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STAR PETROLEUM REFINING

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คาดว่าจะแตะจุดต่ำสุดใน 2Q23

- เราคาดว่าผลประกอบการ 2Q23 จะเป็นจุดต่ำสุดของปี 2023 โดยคาดผลขาดทุนสุทธิที่
 2พัน ลบ. ลดลงจากที่เคยมีกำไรสุทธิ 1.2พัน ลบ. ใน 1Q23
- ปัจจัยลบสำคัญในไตรมาสนี้อยู่ที่ Diesel และ Jet spread ที่อ่อนแอ, ผลขาดทุนสินค้า ดงคลังและต้นทุนค่าระวางที่สูงอย่างต่อเนื่อง
- คงแนะนำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 12.5 บาท

คาดผลขาดทุนสุทธิจำนวน 2พัน ลบ. ใน **2Q23**

เราคาดว่าผลประกอบการของ SPRC จะผ่านจุดต่ำสุดใน 2Q23 โดยคาดผลขาดทุนสุทธิที่ 2 พัน ลบ. ลดลงจากที่เคยมีกำไร 1.2พัน ลบ. ใน 1Q23 ส่วนมากจาก Diesel และ Jet spread ที่ อ่อนแอ แม้ว่า Murban crude premium จะลดลง q-q ปัจจัยดังกล่าวอาจไม่มากพอที่จะชดเชย Product spread ที่อ่อนแอ ด้วยเหตุดังกล่าวเราจึงคาด Market GRM ใน 2Q23 ที่ USD1.43/bbl (-USD4.93/bbl q-q) จากราคาน้ำมันดิบดูไบที่ลดลง q-q เราเชื่อว่า SPRC จะ รายงานผลขาดทุนจากสินค้าคงคลังอยู่ที่ USD2.6/bbl ซึ่งคิดเป็น Accounting GRM ติดลบที่ ประมาณ USD1.17/bbl เพราะฉะนั้นเราจึงคำนวน EBITDA loss ได้ที่ ~1.7พัน ลบ. อย่างไรก็ดี ถ้าเราหักผลขาดทุนจากสินค้าคงคลัง (~1.2พัน ลบ.) และผลขาดทุนจากอัตราแลกเปลี่ยน (0.15พัน ลบ.) เราเชื่อว่า SPRC จะรายงานผลขาดทุนปกติที่ 0.9พัน ลบ.

ผลกระทบต่อค่าการกลั่น (GRM) ใน 2Q23

ใน 2Q23 เราคาดว่า GRM จะอ่อนตัวลงส่วนมากจากการลดลงของ Diesel (-USD10.25/bbl qq) และ Jet spread (-USD12/bbl q-q) ในขณะที่ Gasoline spread ลดลง (-USD2.12/bbl q-q) แม้ว่า Murban crude premium จะลดลง USD2.16/bbl q-q ปัจจัยดังกล่าวอาจไม่มากพอที่จะ ชดเชย Product spread ที่อ่อนแอ นอกจากนี้ต้นทุนค่าระวางยังทรงดัวในระดับสูงเมื่อเทียบกับ กลุ่มฯ ที่ ~USD3.6/bbl จากต้นทุนค่าขนส่งพิเศษจากการปิด Single point mooring system (SPM) ด้วยเหตุดังกล่าวเราคาดว่าบริษัทฯ จะรายงาน GRM ที่ลดลงอย่างมีนัยสำคัญใน 2Q23

