1	4.1
Huazhu Group	HTHT US	n/a	39.94	n/a	n/a	12,729	33.4	25.4	26.2	25.4	25.7	9.0	7.0	17.9	14.0
Indian Hotels	IH IN	n/a	371.00	n/a	n/a	6,443	57.9	42.9	36.3	12.6	14.1	6.8	5.9	31.0	26.3
Lemon Tree Hotels	LEMONTRE IN	n/a	94.55	n/a	n/a	896	64.3	47.6	28.4	13.0	15.2	7.5	6.5	23.4	19.6
Lippo Karawaci	LPKR IJ	n/a	94.00	n/a	n/a	447	3.0	5.9	4.2	16.5	9.6	0.4	0.4	8.3	7.6
Regional average						35,282	25.8	19.5	15.7	11.4	12.8	3.3	2.8	14.5	12.1
Overall average						48,685	42.7	24.0	18.4	8.8	10.4	2.7	2.5	17.2	14.1

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

Asset World Corp

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	4,245	9,508	15,152	18,890	20,538
Cost of goods sold	(1,980)	(3,582)	(6,337)	(7,155)	(7,584)
Gross profit	2,265	5,926	8,815	11,735	12,954
Other operating income	94	77	80	83	86
Operating costs	(2,304)	(3,254)	(3,333)	(4,137)	(4,477)
Operating EBITDA	55	2,750	5,561	7,681	8,562
Depreciation	(1,605)	(1,600)	(1,702)	(1,791)	(1,862)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	(1,551)	1,150	3,859	5,890	6,700
Net financing costs	(1,180)	(1,225)	(1,492)	(1,551)	(1,574)
Associates	0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Recurring non-operating income	0	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Non-recurring items	3,109	3,903	2,500	2,500	2,500
Profit before tax	379	3,827	4,867	6,838	7,626
Tax	483	27	(260)	(653)	(1,025)
Profit after tax	861	3,854	4,607	6,185	6,601
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	861	3,854	4,607	6,185	6,601
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(3,109)	(3,903)	(2,500)	(2,500)	(2,500)
Recurring net profit	(2,248)	(49)	2,107	3,685	4,101
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	(0.07)	0.00	0.07	0.12	0.13
Reported EPS	0.03	0.12	0.14	0.19	0.21
DPS	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	32,000	32,001	32,001	32,001	32,001
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(29.1)	124.0	59.4	24.7	8.7
Operating EBITDA (%)	(95.3)	4,930.5	102.3	38.1	11.5
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	nm	235.7	52.6	13.8
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	nm	74.9	11.3
Reported EPS (%)	nm	347.3	19.5	34.3	6.7
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	15.5	45.5	46.9	52.6	54.0
Gross margin of key business (%)	15.5	45.5	46.9	52.6	54.0
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	1.3	28.9	36.7	40.7	41.7
Operating EBIT margin (%)	(36.5)	12.1	25.5	31.2	32.6
Net margin (%)	(53.0)	(0.5)	13.9	19.5	20.0
Effective tax rate (%)	17.7	35.5	11.0	15.1	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	(15.3)	(2,073.3)	40.0	40.0	40.0
Interest cover (X)	(1.3)	0.9	2.6	3.8	4.3
Inventory days	8.8	5.4	4.8	5.8	5.9
Debtor days	60.0	29.4	20.7	16.6	15.3
Creditor days	285.4	182.3	161.7	194.8	200.8
Operating ROIC (%)	(1.0)	0.5	2.2	3.1	3.3
ROIC (%)	(1.0)	0.5	2.2	3.1	3.2
ROE (%)	(3.0)	(0.1)	2.5	4.1	4.3
ROA (%)	(1.0)	0.5	2.1	3.0	3.1
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)					
Hotel revenue	1,770	6,422	11,067	13,914	15,231
Retail and office revenue	2,475	3,086	4,084	4,976	5,307

