#### EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

# CHULARAT HOSPITAL THAILAND / HEALTH CARE SERVICES

**CHG TB** 

# Getting back on its feet in 2H23

- Expect core profit to slightly fall by 5% q-q to THB230m in 2Q23 mainly due to a loss from newly opened CHG Mae Sot Hospital.
- Despite two new hospitals (CHG Mae Sot and CHG Medical Center), we expect overall operations to improve in 3Q23.
- Maintain BUY with a lower DCF-TP of THB3.9/shr.

# 2Q23 revenue should grow q-q and exceed pre-Covid by 50%

We expect 2Q23 revenue to grow by 3% q-q. Cash patient revenue should slightly grow by 1% q-q despite the low season due to more highintensity patient cases. SSO revenue should grow by 2% q-q on a larger SSO member base (530k in 2Q23E vs 503k in 2Q22) and a higher payment rate (THB1,808/head/year from THB1,640 effective May-23). However, we expect the 2Q23 EBITDA margin to dip to 23% (vs 24% in 1Q23), pressured by pre-operating expenses and a loss from CHG Mae Sot, which opened in June. Overall, we forecast CHG's core profit to slightly decline by 5% q-q to THB230m in 2Q23.

## Estimate loss from two new hospitals of THB30m-40m per quarter

Aside from CHG Mae Sot, CHG has opened CHG Medical Center (located near CHG3) in 3Q23. We estimate CHG Mae Sot to contribute a loss of cTHB20m-25m per quarter (depreciation of THB9m per quarter) during the first period. It should turn around by 2025, which is earlier than the breakeven average of four years, as Mae Sot is a growing city located on the border and should capture Myanmar patients. Meanwhile, we estimate CHG Medical Center to book depreciation of THB7m-9m per quarter, but it should not drag overall operations. It provides high intensity services including a Cancer Center, Stroke Center and Advanced Wound Care Center, which currently have high demand from CHG3.

## Awaiting revenue stream from new hospitals to support margin

Despite losses from the new hospitals, we still expect 3Q23 core profit to improve q-q due to the rainy season and a higher Middle East patient volume post Ramadan. In addition, we expect the EBITDA margin to improve q-q, as the expenses from new hospitals have been incurred since 1Q23. The revenue stream from 3Q23 onward should improve the overall margin. We expect 2H23 core profit to significantly improve h-h.

## Earnings growth in 3Q23 is a mid-term catalyst

We cut 2023-25E core profit by 10-11% to reflect the weak 1H23E, and derive a new 2023 DCF-TP of THB3.9/shr. Its share price has fallen and underperformed the SET by 17-19% over the past three months. It trades at 23x 2024E P/E, lower than its 5-year average of 27x. Catalyst is an earnings recovery in 3Q23, which we expect to grow both g-g and y-y.



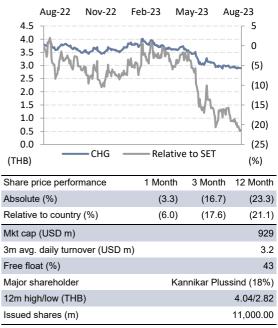
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TARGET PRICE	THB3.90
CLOSE	THB2.90
UP/DOWNSIDE	+34.5%
PRIOR TP	THB4.40
CHANGE IN TP	-11.4%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+7.9%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	10,103	7,606	8,205	8,748
Net profit	2,778	1,186	1,371	1,548
EPS (THB)	0.25	0.11	0.12	0.14
vs Consensus (%)	-	6.8	2.6	10.2
EBITDA	3,947	1,964	2,218	2,467
Recurring net profit	2,778	1,186	1,371	1,548
Core EPS (THB)	0.25	0.11	0.12	0.14
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(9.9)	(10.7)	(10.5)
EPS growth (%)	(33.9)	(57.3)	15.5	12.9
Core P/E (x)	11.5	26.9	23.3	20.6
Dividend yield (%)	5.5	2.2	2.6	2.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.9	15.5	13.4	11.7
Price/book (x)	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	(14.4)	(23.9)	(29.1)	(35.8)
ROE (%)	36.8	15.7	17.4	18.1



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### **Investment thesis**

CHG should report strong non-Covid profit growth in 2023, led by the recovery in non-Covid cash patient numbers coupled with its larger SSO-registered member base and pent-up demand from international patients.

