#### EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

# SC ASSET CORPORATION THAILAND / PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

# Flattish earnings expected in 2Q23

- Expect a 2Q23 net profit of THB540m, up 1% q-q from rising transfers, but down 7% y-y due to higher SG&A and finance costs.
- 2H23 profit should rise h-h from solid backlog and new launches.
- Our forecast sees SC's 2023 net profit reaching a record high of THB2.6b (+3% y-y); maintain TP of THB5.0.

#### Unexciting 2Q23E transfers due to late-quarter launches

We expect 2Q23 transfers of THB4.95b (+6% q-q, -1% y-y), slightly below management's target of THB5.2b. Of the total, 77% would be low-rise and 23% condo projects. Low-rise transfers should post THB3.8b, flat q-q but dropping 14% y-y. Though SC had a number of new low-rise projects with great responses, most of them were launched in late May to June. Also, the buyers usually inspect the properties for around 1-2 months before transferring. Low-rise transfers would mainly come from the gradual backlog realisation. 2Q23 condo transfers should reach THB1.1b (+25% q-q, +105% y-y) from continued transfers of SCOPE Langsuan from 4Q22, representing 53% of 2Q23E condo transfers.

#### Expect moderate 2Q23 performance

We project a moderate 2Q23 net profit of THB540m (+1% q-q, -7% y-y), near our previous expectation. Though its property gross margin should drop to 31.3% from project mix (vs 32.2% in 1Q23), 2Q23 profit could be stable q-q as transfers recover with a gain from an investment in the new JV condo project, Reference Sathorn-Wongwianyai. However, the y-y drop in earnings would be due to a projected increase in SG&A to sales to 19.1% (vs 18.3% in 2Q22) following more new launches and rising financial costs from the interest rate hikes. For JV projects, we assume a 2Q23 share of profit from its JVs of THB20m (vs a loss of THB2m in 2Q22) form improving presales for The Crest Park Residence condo.

#### Solid backlog, plus more new launches to drive 2H23

Assuming in-line results, SC's 1H23 net profit would equal THB1.1b (+11% y-y), accounting for 41% of our full-year forecast. 2H23 earnings should rise h-h, growing q-q in every quarter, supported by a solid low-rise backlog realisation of THB6.8b at end-2Q23, up from THB5.3b in 1Q23. Aside from that, there are 14 new low-rise project launches worth THB21b planned in 2H23 (vs 8 projects worth THB11b in 1H23).

#### Maintain BUY with a TP of THB5.0

We maintain BUY with the same TP of THB5.0. More aggressive launch plans for 2Q-4Q23 would further accelerate its positive presales and transfers, with its strong market share in the housing market. Moreover, we expect a DPS of THB0.09 for 1H23, implying a dividend yield of 2%.



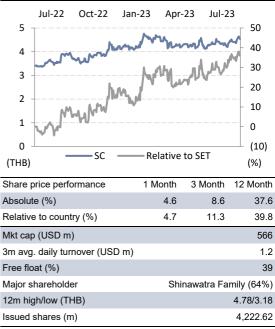
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# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	21,583	23,225	22,683	22,750
Net profit	2,556	2,636	2,705	2,822
EPS (THB)	0.61	0.63	0.65	0.68
vs Consensus (%)	-	(1.3)	(5.2)	(6.2)
EBITDA	3,453	3,601	3,657	3,735
Recurring net profit	2,597	2,636	2,705	2,822
Core EPS (THB)	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.68
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	(0.2)	1.4
EPS growth (%)	28.2	1.5	2.6	4.4
Core P/E (x)	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.7
Dividend yield (%)	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.2	13.2	13.0	12.8
Price/book (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	121.5	122.3	114.5	106.9
ROE (%)	12.4	11.7	11.3	11.0



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### **Investment thesis**

SC has a strong market position, especially in the highpriced housing segment with unit prices above THB10m. In terms of revenue, SC generates 96% from real estate sales, especially in landed property. The remaining 4% is rental and service income from office buildings, serviced apartments, consulting and management.

