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2Q23 results at first glance

2Q23 net profit in line with our estimate

Highlights

- AP reported a 2Q23 net profit of THB1.54b (+4% q-q, -2% y-y), in line with our estimate. The q-q improvement came from a higher share of profit from JVs, but slid y-y due to lower AP condo transfers.
- 2Q23 transfers came in at THB9b (-1% q-q, -6% y-y), split 97:3 between low-rise and condo projects. Low-rise continued to post healthy transfers of THB8.7b (+1% q-q, -5% y-y). However, condo transfers dropped 37% q-q and 36% y-y to THB308m as there were no new condos.
- We are impressed by the strong 2Q23 property gross margin which hit a record high at 36.3% (vs 35.5% in 1Q23 and 32.4% in 2Q22), exceeding our forecast of 35.5%. This was driven by some new and existing low-rise projects which had an excellent margin as well as the effect of reversing costs from condo projects.
- SG&A to sales dropped to 18.6% in 2Q23 from 19.7% in 1Q23 as a result of tight cost control. However, it showed other expenses of THB181m in 2Q23, mainly from an impairment of land.
- Share of profit from its JVs amounted to THB289m in 2Q23, rising by 21% q-q on the continued transfers of the Rhythm Charoenkrung Pavillion condo project from 1Q23, but falling 24% y-y due to lower inventory.
- AP's 1H23 earnings were THB3b (-9% y-y), accounting for 48% of our 2023E profit. We expect 3Q23 earnings to rise q-q and y-y, led by two newly built condos like Aspire Pinklao-Arunamarin (THB1.2b, 88% sold) and a JV project named The Address Siam-Ratchathewi (THB8.6b, 39% sold).
- 2H23 transfers would be driven by the continuous realisation of its solid backlog of THB35b currently, which is enough to secure 85% of 2023E transfers. Moreover, AP had more new low-rise projects in 2H23 worth THB47.6b, jumping from THB17.6b in 1H23.
- The presales momentum should be positive for the rest of the year as three new low-rise projects in late July had a great response, with an average take-up rate of 17%. 7M23 presales reached THB28b (-5% y-y), representing 49% of its full-year target.
- We maintain our 2023E net profit of THB6.3b (+7% y-y). Retain our BUY rating with a TP of THB14. AP is one of our favorites for its positive 2H23 outlook in the property sector.

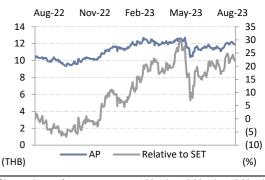


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TARGET PRICE	THB14.00
CLOSE	THB11.90
UP/DOWNSIDE	+17.6%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-1.2%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	38,539	42,223	43,979	45,724
Net profit	5,877	6,274	6,450	6,568
EPS (THB)	1.87	1.99	2.05	2.09
vs Consensus (%)	-	2.4	0.8	(1.4)
EBITDA	6,107	6,627	6,894	7,178
Recurring net profit	5,874	6,274	6,450	6,568
Core EPS (THB)	1.87	1.99	2.05	2.09
EPS growth (%)	29.3	6.8	2.8	1.8
Core P/E (x)	6.4	6.0	5.8	5.7
Dividend yield (%)	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.6	8.5	8.1	7.6
Price/book (x)	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Net debt/Equity (%)	58.5	46.4	41.5	34.8
ROE (%)	17.0	16.2	15.0	13.9



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month	
Absolute (%)	3.5	(3.3)	14.4	
Relative to country (%)	0.6	(3.2)	19.5	
Mkt cap (USD m)			1,074	
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m) 5.				
Free float (%)			66	
Major shareholder Mr. Anuphong Assavabhokhin (21%				
12m high/low (THB) 12.80/9.30				
Issued shares (m)			3,145.90	

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimate

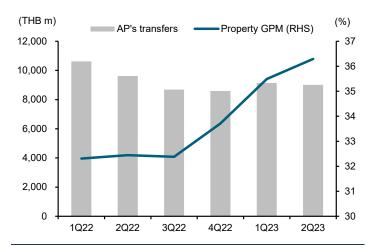
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Exhibit 1: 2Q23 results summary