Sources: Asset World Corp; FSSIA estimates

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Asset World Corp

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	(2,248)	(49)	2,107	3,685	4,101
Depreciation	1,605	1,600	1,702	1,791	1,862
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	11,462	4,368	2,359	2,359	2,359
Change in working capital	179	173	1,583	496	256
Cash flow from operations	10,999	6,091	7,751	8,331	8,578
Capex - maintenance	(15,760)	(18,066)	(7,814)	(8,026)	(5,440)
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	-
Net acquisitions & disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing	(15,760)	(18,066)	(7,814)	(8,026)	(5,440)
Dividends paid	0	(344)	(1,024)	(843)	(1,474)
Equity finance	9	11	0	0	0
Debt finance	4,372	12,327	2,000	3,000	0
Other financing cash flows	279	132	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	4,660	12,126	976	2,157	(1,474)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	(101)	151	913	2,463	1,664
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(3,580.50)	(10,748.79)	1,430.70	1,863.65	4,735.42
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(110.54)	484.10	1,937.33	3,305.28	3,138.05

Per share (THB)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
FCFF per share	(0.11)	(0.34)	0.04	0.06	0.15
FCFE per share	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.10	0.10
Recurring cash flow per share	0.34	0.18	0.19	0.24	0.26

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	145,402	163,586	169,040	174,707	177,788
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(9,406)	(11,003)	(10,204)	(9,496)	(8,858)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	135,996	152,583	158,836	165,211	168,930
Intangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	0	0	0	0
Cash & equivalents	128	279	1,193	3,655	5,319
A/C receivable	674	860	860	860	860
Inventories	46	60	106	120	127
Other current assets	56	82	131	163	177
Current assets	905	1,281	2,289	4,797	6,483
Other assets	1,996	2,590	2,590	2,590	2,590
Total assets	138,897	156,454	163,715	172,599	178,003
Common equity	79,207	82,860	86,442	91,785	96,911
Minorities etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Total shareholders' equity	79,207	82,860	86,442	91,785	96,911
Long term debt	45,717	56,306	58,306	61,306	61,306
Other long-term liabilities	8,332	9,511	9,511	9,511	9,511
Long-term liabilities	54,049	65,817	67,817	70,817	70,817
A/C payable	1,551	2,027	3,587	4,050	4,293
Short term debt	3,812	5,550	5,550	5,550	5,550
Other current liabilities	279	200	318	397	431
Current liabilities	5,641	7,777	9,455	9,997	10,274
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	138,897	156,454	163,715	172,599	178,003
Net working capital	(1,053)	(1,225)	(2,809)	(3,304)	(3,560)
Invested capital	136,940	153,948	158,617	164,497	167,960

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

Per share (THB)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Book value per share	2.48	2.59	2.70	2.87	3.03
Tangible book value per share	2.48	2.59	2.70	2.87	3.03

Financial strength	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net debt/equity (%)	62.4	74.3	72.5	68.9	63.5
Net debt/total assets (%)	35.6	39.4	38.3	36.6	34.6
Current ratio (x)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.6
CF interest cover (x)	0.9	1.4	2.3	3.1	3.0

Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring P/E (x) *	(74.7)	(3,401.5)	79.7	45.6	41.0
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	(96.8)	(4,405.8)	103.3	59.0	53.1
Reported P/E (x)	195.0	43.6	36.5	27.2	25.5
Dividend yield (%)	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.0
Price/book (x)	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7
Price/tangible book (x)	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7
EV/EBITDA (x) **	3,977.5	83.5	41.5	30.1	26.8
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	4,885.0	101.5	50.4	36.6	32.6
EV/invested capital (x)	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4

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

Sources: Asset World Corp; 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.

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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.

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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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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	THB 5.25	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Minor International	MINT TB	THB 33.75	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply and higher competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	THB 50.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply and higher competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
The Erawan Group	ERW TB	THB 4.44	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
S Hotels and Resorts	SHR TB	THB 3.50	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Dusit Thani	DUSIT TB	THB 11.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Bound and Beyond	BEYOND TB	THB 14.30	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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