SC's total revenue base has ranged between THB18b-THB20b per annum since 2019. For the next five-year plan, SC targets total revenue of TH25b. Moreover, it plans to enlarge its proportion of recurring income to 20% from investing in various types of assets, for example, hotels and warehouses.

## **Company profile**

SC operates in three segments including property development for sale, rental, and consulting and management services. It generates most of its revenue from real estate sales such as single-detached houses, townhouses, home offices, and condominiums.

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## Principal activities (revenue, 2022)



Shinawatra Family - 64.3 %



Source: SC Asset Corporation

#### Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) the success of new launches, especially in the high-priced residential segment with unit prices above THB10m; 2) the aggressive launches planned for 2023; 3) efficient cost management; and 4) the economic recovery and more overseas customers.

#### **Risks to our call**

Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) weaker-thanexpected take-up rates of new launches; 2) weak purchasing power; 3) cancellation of presales; 4) bank loan rejections; and 5) construction delays.

#### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 9 August 2023
 2Q23 results announcement

#### **Key assumptions**

	2023E	2024E	2025E
Project sales (THB m)	21,169	21,626	21,999
Rental and services income (THB m)	884	926	969
Property GPM (%)	30.4	31.0	31.4
GPM (%)	31.6	32.3	32.6
SG&A to sales (%)	17.0	17.2	17.4

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 5% increase in transfers, we estimate 2023 net profit to rise by 4.5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in property GPM, we estimate 2023 net profit to rise by 3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2023 net profit to fall by 3.5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

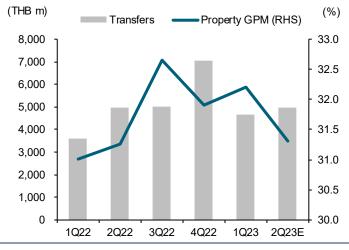


#### Exhibit 1: 2Q23 results preview

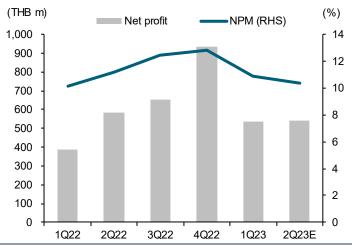
	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23E	Chang	le
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)				
Total revenue	5,204	5,244	7,308	4,922	5,200	5.6	(0.1)
Cost of sales	3,510	3,469	4,861	3,265	3,502	7.3	(0.2)
Gross profit	1,693	1,775	2,447	1,657	1,698	2.4	0.2
SG&A	951	935	1,264	921	996	8.1	4.7
Operating profit	743	839	1,183	737	702	(4.7)	(5.5)
Interest expense	18	29	65	95	95	0.2	423.8
Тах	155	175	238	140	135	(4.0)	(12.9)
Associates	(2)	(2)	64	29	20	(29.9)	n/a
Reported net profit	581	652	935	535	540	1.0	(7.1)
Normalised profit	581	653	976	535	540	1.0	(7.1)
Key ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)
Property gross margin	31.3	32.6	31.9	32.2	31.3	(0.9)	0.0
Gross margin	32.5	33.8	33.5	33.7	32.6	(1.0)	0.1
SG&A to sales	18.3	17.8	17.3	18.7	19.1	0.4	0.9
Operating margin	14.3	16.0	16.2	15.0	13.5	(1.5)	(0.8)
Net profit margin	11.2	12.4	12.8	10.9	10.4	(0.5)	(0.8)
Normalised profit margin	11.2	12.5	13.4	10.9	10.4	(0.5)	(0.8)
Operating statistics	(THB m)	(q-q%)	( <b>y-y%</b> )				
Property transfers	4,975	5,009	7,061	4,673	4,950	6	(1)
Low-rise	4,418	4,580	5,218	3,759	3,812	1	(14)
High-rise	557	429	1,843	914	1,139	25	105
Presales	6,736	5,161	7,286	4,918	7,300	48	8
Low-rise	5,119	4,181	5,648	3,256	5,475	68	7
High-rise	1,617	980	1,638	1,662	1,825	10	13
New launches	13,785	9,940	18,960	930	16,250	1,647	18

Sources: SC; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 2: Quarterly transfers and property GPM