	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	Change	9
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)				
Total revenue	9,862	8,982	8,846	9,409	9,282	(1)	(6)
Gross profit	3,313	3,046	3,090	3,445	3,486	1	5
SG&A	(1,715)	(1,805)	(2,020)	(1,853)	(1,725)	n/a	n/a
Operating profit	1,598	1,241	1,070	1,592	1,761	11	10
Other income	18	122	14	33	108	231	496
Interest expense	(14)	(18)	(45)	(76)	(81)	n/a	n/a
Profit before tax	1,508	1,345	1,134	1,549	1,608	4	7
Тах	(312)	(251)	(267)	(309)	(353)	n/a	n/a
Associates	378	324	284	238	289	21	(24)
Reported net profit	1,574	1,419	1,155	1,478	1,544	4	(2)
Normalised profit	1,574	1,419	1,151	1,478	1,544	4	(2)
Key ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)
Property gross margin	32.4	32.4	33.7	35.5	36.3	0.8	3.8
Gross margin	33.6	33.9	34.9	36.6	37.6	0.9	4.0
Operating margin	16.2	13.8	12.1	16.9	19.0	2.1	2.8
Net profit margin	16.0	15.8	13.1	15.7	16.6	0.9	0.7
Normalised profit margin	16.0	15.8	13.0	15.7	16.6	0.9	0.7
Operating statistics	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)				
Property transfers	9,620	8,689	8,592	9,144	9,009	(1)	(6)
Low-rise	9,139	8,384	8,314	8,657	8,701	1	(5)
High-rise	481	305	278	487	308	(37)	(36)
Presales	12,572	11,924	12,960	11,016	12,631	15	0
Low-rise	9,774	8,354	10,049	8,172	8,622	6	(12)
High-rise	2,798	3,570	2,911	2,844	4,009	41	43

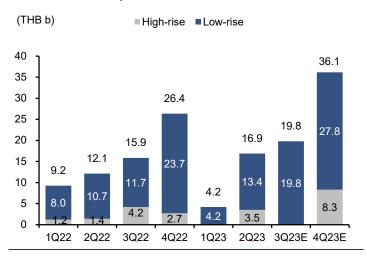
Sources: AP; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 2: AP's transfers and property GPM



Sources: AP; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: Quarterly new launches



Sources: AP; FSSIA's compilation

Financial Statements

AP (Thailand)