แนวโน้มในช่วง 2H23 ชี้ให้เห็นการฟื้นตัว

เราคิดว่ากำไร 3Q23 จะเพิ่มขึ้นจาก Gasoline crack spread ที่ปรับตัวดีขึ้นโดยเราคาดว่าจะ เพิ่มจากฤดูการขับขี่ในสหรัฐฯ และอุปทานที่ลดลงในช่วงฤดูพายุเธอริเคน นอกจากนี้กำไรยัง น่าจะได้ปัจจัยหนุนจากการฟื้นตัวของ Diesel margin ใน 4Q23 บริษัทฯ คาดว่า SPM จะ กลับมาเปิดดำเนินงานซึ่งน่าจะช่วยลดต้นทุนขนส่งพิเศษได้ USD1.5-1.8/bbl หรือ ~0.75-0.9 พัน ลบ./ไตรมาสซึ่งน่าจะช่วยให้ GRM ปรับตัวดีขึ้นอย่างมีนัยสำคัญใน 4Q23 พร้อมกับ Diesel spread ที่ดีขึ้นด้วย

คงแหะหำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 12.5 บาท

เราคงแนะนำซื้อ SPRC ที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 12.5 บาทโดยมีสมมติฐานจากค่า 2024E P/BV เฉลี่ยระยะยาวที่ 1.2x หุ้นอาจมีความเสี่ยงจาก GRM ที่ต่ำกว่าคาด, การเลื่อนการเปิด ดำเนินงานของ SPM, และความเสี่ยงในด้านคดีความจากการฟ้องร้องในศาลเกี่ยวกับเหตุ น้ำมันรั่วที่กำลังดำเนินการอยู่

SPRC TB

TARGET PRICE	THB12.50
CLOSE	THB8.15
UP/DOWNSIDE	+53.4%
PRIOR TP	THB12.50
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+12.2%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	285,264	228,406	314,742	313,389
Net profit	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,831
EPS (THB)	1.77	1.30	1.42	1.58
vs Consensus (%)	-	6.0	8.1	5.5
EBITDA	12,243	9,705	10,832	11,590
Recurring net profit	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,831
Core EPS (THB)	1.77	1.30	1.42	1.58
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	296.1	(26.5)	9.3	10.9
Core P/E (x)	4.6	6.3	5.7	5.2
Dividend yield (%)	13.6	8.0	8.7	9.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.7	4.4	3.5	2.9
Price/book (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	24.9	17.3	6.5	(3.9)
ROE (%)	21.0	13.8	13.8	14.2

Jan-23 Apr-23 Jul-23 Jul-22 Oct-22 14 15 10 12 5 10 0 (5) 8 (10)6 (15) (20) Δ (25) 2 (30) 0 (35) SPRC Relative to SET (THB) (%) Share price performance 1 Month 3 Month 12 Month Absolute (%) (7.9)(23.8)(25.2)Relative to country (%) (6.1)(20.3)(25.0)1,021 Mkt cap (USD m) 3m avg. daily turnover (USD m) 3.8

Free float (%)	39
Major shareholder	Chevron South Asia Holdings Pte Ltd (61%)
12m high/low (THB) 13.50/7.60
Issued shares (m)	4,335.90

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

SPRC is a pure refinery play in Thailand with a higher exposure to gasoline than most of its peers. We think that with the weak diesel spreads in 2Q23, SPRC can remain resilient relative to others from its higher gasoline product yield.

Furthermore, we expect its GRM to improve more than its peers' in 2H23 from the reopening of its single point mooring (SPM) system, which we estimate would lower freight costs by ~USD1.5/bbl, while diesel spreads have started to turn around from China's demand recovery.

We think the recent share price drop has already taken the refinery normalisation and oil spill incident into account. The company has already recorded a provision regarding liability costs from the oil spill. SPRC is a highbeta stock as its earnings are currently exposed to refinery only. We think the current valuation at below its book value is attractive. We expect the stock to outperform in the next 6-12 months.

Company profile

SPRC is a subsidiary of US-based Chevron, with a capacity of 165kb/d. Its competitive, low-cost structure and high crude consumption flexibility are key to sustaining its high market GRM.

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Catalysts

Key potential catalysts are higher-than-expected demand from the US driving season in 3Q23 and the acceleration of China's economic activities in 2H23, which should allow SPRC to enhance its refined product margins while crude premiums remain at a low level this year. Moreover, the reopening of the single point mooring system (SPM) will help reduce freight costs and drive earnings in 4Q23.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our P/BV-based TP are weak demand for refined oil products, a lower crude oil price and GRM, the delay of the SPM reopening, and lawsuit risk related to the oil spill off Rayong in 2022.