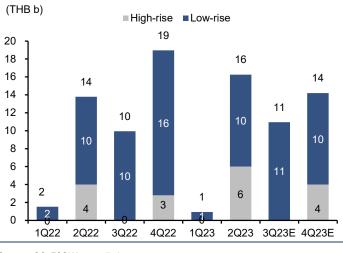
#### Exhibit 3: Quarterly net profit and NPM



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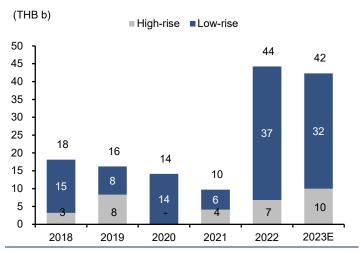
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#### Exhibit 4: Quarterly new launches



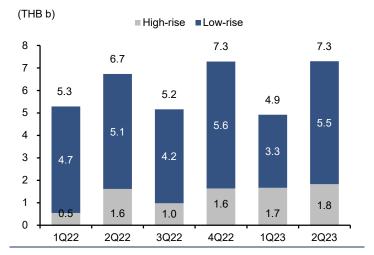
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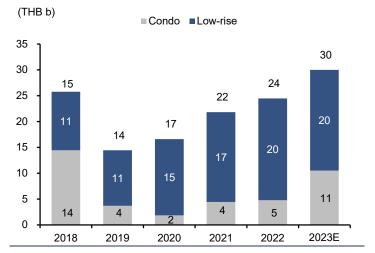
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## Exhibit 5: Quarterly presales



Sources: SC; FSSIA's compilation

#### **Exhibit 7: Yearly presales**



Sources: SC; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 8: New launch plans for 2023

Period	No.	No. Product Project		Total units	Total value
				(no.)	(THB m)
1Q23	1	SDH	Bangkok Boulevard Signature Westgate	42	930
2Q23	2	SDH	The Gentry Cultivar Rama 9	15	530
	3	SDH	Grand Bangkok Boulevard Krungthep Kritha	62	2,190
	4	SDH	Grand Bangkok Boulevard Rama 9 - Krungthep Kritha	35	1,240
	5	SDH	95E1 Ninety-Five East One	10	1,910
	6	SDH/TH	V COMPOUND Tiwanon - Rangsit Next	326	2,070
	7	SDH	VENUE ID Ramintra - Minburi	212	1,010
	8	SDH	Grand Bangkok Boulevard State Bangna	34	1,300
	9	CONDO	New Brand Tiam Ruam Mitr	1,612	6,000
3Q23	10	SDH	The Gentry Sukhumvit - Bangna	17	1,000
	11	SDH	Grand Bangkok Boulevard Pinklao - Kanchana	52	2,350
	12	SDH	Grand Bangkok Boulevard Yard Bangna	31	1,240
	13	SDH	Bangkok Boulevard Signature Pinklao - Borom	47	1,260
	14	SDH	Bangkok Boulevard Signature Sathorn - Pinklao	73	1,730
	15	SDH	Bangkok Boulevard Ratchaphruek - Pinklao	77	1,340
	16	SDH	VENUE ID Rangsit - Prathumthani	417	1,370
	17	SDH	Bangkok Boulevard Westgate Station	51	660
4Q23	18	SDH	VENUE ID Ratchaphruek 345	209	2,160
	19	SDH/TH	V COMPOUND Ratchaphruek 345	116	750
	20	SDH	Grand Bangkok Boulevard Chiangwattana - Ratchaphruek	69	2,280
	21	SDH	Bangkok Boulevard Signature Bangkhae	61	1,700
	22	SDH	Bangkok Boulevard Signature Ramintra - Watcharapol	49	1,010
	23	SDH	Bangkok Boulevard Signature Bangna Km.15	89	2,290
	24	CONDO	New Brand Sripratum	408	1,400
	25	CONDO	SCOPE Prasarnmitr	74	2,600
		Total		4,188	42,320

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#### Exhibit 9: Historical P/E band



Exhibit 10: Historical P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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#### Financial Statements SC Asset Corporation