CHG's revenue contributions from cash patients have gradually increased. This is another key factor to expand its EBITDA margin, in our view, as cash patients have a higher margin than Social Security Office (SSO) patients.

Two new hospitals (CHG Mae Sot and CHG Medical Center) recently opened. We expect both to turn profitable by 2025 and become new growth drivers along with RPC and CHG 304 Inter, which opened in 2018.

#### **Company profile**

CHG operates a healthcare business covering the eastern part of Bangkok and its nearby provinces. The Group owns nine hospitals and four clinics.

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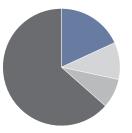
# Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

- Cash patient revenue 51.1 %
- SSO patient revenue 21.3 %
- NHSO patient revenue 27.7 %

Source: Chularat Hospital

#### **Major shareholders**

- Kannikar Plussind 18.1 %
- Apirum Panyapol 10.3 %
- Kobkul Panyapol 8.1 %
- Others 63.5 %



Source: Chularat Hospital

#### Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) more SSO-registered members; 2) rising demand from medical tourists; and 3) an improving EBITDA margin led by new hospitals.

#### Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in Thai patient volume due to economic concerns; 2) regulatory risks from drug price and medical bill controls; and 3) SSO provision expenses following limited budgets from the SSO.

#### **Event calendar**

DateEventAug 20232Q23 results announcement

#### **Key assumptions**

	2023E	2024E	2025E
	(%)	(%)	(%)
SSO volume growth	4	5	1
SSO revenue/patient growth	4	3	3
OPD volume growth	2	4	4
OPD revenue/patient growth	(10)	4	4
IPD volume growth	2	4	4
IPD revenue/patient growth	(5)	4	4

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in patient volume, we project 2023 earnings to rise by 2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in EBITDA margin, we project 2023 earnings to rise by 3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