Event calendar

Date	Event
8 Aug 2023	2Q23 financial performance announcement
9 Aug 2023	2Q23 analyst meeting and Opportunity Day
8 Nov 2023	3Q23 financial performance announcement
9 Nov 2023	3Q23 analyst meeting and Opportunity Day

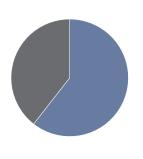


- Diesel 44.0 %
- Gasoline 28.5 %
- Jet Fuel 6.0 %
- Light Naphtha 3.6 %
- Liquefied Petroleum Gas 2.0 %
- Polymer Grade Propylene 1.4 %
- Others 14.6 %

Source: Star Petroleum Refining

Major shareholders

Chevron South Asia Holdings Pte Ltd - 60.6 %



Source: Star Petroleum Refining

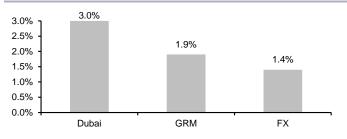
Others - 39.4 %

Key assumptions

(USD/bbl)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Marketing GRM	3.66	9.64	6.60	6.51	6.89
Stock gain/(loss)	3.84	(0.42)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accounting GRM	7.50	9.22	6.60	6.51	6.89
Crude premium	2.18	5.41	(3.60)	(1.44)	(0.37)
Freight cost	0.73	2.30	2.20	1.50	1.50
Gasoline-Dubai	11.01	18.85	17.00	15.00	15.00
Diesel-Dubai	6.70	34.29	17.00	13.00	13.00
Utilisation rate (%)	77	89	89	89	89

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity



For every 1% increase in Dubai, GRM and FX, we estimate 2023 earnings percentage changes as per the above chart, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



Exhibit 1: SPRC – 2Q23 preview

	2Q22	1Q23		2Q23E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(у-у%)
Revenue	78,008	59,130	56,979	(3.6)	(27.0)
Operating costs	(67,762)	(56,927)	(58,646)	3.0	(13.5)
EBITDA	10,246	2,202	(1,668)	(175.7)	(116.3)
EBITDA margin (%)	13.1	3.7	(2.9)	nm	nm
Depn & amort.	(626)	(615)	(643)	4.6	2.7
EBIT	9,621	1,588	(2,310)	(245.5)	(124.0)
Interest expense	(58)	(94)	(100)	6.9	73.3
Other income	14	47	20	(57.8)	43.4
Exceptionals	(639)	(18)	(150)	744.9	(76.5)
Pretax profit	8,938	1,524	(2,540)	(266.7)	(128.4)
Тах	(1,782)	(305)	508	(266.7)	(128.5)
Tax rate (%)	20	20	20	nm	nm
Minority interests	0	0	0	nm	nm
Net profit	7,156	1,219	(2,032)	(266.7)	(128.4)

Sources: SPRC, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Key quarterly earnings assumptions

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23E	Cha	nge
	(USD/bbl)	(USD/bbl)	(USD/bbl)	(USD/bbl)	(USD/bbl)	(USD/bbl)	(q-q %)	(у-у%)
Marketing GRM	8.46	18.92	6.00	5.39	6.36	1.43	(4.93)	(17.49)
Stock gain/(loss)	12.15	4.01	(13.34)	(3.62)	0.54	(2.60)	(3.14)	(6.61)
Accounting GRM	20.61	22.93	(7.34)	1.77	6.90	(1.17)	(8.07)	(24.10)
Crude premium	3.96	7.39	10.53	6.99	4.96	2.80	(2.16)	(4.59)
Gasoline-Dubai	17.82	35.14	13.07	9.53	18.71	16.59	(2.12)	(18.55)
Diesel-Dubai	19.87	43.60	35.22	39.29	24.81	14.56	(10.25)	(29.04)
Utilisation rate (%)	90.50	86.30	87.50	88.20	90.10	90.00	(0.10)	3.70