SC Asset Corporation					
Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	19,475	21,583	23,225	22,683	22,750
Cost of goods sold	(13,482)	(14,414)	(15,650)	(15,128)	(15,114)
Gross profit	5,993	7,169	7,575	7,554	7,635
Other operating income	41	102	60	60	60
Operating costs	(3,336)	(3,910)	(4,218)	(4,151)	(4,163)
Operating EBITDA	2,846	3,453	3,601	3,657	3,735
Depreciation	(149)	(92)	(184)	(193)	(203)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	Ó	Ó	0
Operating EBIT	2,697	3,361	3,417	3,463	3,532
Net financing costs	(104)	(134)	(170)	(182)	(182)
Associates	(27)	55	123	141	189
Recurring non-operating income	(27)	55	123	141	189
Non-recurring items	37	(41)	0	0	0
Profit before tax	2,603	3,241	3,370	3,422	3,540
Tax	(552)	(678)	(682)	(689)	(704)
Profit after tax	2,051	2,563	2,688	2,733	2,836
Vinority interests	_,001	(7)	(52)	(28)	(14)
Preferred dividends	0	0	(32)	(20)	(14)
Dther items	-	0	0	-	-
Reported net profit	2,062	2,556	2,636	2,705	2,822
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(37)	41	2,000	2,700	2,022
Recurring net profit	2,025	2,597	2,636	2,705	2,822
	2,020	2,007	2,000	2,700	2,022
Per share (THB) Recurring EPS *	0.48	0.62	0.62	0.65	0.68
6		0.62	0.63	0.65	
Reported EPS	0.49	0.61	0.63	0.65	0.68
)PS	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.27
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data) Growth	4,180	4,180	4,180	4,180	4,180
	0.0	10.0	7.0	(0.0)	0.0
Revenue (%)	2.6	10.8	7.6	(2.3)	0.3
Operating EBITDA (%)	3.5	21.3	4.3	1.5	2.1
Operating EBIT (%)	3.7	24.6	1.7	1.3	2.0
Recurring EPS (%)	5.0	28.2	1.5	2.6	4.4
Reported EPS (%)	8.7	24.0	3.1	2.6	4.4
Operating performance					
Bross margin inc. depreciation (%)	30.8	33.2	32.6	33.3	33.6
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	31.5	33.6	33.4	34.2	34.5
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	14.6	16.0	15.5	16.1	16.4
Operating EBIT margin (%)	13.8	15.6	14.7	15.3	15.5
let margin (%)	10.4	12.0	11.4	11.9	12.4
Effective tax rate (%)	21.2	20.9	20.2	20.1	19.9
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	41.3	39.8	39.6	39.6	39.6
nterest cover (X)	25.8	25.6	20.8	19.8	20.5
nventory days	865.9	963.1	1,058.5	1,169.2	1,202.3
Debtor days	3.1	2.2	2.7	3.5	3.5
Creditor days	17.0	32.6	43.6	44.9	44.5
Dperating ROIC (%)	7.2	7.6	6.5	6.2	6.1
ROIC (%)	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.3	5.3
ROE (%)	10.5	12.4	11.7	11.3	11.0
ROA (%)	4.5	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.7
Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
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Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
		2022			
Revenue by Division (THB m) Project sales Rental and services	2021 18,612 816		2023E 22,252 924	2024E 21,686 942	2025E 21,710 980