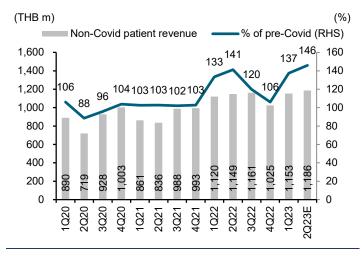


# Exhibit 1: 2Q23 results preview

	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23E	Chan	ge	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Revenue	2,784	2,026	1,721	1,716	1,760	3	(37)	7,606	(25)
Cost of sales (Incl. depreciation)	(1,497)	(1,480)	(1,229)	(1,276)	(1,311)	3	(12)	(5,431)	(8)
Gross profit	1,288	546	492	440	449	2	(65)	2,175	(48)
SG&A	(223)	(253)	(254)	(200)	(220)	10	(1)	(936)	0
Operating profit	1,064	293	238	240	228	(5)	(79)	1,240	(62)
Other operating income	68	74	96	73	73	0	7	314	3
Interest income	3	0	2	1	1	0	(78)	4	(28)
Equity income	0	0	(1)	(3)	(3)				0
EBIT	1,136	367	334	309	298	(4)	(74)	1,558	(56)
Interest expense	(3)	(4)	(6)	(4)	(5)	25	61	(30)	82
EBT	1,133	364	328	305	293	(4)	(74)	1,528	(57)
Income tax	(226)	(97)	(40)	(60)	(59)	(2)	(74)	(306)	(57)
Minority interests	(29)	(8)	(3)	(5)	(5)	0	(83)	(36)	n/a
Core profit	878	258	285	240	230	(5)	(74)	1,186	(57)
Extraordinaries									
Net income	878	258	285	240	230	(5)	(74)	1,186	(57)
Core EPS (THB)	0.08	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	(5)	(74)	0.11	(57)
No of shares (m)	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	0	11,000	0
Cost (Excl. depreciation)	(1,402)	(1,379)	(1,135)	(1,177)	(1,210)	3	(14)	(5,020)	(9)
Depreciation & amoritisation	(95)	(101)	(93)	(99)	(101)	2	6	(411)	8
EBITDA	1,227	468	427	411	402	(2)	(67)	1,964	(50)
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin	46	27	29	26	26	(0)	(21)	29	(13)
SG&A/Revenue	8	12	15	12	13	(0)	5	12	3
EBITDA margin	44	23	25	24	23	(1)	(21)	26	(13)
Net profit margin	32	13	17	14	13	(1)	(18)	16	(13)
not proint margin	02	10			10	(7)	(10)	10	(72)
Operating stats	(у-у %)	(y-y %)	(y-y %)	(y-y %)					
SSO revenue	12	54	(7)	19					
SSO registered members ('000)	503	513	520	525					
SSO revenue per head	1	38	(17)	10					
Cash-OPD revenue	14	24	(38)	(41)					
Cash-OPD visit number	3	13	(5)	(19)					
Cash-OPD revenue per head	11	10	(34)	(26)					
Cash-IPD revenue	40	14	29	(5)					
Cash-IPD admission number	15	56	30	9					
Cash-IPD revenue per head	22	(27)	(1)	(13)					

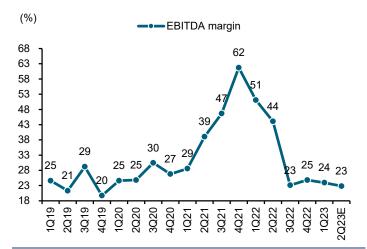
Sources: CHG; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 2: Non-Covid cash patient revenue



Note: Includes National Health Security Office (NHSO) revenue mainly from Heart Center Sources: CHG; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 4: EBITDA margin



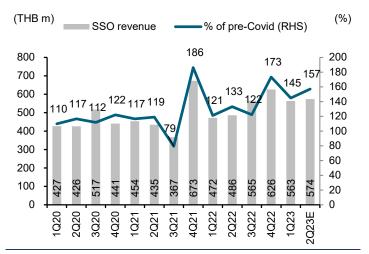
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# Exhibit 6: Forecast revisions

		Current			Previous		Change		
	2022E	2023E	2024E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2022E	2023E	2024E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)				
SSO registered members ('000)	525	551	557	525	551	557	0.0	0.0	0.0
SSO revenue per head (THB)	4,427	4,560	4,697	4,427	4,560	4,697	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash-OPD visits per day (no.)	3,318	3,451	3,589	3,318	3,451	3,589	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash-OPD revenue per head (THB)	2,099	2,183	2,270	2,099	2,183	2,270	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash-IPD admissions per day (no.)	206	214	223	206	214	223	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash-IPD revenue per head (THB)	30,806	32,038	33,320	30,806	32,038	33,320	0.0	0.0	0.0
Revenue	7,606	8,205	8,748	7,606	8,205	8,748	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBITDA margin (%)	25.8	27.0	28.2	28.0	29.5	30.8	(2.2)	(2.5)	(2.6)
Core profit	1,186	1,371	1,548	1,317	1,535	1,731	(9.9)	(10.7)	(10.5)

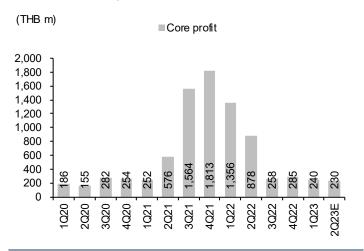
Note: Change of items in percentage terms is represented in ppt change Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 3: SSO revenue, quarterly