Changes in percentage terms are represented in ppt Sources: SPRC, FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

Star Petroleum Refining

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	172,484	285,264	228,406	314,742	313,389
Cost of goods sold	(168,407)	(272,833)	(219,068)	(303,953)	(301,856)
Gross profit	4,077	12,432	9,338	10,788	11,533
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	
Operating costs	(749)	(2,791)	(2,235)	(3,080)	(3,066)
Operating EBITDA	5,972	12,243	9,705	10,832	11,590
Depreciation	(2,644)	(2,603)	(2,603)	(3,123)	(3,123)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	C
Operating EBIT	3,328	9,640	7,103	7,709	8,467
Net financing costs	147	60	(281)	(240)	(165)
Associates	-	-	-	-	
Recurring non-operating income	(371)	(106)	180	185	191
Non-recurring items	2,809	0	0	0	C
Profit before tax	5,913	9,594	7,002	7,654	8,493
Tax	(1,166)	(1,921)	(1,365)	(1,495)	(1,662)
Profit after tax	4,746	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,831
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	C
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	C
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	4,746	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,831
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(2,809)	0	0	0	Ċ
Recurring net profit	1,937	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,831
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.45	1.77	1.30	1.42	1.58
Reported EPS	1.09	1.77	1.30	1.42	1.58
DPS	0.18	1.11	0.65	0.71	0.79
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	4,336	4,336	4,336	4,336	4,336
Growth	,	,	,	,	,
Revenue (%)	32.5	65.4	(19.9)	37.8	(0.4
Operating EBITDA (%)	99.9	105.0	(20.7)	11.6	7.0
Operating EBIT (%)	2,038.5	189.7	(26.3)	8.5	9.8
Recurring EPS (%)	(6.3)	296.1	(26.5)	9.3	10.9
Reported EPS (%)	nm	61.7	(26.5)	9.3	10.9
Operating performance			(/		
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	2.4	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.7
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	3.9	5.3	5.2	4.4	4.7
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	3.5	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.7
Operating EBIT margin (%)	1.9	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.7
Net margin (%)	1.5	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2
Effective tax rate (%)	19.7	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	39.9	62.7	50.0	50.0	50.0
Interest cover (X)	(20.1)	(158.8)	25.9	32.9	52.5
	28.1		36.1	26.5	30.1
nventory days Debtor days	23.0	27.2 17.6	22.9	16.6	16.7
Creditor days	23.0	18.1	19.4	14.8	10.1
Operating ROIC (%)	(1.9)	(4.5)	(3.0)	(3.2)	(3.6)
ROIC (%)	(1.6)	(4.3)	(3.0)	(3.2)	(3.5
ROE (%)	6.4	(4.3) 21.0	(2.9)	13.8	(3.5)
ROA (%)	3.7	12.6	8.8	9.1	9.7
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	3.7	12.0	0.0	9.1	9.7
	- 2024	2022	20225	20245	- 20255
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Diesel	74,023	125,384	96,257	96,520	96,257
Gasoline	57,584	81,205	66,362	62,385	62,214
Jet Fuel	2,927	17,192	13,345	13,382	13,345
Light Naphtha	7,270	10,287	9,119	9,601	9,575