Sources: SC Asset Corporation; FSSIA estimates

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# **Financial Statements**

SC Asset Corporation

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	20255
Recurring net profit	2,025	2,597	2,636	2,705	2,822
epreciation	149	92	184	193	203
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
ther non-cash items	-	-	-	-	(1.000
hange in working capital	(1,879)	(7,877)	(3,239)	(1,434)	(1,266
ash flow from operations	296	(5,187)	(419)	1,464	1,759
apex - maintenance	- (1.020)	-	-	-	(500
apex - new investment	(1,030)	(2,121)	(512)	(475)	(582
let acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
Other investments (net)	(1.020)	- (2.121)	(512)	(475)	(582
ash flow from investing	<b>(1,030)</b> (696)	<b>(2,121)</b> (1,201)	<b>(512)</b> (1,054)	(1,082)	(1,129
ividends paid	(090) 82	260		(1,082)	(1,129
quity finance lebt finance	3,186	4,077	(59) 2,007	(999)	(999
ther financing cash flows	5,100	4,077	2,007	(333)	(333
cash flow from financing	2,571	3,135	894	(2,052)	(2,114
lon-recurring cash flows	2,071	0,100		(2,002)	(4,114
other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
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lovement in cash	1,837	(4,173)	(36)	(1,063)	(937
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(631.19)	(7,174.97)	(760.80)	1,171.19	1,359.0
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	2,450.98	(3,231.46)	1,076.70	(9.61)	178.2
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er share (THB)	(0.45)	(1.70)	(0.19)	0.29	0.00
CFF per share CFE per share	(0.15) 0.58	(1.70)	(0.18) 0.25	0.28 0.00	0.32 0.04
CFE per snare Recurring cash flow per share	0.58	(0.77) 0.64	0.25	0.69	0.04
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	20258
angible fixed assets (gross)	1,993	2,192	2,302	2,417	2,53
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(848)	(568)	(460)	(483)	(508
angible fixed assets (net)	1,145	1,624	1,841	1,933	2,03
ntangible fixed assets (net)	87	122	69	69	70
ong-term financial assets	370	370	441	431	432
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	7,024	8,538	8,630	8,830	9,110
ash & equivalents	6,313	2,140	2,104	1,041	103
/C receivable	146	119	223	218	21
nventories	33,092	42,488	47,214	48,471	49,759
Other current assets	450	1,096	697	680	682
current assets	40,002	45,843	50,238	50,410	50,764
Other assets	1,128	904	1,010	1,010	1,010
otal assets	49,754	57,401	62,229	62,684	63,41
common equity	20,084	21,733	23,204	24,826	26,52
linorities etc.	(30)	(23)	29	57	7
otal shareholders' equity	20,054	21,709	23,232	24,884	26,59
ong term debt	11,048	12,453	11,334	11,006	11,00
ther long-term liabilities	1,349	1,567	2,323	2,268	2,27
ong-term liabilities	12,398	14,020	13,657	13,274	13,28
/C payable	722	1,837	1,858	1,815	1,820
hort term debt	13,387	16,059	19,186	18,515	17,51
ther current liabilities	3,194	3,776	4,297	4,196	4,20
urrent liabilities	17,303	21,672	25,340	24,526	23,54
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	49,754	<b>57,401</b>	62,229	62,684	63,41
et working capital	29,772	38,090	41,979	43,359	44,63
vested capital Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	39,525 ag treated as debt	49,648	53,971	55,632	57,28
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er share (THB)	1.70	- ·	E E 2	E 00	
ook value per share	4.79	5.15	5.50	5.88	6.2
angible book value per share	4.77	5.12	5.48	5.86	6.2
inancial strength		101 -	400 -		
et debt/equity (%)	90.4	121.5	122.3	114.5	106.
let debt/total assets (%)	36.4	45.9	45.7	45.4	44.
urrent ratio (x)	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2
F interest cover (x)	34.6	(7.3)	10.3	3.6	5.:
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	9.4	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	10.3	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.
eported P/E (x)	9.2	7.4	7.2	7.0	6.
ividend yield (%)	4.4	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.
rice/book (x)	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.
rice/tangible book (x)	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.
V/EBITDA (x) **	13.0	13.2	13.2	13.0	12.
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.6	13.
			0.0	0.0	0
V/invested capital (x)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0

Sources: SC Asset Corporation; FSSIA estimates



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#### 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 (<u>THSI</u>) quantifies responsibility in <u>Environmental</u>, and <u>Social</u> issues, by managing business with transparency in <u>G</u>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: <u>E</u>conomic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and innovation); <u>E</u>nvironmental (environmental environmental), and climate risk); <u>Social (human rights, talent attraction, operational health & safety, community development, and stakeholder engagement); and the incorporation of ESG in business operations.</u>

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 (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

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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**

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