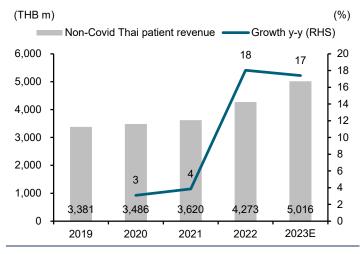
Note: Includes additional gain from chronic disease treatments of THB34m in 4Q22, THB190m in 4Q21, THB25m in 3Q20, and THB74m in 3Q19 Sources: CHG; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 5: Quarterly core profit



Source: CHG; FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 7: Non-Covid Thai patient revenue, yearly

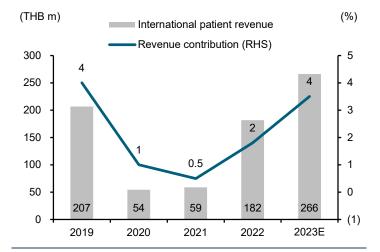


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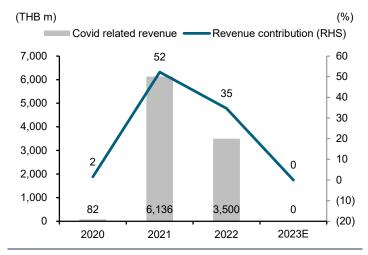
#### Exhibit 9: SSO revenue, yearly





Source: FSSIA estimates





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#### Exhibit 11: DCF-derived TP

Cost of equity assumptions	(%)	Cost of debt assumptions	(%)
Risk-free rate	3.0	Pre-tax cost of debt	3.5
Market risk premium	8.0	Marginal tax rate	20.0
Stock beta	0.9		
Cost of equity, Ke	10.0	Net cost of debt, Kd	2.8
Weight applied	75.0	Weight applied	40.0

WACC	8.2		
DCF valuation estimate	(THB b)	(THB/share)	Comments
NPV	14.3	1.3	WACC 8.2%, risk-free rate 3%, risk premium 8%
Terminal value	27.4	2.5	Terminal growth 3%
Cash & liquid assets	2.0	0.2	At end-2023E
Investments	0.1	0.0	At end-2023E
Debt	(0.9)	(0.1)	At end-2023E
Minorities	(0.3)	(0.0)	At end-2023E
Residual ordinary equity	42.6	3.9	

Source: FSSIA estimates

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#### Exhibit 12: Historical P/E band







Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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## Exhibit 14: Peer comparisons as of 2 Aug 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	;	Share price	)	Market	P	Е	RC	)E	PE	3V	- EV/ EB	BITDA -
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand														
Bangkok Dusit Med Service	BDMS TB	BUY	28.25	34.50	22.1	13,074	33.3	29.4	14.5	15.4	4.7	4.4	18.6	16.6
Bumrungrad Hospital	BH TB	BUY	213.00	280.00	31.5	4,931	28.2	26.7	28.2	26.2	7.4	6.6	18.4	17.2
Bangkok Chain Hospital	BCH TB	BUY	17.80	22.50	26.4	1,293	32.7	26.2	10.9	13.0	3.5	3.3	15.1	12.7
Chularat Hospital	CHG TB	BUY	2.90	3.90	34.5	929	26.9	23.3	15.7	17.4	4.2	3.9	15.5	13.4
Praram 9 Hospital	PR9 TB	BUY	18.30	22.00	20.2	419	24.7	22.8	11.9	12.0	2.8	2.6	12.1	10.9
Thonburi Healthcare Group	THG TB	REDUCE	66.50	55.00	(17.3)	1,641	47.5	41.8	11.4	12.4	5.3	5.1	26.1	23.3
Vibhavadi Medical Center	VIBHA TB	BUY	2.36	3.20	35.6	933	29.6	26.4	7.3	7.9	2.1	2.1	25.1	22.5
Ramkhamhaeng Hospital	RAM TB	BUY	41.50	60.00	44.6	1,450	25.3	21.8	10.0	11.2	2.5	2.4	29.0	25.3
Rajthanee Hospital	RJH TB	n/a	27.75	n/a	n/a	241	19.8	20.0	18.0	17.4	5.6	3.5	12.4	12.4
Ekachai Medical Care	EKH TB	n/a	7.70	n/a	n/a	156	22.3	20.9	11.5	11.5	5.6	2.5	11.9	10.7
Thailand average						25,067	29.0	25.9	13.9	14.4	4.4	3.6	18.4	16.5
Regional														
Ramsay Health Care	RHC AU	n/a	58.51	n/a	n/a	8,787	39.5	28.1	8.8	11.1	3.3	3.2	12.5	11.2
Ihh Healthcare Bhd	IHH SP	n/a	1.75	n/a	n/a	11,492	31.7	28.1	6.4	6.8	2.2	1.9	13.7	12.9
Ryman Healthcare	RYM NZ	n/a	6.78	n/a	n/a	3,040	13.5	14.3	7.5	7.2	1.6	0.9	15.5	19.5
Apollo Hospitals Enterprise	APHS IN	n/a	4,997	n/a	n/a	8,689	85.4	62.4	13.8	17.5	19.8	11.2	35.4	28.8
Kpj Healthcare Berhad	KPJ MK	n/a	1.14	n/a	n/a	1,095	22.8	20.4	9.7	10.3	2.5	2.1	10.9	10.3
Raffles Medical Group	RFMD SP	n/a	1.32	n/a	n/a	1,831	20.0	19.4	11.9	11.7	2.8	2.3	11.0	10.7
Mitra Keluarga Karyasehat	MIKA IJ	n/a	3,080	n/a	n/a	2,890	41.9	36.2	18.4	19.8	9.0	7.4	26.9	22.8
Aier Eye Hospital Group	300015 CH	n/a	19.47	n/a	n/a	25,250	48.4	37.5	18.2	19.9	20.8	9.0	29.0	23.5
Regional average						63,074	37.9	30.8	11.8	13.0	7.8	4.7	19.4	17.5
Overall average						88,141	33.0	28.1	13.0	13.8	5.9	4.1	18.8	16.9

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Chularat Hospital

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	11,742	10,103	7,606	8,205	8,748
Cost of goods sold	(5,882)	(5,908)	(5,431)	(5,777)	(6,068)
Gross profit	5,860	4,195	2,175	2,428	2,680
Other operating income	257	305	314	323	333
Operating costs	(821)	(935)	(936)	(976)	(1,015)
Operating EBITDA	5,647	3,947	1,964	2,218	2,467
Depreciation	(351)	(382)	(411)	(444)	(469)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	5,296	3,565	1,553	1,774	1,998
Net financing costs Associates	(19) 0	(10)	(25) 0	(14) 0	(12) 0
	0	(1)	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income Non-recurring items	0	(1) 0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	5,276	3,554	1,528	1,761	1,986
Tax	(1,009)	(703)	(306)	(352)	(397)
Profit after tax	<b>4,267</b>	2,850	1,222	1,409	1,589
Minority interests	(63)	(72)	(36)	(38)	(41)
Preferred dividends	-		-	-	()
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	4,204	2,778	1,186	1,371	1,548
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	4,204	2,778	1,186	1,371	1,548
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.38	0.25	0.11	0.12	0.14
Reported EPS	0.38	0.25	0.11	0.12	0.14
DPS	0.20	0.16	0.06	0.07	0.08
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Growth					
Revenue (%)	116.1	(14.0)	(24.7)	7.9	6.6
Operating EBITDA (%)	287.4	(30.1)	(50.2)	12.9	11.2
Operating EBIT (%)	379.7	(32.7)	(56.4)	14.2	12.6
Recurring EPS (%)	379.6	(33.9)	(57.3)	15.5	12.9
Reported EPS (%)	379.6	(33.9)	(57.3)	15.5	12.9
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	49.9	41.5	28.6	29.6	30.6
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	52.9	45.3	34.0	35.0	36.0
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	48.1	39.1	25.8	27.0	28.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	45.1	35.3	20.4	21.6	22.8
Net margin (%)	35.8	27.5	15.6	16.7	17.7
Effective tax rate (%)	19.1	19.8	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	52.3	63.3	60.0	60.0	60.0
nterest cover (X)	271.9	349.5	61.3	129.4	161.2
Inventory days	15.6	18.5	18.4	17.0	17.1
Debtor days	17.1	24.8	38.1	38.9	38.2
Creditor days	46.6	55.9	59.0	54.5	54.9
Operating ROIC (%)	83.2	47.1	19.8	23.9	27.1
	80.4	45.1	18.8	22.6	25.6
ROE (%)	72.5	36.8	15.7	17.4	18.1
ROA (%) * Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	51.1	27.4	12.5	14.2	14.8
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Cash patient revenue	4,222	5,160	4,859	5,255	5,684
SSO patient revenue	1,928	2,149	2,324	2,513	2,615
NHSO patient revenue	5,592	2,794	424	436	449