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	31,794	38,539	42,223	43,979	45,724
Cost of goods sold	(21,483)	(25,475)	(27,826)	(29,002)	(30,152
Gross profit	10,311	13,064	14,396	14,977	15,572
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	(
Operating costs	(5,828)	(7,248)	(7,938)	(8,268)	(8,596
Operating EBITDA	4,763	6,107	6,627	6,894	7,178
Depreciation	(279)	(291)	(168)	(185)	(202
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	C
Operating EBIT	4,484	5,816	6,458	6,709	6,976
Net financing costs	(248)	(99)	(115)	(136)	(128
Associates	999	1,233	1,151	1,130	1,024
Recurring non-operating income	1,175	1,385	1,211	1,208	1,106
Non-recurring items	0	4	0	0	(
Profit before tax	5,411	7,106	7,555	7,780	7,954
Tax	(869)	(1,230)	(1,281)	(1,330)	(1,386
Profit after tax	4,542	5,876	6,274	6,450	6,568
Minority interests	0	1	0	0	C
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	C
Other items	0	0	0	0	C
Reported net profit	4,542	5,877	6,274	6,450	6,568
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	(4)	0	0	C
Recurring net profit	4,542	5,874	6,274	6,450	6,568
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.44	1.87	1.99	2.05	2.09
Reported EPS	1.44	1.87	1.99	2.05	2.09
DPS	0.50	0.65	0.70	0.71	0.72
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	3,146	3,146	3,146	3,146	3,146
Growth					
Revenue (%)	6.4	21.2	9.6	4.2	4.0
Operating EBITDA (%)	34.6	28.2	8.5	4.0	4.1
Operating EBIT (%)	37.1	29.7	11.0	3.9	4.0
Recurring EPS (%)	7.5	29.3	6.8	2.8	1.8
Reported EPS (%)	7.5	29.4	6.7	2.8	1.8
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	32.4	33.9	34.1	34.1	34.1
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	33.3	34.7	34.5	34.5	34.5
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	15.0	15.8	15.7	15.7	15.7
Operating EBIT margin (%)	14.1	15.1	15.3	15.3	15.3
Net margin (%)	14.3	15.2	14.9	14.7	14.4
Effective tax rate (%)	19.7	20.2	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	34.6	34.8	35.0	34.5	34.5
Interest cover (X)	22.8	72.7	66.9	58.2	63.2
Inventory days	804.9	743.8	724.4	714.3	725.9
Debtor days	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.4
Creditor days	36.8	41.0	41.4	39.6	39.7
Operating ROIC (%)	8.3	9.7	10.2	10.3	10.1
ROIC (%)	8.8	10.3	10.3	10.2	9.8
ROE (%)	14.7	17.0	16.2	15.0	13.9
ROA (%)	8.0	9.3	9.2	9.1	8.8
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	30,879	37,522	41,107	42,841	44,563
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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	4,542	5,874	6,274	6,450	6,568
Depreciation	279	291	168	185	202
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	0	4	0	0	0
Change in working capital	(1,046)	(6,585)	93	(3,544)	(2,405)
Cash flow from operations	3,775	(417)	6,535	3,092	4,365
Capex - maintenance Capex - new investment	0 (941)	0 (179)	0 (1,805)	0 (592)	0 (606)
Net acquisitions & disposals	(941)	(179)	(1,003)	(392)	(000)
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing	(941)	(179)	(1,805)	(592)	(606)
Dividends paid	(1,382)	(1,572)	(2,196)	(2,225)	(2,266)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(2,122)	1,749	(1,915)	17	(1,332)
Other financing cash flows	0	(1)	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(3,504)	176	(4,111)	(2,209)	(3,598)
Non-recurring cash flows Other adjustments	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	(670)	(420)	620	291	160
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	3,088.77	(491.91)	4,847.51	2,637.76	3,888.07
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	711.53	1,152.31	2,815.93	2,516.51	2,426.31
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.98	(0.16)	1.54	0.84	1.24
FCFF per share	0.98	0.37	0.90	0.84	0.77
Recurring cash flow per share	1.53	1.96	2.05	2.11	2.15
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)					
Less: Accumulated depreciation	1,841 (279)	1,904 (291)	1,455 (168)	1,527 (185)	1,599 (202)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	1,562	1,614	1,286	1,341	1,396
Intangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	1
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	6,645	6,481	8,445	8,796	9,145
Cash & equivalents	2,070	1,650	2,270	2,561	2,722
A/C receivable	118	104	169	176	183
Inventories	47,379	55,261	54,527	58,264	60,855
Other current assets Current assets	1,386	1,874 58,889	1,689 58,655	1,759 62,760	1,829 65,589
Other assets	50,953 1,250	1,243	1,478	1,539	1,600
Total assets	60,409	68,227	69,863	74,437	77,731
Common equity	32,442	36,747	40,825	45,050	49,353
Minorities etc.	(18)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)
Total shareholders' equity	32,423	36,728	40,806	45,031	49,334
Long term debt	15,024	15,284	15,805	9,564	8,919
Other long-term liabilities	523	675	612	638	663
Long-term liabilities	15,546	15,959	16,418	10,202	9,582
A/C payable Short term debt	2,449	3,211	3,061 5,405	3,190 11,663	3,317 10,976
Other current liabilities	6,352 3,637	7,841 4,487	5,405 4,174	11,663 4,350	10,976 4,523
Current liabilities	12,439	4,487 15,539	4,174 12,640	4,350 19,204	4,525 18,815
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	60,409	68,227	69,863	74,437	77,731
Net working capital	42,796	49,540	49,150	52,658	55,028
Invested capital	52,253	58,878	60,358	64,335	67,170
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share		11.68	12.98	14.32	15.69
	10.31			44.00	
Tangible book value per share	10.31 10.31	11.68	12.98	14.32	15.69
Tangible book value per share Financial strength			12.98	14.32	
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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: <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 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.



¹ 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.

⁴ 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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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
AP (Thailand)	AP TB	THB 11.90	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) rising competition in the low-rise market, such that it could hurt take-up rates; 2) weaker-than-expected take-up rates of new launches; 3) construction delays from labour shortages; 4) increasing raw material prices; and 5) the impact of the expiration of the loan-to-value (LTV) limit easing.

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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