Sources: Star Petroleum Refining; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring net profit	1,937	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,83
epreciation	2,644	2,603	2,603	3,123	3,12
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
ther non-cash items	-	-	-	-	
hange in working capital	(6,107)	(9,574)	1,926	(1,307)	6
ash flow from operations	(1,526)	703	10,165	7,975	10,02
Capex - maintenance	(2,602)	(2,557)	(2,603)	(2,603)	(2,603
Capex - new investment	(104)	(1,438)	(3,809)	(1,232)	(1,082
let acquisitions & disposals	0	0	0	0	
Other investments (net)	1,677	(792)	180	368	19
Cash flow from investing	(1,030)	(4,787)	(6,232)	(3,467)	(3,494
Dividends paid	0	(4,936)	(1,518)	(2,385)	(3,513
quity finance	0	0	0	0	
Debt finance	(2,183)	1,677	(731)	(2,000)	(3,000
Other financing cash flows	6,049	4,475	(180)	2,279	1,973
ash flow from financing	3,866	1,215	(2,428)	(2,106)	(4,540
lon-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	4.00
lovement in cash	1,310	(2,869)	1,505	2,402	1,98
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(2,343.71)	(3,767.76)	4,213.69	4,747.68	6,692.5
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,310.00	2,067.27	3,022.38	4,786.68	5,500.5
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(0.54)	(0.87)	0.97	1.09	1.5
CFE per share	0.30	0.48	0.70	1.10	1.2
Recurring cash flow per share	1.06	2.37	1.90	2.14	2.3
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
angible fixed assets (gross)	77,210	80,007	86,419	87,269	88,26
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(52,992)	(57,271)	(59,874)	(62,477)	(65,079
angible fixed assets (net)	24,219	22,735	26,545	24,792	23,18
ntangible fixed assets (net)	93	113	113	113	11:
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	0 76	0	3 982	5.06
cash & equivalents	2,945		1,580	3,982	5,96
/C receivable	13,219	14,328	14,328	14,328	14,32
nventories	16,486 81	23,762 92	19,035 74	24,726 101	24,55
Other current assets Current assets	32,731	38,258	35,016	43,137	10 44,95
Other assets	1,683	2,182	2,182	2,000	2,00
iotal assets	58,726	63,288	63,856	70,042	70,25
Common equity	34,371	38,707	42,826	46,600	49,91
Ainorities etc.	0	0	42,820	40,000	49,910
otal shareholders' equity	34,371	38,707	42,826	46,600	49,91
ong term debt	3,374	0	7,000	6,000	3,00
Other long-term liabilities	950	677	677	677	67
ong-term liabilities	4,324	677	7,677	6,677	3,67
VC payable	13,961	12,780	10,238	14,227	14,12
Short term debt	4,680	9,731	2,000	1,000	1,00
Other current liabilities	1,390	1,393	1,115	1,537	1,53
Current liabilities	20,031	23,904	13,353	16,765	16,65
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	58,726	63,288	63,856	70,042	70,25
let working capital	14,435	24,009	22,083	23,391	23,32
ivested capital	40,430	49,039	50,923	50,296	48,62
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is beir				,	-,
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	7.93	8 03	0 00	10.75	11 5
ook value per snare angible book value per share	7.93 7.91	8.93 8.90	9.88 9.85	10.75 10.72	11.5 ⁻ 11.49
inancial strength	7.31	0.90	9.00	10.72	11.43
-	110	04.0	47.0	0.5	10.0
let debt/equity (%)	14.9	24.9 15 3	17.3	6.5	(3.9
let debt/total assets (%)	8.7	15.3	11.6	4.3	(2.8
urrent ratio (x)	1.6	1.6 (57.4)	2.6 25.3	2.6 26 1	2. 40
F interest cover (x)	(8.6)	(57.4)	25.3	26.1	40.
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	18.2	4.6	6.3	5.7	5.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	28.0	7.1	9.6	8.8	7.
eported P/E (x)	7.4	4.6	6.3	5.7	5.
vividend yield (%)	2.2	13.6	8.0	8.7	9.
rice/book (x)	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.
rice/tangible book (x)	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.1
	6.8	3.7	4.4	3.5	2.
V/EBITDA (x) **	0.0				
V/EBITDA (x) ** V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	9.9	5.2	6.3	5.3	4.

Sources: Star Petroleum Refining; 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)²

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)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 (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: 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 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 <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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⁵ 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.



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.

² 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.

³ 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.

Sustainability Investment List (THSI), 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
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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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