Sources: Chularat Hospital; FSSIA estimates

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Chularat Hospital

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring net profit	4,204	2,778	1,186	1,371	1,548
Depreciation	351	382	411	444	469
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
ther non-cash items	50	117	36	38	4
hange in working capital	(540)	(696)	914	(91)	(10
ash flow from operations	4,065	2,582	2,548	1,762	2,04
apex - maintenance	(539)	(777)	(600)	(410)	(350
apex - new investment	-	-	-	-	(
let acquisitions & disposals	0	(142)	0	0	
other investments (net)	Ŭ	(142)	0	0	
cash flow from investing	(539)	(919)	(600)	(410)	(350
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lividends paid	(660)	(2,805)	(1,155)	(712)	(823
quity finance	0	0	0	0	
ebt finance	(665)	356	(470)	0	
other financing cash flows	40	(3)	(36)	(38)	(41
cash flow from financing	(1,284)	(2,452)	(1,661)	(750)	(863
lon-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
lovement in cash	2,242	(789)	287	602	83
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	3,547.55	1,679.02	1,977.55	1,370.49	1,716.8
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	2,901.73	2,016.07	1,441.63	1,314.16	1,657.5
<b>er share (THB)</b> CFF per share	0.32	0.15	0.18	0.12	0.10
•					0.1
CFE per share Recurring cash flow per share	0.26 0.42	0.18 0.30	0.13 0.15	0.12 0.17	0.1
• ·					
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
angible fixed assets (gross)	7,129	7,867	8,467	8,878	9,22
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(2,661)	(2,987)	(3,398)	(3,842)	(4,311
angible fixed assets (net)	4,468	4,880	5,069	5,035	4,91
ntangible fixed assets (net)	47	47	47	47	4
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	142	142	142	14
cash & equivalents	2,790	2,001	2,287	2,890	3,72
/C receivable	616	757	833	915	91
nventories	295	265	241	256	26
Other current assets	2,196	2,036	878	947	1,00
Current assets	5,897	5,058	4,239	5,007	5,91
Other assets	137	152	152	152	15
otal assets	10,550	10,280	9,649	10,384	11,17
Common equity	7,569	7,523	7,555	8,214	8,93
/inorities etc.	272	341	341	341	34
otal shareholders' equity	7,841	7,864	7,895	8,554	9,28
ong term debt	480	470	0	0	
other long-term liabilities	137	233	233	233	23
ong-term liabilities	617	704	233	233	23
/C payable	842	851	773	821	86
hort term debt	34	400	400	400	40
other current liabilities	1,215	462	348	375	40
current liabilities	2,092	1,712	1,520	1,596	1,66
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	10,550	10,280	9,649	10,384	11,17
let working capital	1,050	1,745	831	922	93
ivested capital	5,702	6,967	6,241	6,298	6,18
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be		0,907	0,241	0,290	0,10
er chara (THP)					
er share (THB) ook value per share	0.69	0.68	0.69	0.75	0.8
angible book value per share	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.75	0.8
· ·	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.0
inancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	(29.0)	(14.4)	(23.9)	(29.1)	(35.8
et debt/total assets (%)	(21.6)	(11.0)	(19.6)	(24.0)	(29.8
urrent ratio (x)	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.
F interest cover (x)	150.0	198.7	57.9	96.9	134.
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	7.6	11.5	26.9	23.3	20.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	10.2	15.4	36.2	31.3	27.
eported P/E (x)	7.6	11.5	26.9	23.3	20.
	6.9		20.9	23.3	20.
vividend yield (%)		5.5			
rice/book (x)	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.
rice/tangible book (x)	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.9	3.
V/EBITDA (x) **	5.3	7.9	15.5	13.4	11.
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	7.2	10.7	21.1	18.4	16.
V/invested capital (x)	5.2	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.
	5.2	4.0			

Sources: Chularat Hospital; 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)<sup>1</sup>

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).

#### **Corporate Governance Report Disclaimer**

The disclosure of the survey result of the Thai Institute of Directors Association ("IOD") regarding corporate governance is made pursuant to the policy of the Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The survey of the IOD is based on the information of companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand and the Market of Alternative Investment disclosed to the public and able to be accessed by a general public investor at <u>Thai IOD website</u>. The result, therefore, is from the perspective of a third party. It is not an evaluation of operation and is not based on inside information.

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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 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)<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 management, 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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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Chularat Hospital	CHG TB	THB 2.90	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in Thai patient volume due to economic concerns; 2) regulatory risks from drug price and medical bill controls; and 3) SSO provision expenses following limited budgets from the SSO.
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services	BDMS TB	THB 28.25	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in international patients due to economic concerns, political protests or floods; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) higher-than-expected capex and opex for CoE projects.
Bumrungrad Hospital	ВН ТВ	THB 213.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in international patients due to economic concerns, political protests or floods; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) higher medical fee discount promotions, leading to a weaker EBITDA margin.
Bangkok Chain Hospital	ВСН ТВ	THB 17.80	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in international patients due to economic concerns, political protests or floods; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) SSO provision expenses following a limited SSO budget.
Praram 9 Hospital	PR9 TB	THB 18.30	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) weak patient volumes following the economic slowdown; 2) regulatory risks from drug price and medical bill controls; and 3) higher-than-expected expenses from its new building.
Thonburi Healthcare Group	THG TB	THB 66.50	REDUCE	Upside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a new Covid wave from a new variant; and 2) big-lot sales of Jin Wellbeing County units.
Vibhavadi Medical Center	VIBHA TB	THB 2.36	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in Thai patient volume due to economic concerns; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) SSO provision expenses following limited budgets from the SSO.
Ramkhamhaeng Hospital	RAM TB	THB 41.50	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) weak patient volumes following the economic slowdown; 2) regulatory risks from drug price and medical bill controls; and 3) losses from its subsidiary companies.

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Additional Disclosures

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# **RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE**

#### **Stock ratings**

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

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

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

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

Unless otherwise specified, these recommendations are set with a 12-month horizon. Thus, it is possible that future price volatility may cause a temporary mismatch between upside/downside for a stock based on market price and the formal recommendation.

\* In most cases, the target price will equal the analyst's assessment of the current fair value of the stock. However, if the analyst doesn't think the market will reassess the stock over the specified time horizon due to a lack of events or catalysts, then the target price may differ from fair value. In most cases, therefore, our recommendation is an assessment of the mismatch between current market price and our assessment of current fair value.

#### **Industry Recommendations**

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

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

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

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