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2Q23 results at first glance

2Q23 results - bottom of the year

Highlights

- SPRC reported a 2Q23 net loss of THB2.1b (-273% q-q, -129% y-y) expect to be the bottom of the year; in line with our estimate. The weak 2Q23 profit was mainly from weaker petroleum crack spreads, especially from diesel and jet. This caused the marketing GRM to decline to USD1.34/bbl in 2Q23 (-USD5.02/bbl q-q), coupled with a stock loss from the falling oil price q-q. This resulted in an accounting GRM loss of USD1.45/bbl from a positive accounting GRM of USD6.90/bbl in 1Q23. Consequently, SPRC recorded a THB1.9b EBITDA loss this quarter. If we exclude the stock loss and extra items including FX loss, 2Q23 adjusted EBITDA would be at a loss of THB0.5b, and SPRC would report a 2Q23 core loss of THB0.9b.
- Utilisation rate maintained at high level, but lower average selling price caused a drop in revenue. Comparing q-q, the 2Q23 utilisation rate remained at a high level of 88.9% vs 90.1% in 1Q23, leading to a flat q-q sales volume. However, the average selling prices across its main products decreased, causing an 8.9% drop in sales revenue q-q to THB53.9b.
- Positive 2H23 outlook from the analyst meeting. The QTD oil price has increased and the Singapore GRM has significantly jumped from the bottom in 2Q23 at USD4/bbl to USD9.12/bbl QTD. The key improvement QTD is mainly from the significant increase in all three main product spreads (gasoline, diesel and jet) amid concerns over the tight supply, while there has been a continued improvement in demand. Management guided for 1) crude oil premiums to stay low throughout the year; 2) ship-to-ship costs (i.e. extra freight cost) to be slightly lower in 3Q23; and 3) the reopening of its single point mooring system in 4Q23, which is expected to reduce freight costs by USD1.5-2.0/bbl (~THB0.75b-1.0b/quarter). Therefore, with the combination of the above factors, we think 2H23 earnings will significantly turn around from a loss in 1H23.
- Maintain BUY on SPRC with TP of THB12.50/share. We retain our BUY call on SPRC and our TP of THB12.50/share. We maintain our earnings estimates on the expectation of a strong 2H23 performance.

TARGET PRICE THB12.50 CLOSE THB8.85 UP/DOWNSIDE +41.2% TP vs CONSENSUS +13.6%

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 (%)	-	20.3	9.3	3.1
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
EPS growth (%)	296.1	(26.5)	9.3	10.9
Core P/E (x)	5.0	6.8	6.2	5.6
Dividend yield (%)	12.5	7.3	8.0	8.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.9	4.7	3.8	3.1
Price/book (x)	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Net debt/Equity (%)	24.9	17.3	6.5	(3.9)
ROE (%)	21.0	13.8	13.8	14.2



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Key charts

Exhibit 1: SPRC – 2Q23 operations summary

	2Q22	1Q23			
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)
Revenue	78,008	59,130	53,883	(8.9)	(30.9)
Operating costs	(67,762)	(56,927)	(55,665)	(2.2)	(17.9)
EBITDA	9,632	2,242	(1,891)	(184.3)	(119.6)
EBITDA margin (%)	12.3	3.8	(3.5)	nm	nm
Depn & amort.	(626)	(615)	(624)	1.5	(0.3)
EBIT	9,621	1,588	(2,406)	(251.6)	(125.0)
Interest expense	(58)	(94)	(106)	13.3	83.7
Other income	14	47	15	(68.3)	7.5
Exceptionals	(639)	(18)	(134)	654.8	(79.0)
Pretax profit	8,938	1,524	(2,631)	(272.7)	(129.4)
Тах	(1,782)	(305)	526	(272.6)	(129.5)
Tax rate (%)	20	20	20	nm	nm
Minority interests	0	0	-	nm	nm
Net profit	7,156	1,219	(2,105)	(272.7)	(129.4)

Sources: SPRC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Quarterly key drivers

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	Change q-q	Change y-y
	(USD/bbl)	(USD/bbl)						
Marketing GRM	8.46	18.92	6.00	5.39	6.36	1.34	(5.02)	(17.58)
Stock gain/(loss)	12.15	4.01	(13.34)	(3.62)	0.54	(2.79)	(3.33)	(6.80)
Accounting GRM	20.61	22.93	(7.34)	1.77	6.90	(1.45)	(8.35)	(24.38)
Average Dubai	96.21	108.05	96.88	84.85	80.32	77.59	(2.73)	(30.46)
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	16.54	(2.17)	(18.60)
Diesel-Dubai	19.87	43.60	35.22	39.29	24.81	14.54	(10.27)	(29.06)
Utilisation rate (%)	90.50	86.30	87.50	88.20	90.10	88.90	(1.20)	2.60

Source: SPRC

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Revenue	172,484	285,264	228,406	314,742	313,38
Cost of goods sold	(168,407)	(272,833)	(219,068)	(303,953)	(301,856
Gross profit	4,077	12,432	9,338	10,788	11,53
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	
Operating costs	(749)	(2,791)	(2,235)	(3,080)	(3,066
Operating EBITDA	5,972	12,243	9,705	10,832	11,59
Depreciation	(2,644)	(2,603)	(2,603)	(3,123)	(3,123
Goodwill amortisation	(_,)	0	0	0	(-,
Operating EBIT	3,328	9,640	7,103	7,709	8,46
Net financing costs	147	60	(281)	(240)	(165
Associates	-	-	(201)	(2-10)	(100
Recurring non-operating income	(371)	(106)	180	185	19 [.]
Non-recurring items	2,809	(100)	0	0	13
Profit before tax	5,913		7,002	7,654	8,49
	-	9,594	-	-	-
Tax	(1,166)	(1,921)	(1,365)	(1,495)	(1,662
Profit after tax	4,746	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,83
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	(
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	(
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	4,746	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,83 [,]
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(2,809)	0	0	0	
Recurring net profit	1,937	7,674	5,636	6,159	6,83
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.45	1.77	1.30	1.42	1.5
Reported EPS	1.09	1.77	1.30	1.42	1.5
OPS	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	4,33
Growth					
Revenue (%)	32.5	65.4	(19.9)	37.8	(0.4
Operating EBITDA (%)	99.9	105.0	(20.7)	11.6	7.
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 (%)	(0.5) nm	61.7	(26.5)	9.3	10.3
Operating performance	1111	01.7	(20.3)	5.5	10.,
	2.4	4.4	4.1	3.4	3.1
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)					
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	3.9	5.3	5.2	4.4	4.
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	3.5	4.3	4.2	3.4	3.
Operating EBIT margin (%)	1.9	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.1
Net margin (%)	1.1	2.7	2.5	2.0	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
nterest cover (X)	(20.1)	(158.8)	25.9	32.9	52.5
nventory days	28.1	27.2	36.1	26.5	30.
Debtor days	23.0	17.6	22.9	16.6	16.
Creditor days	24.0	18.1	19.4	14.8	17.
Operating ROIC (%)	(1.9)	(4.5)	(3.0)	(3.2)	(3.6
ROIC (%)	(1.6)	(4.3)	(2.9)	(3.1)	(3.5
ROE (%)	6.4	21.0	13.8	13.8	14.
ROA (%)	3.7	12.6	8.8	9.1	9.
Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	0.7	12.0	0.0	0.1	0.
	2024	2022	20225	-2024E	2025
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Diesel	74,023	125,384	96,257	96,520	96,25
Gasoline	57,584	81,205	66,362	62,385	62,21
let Fuel	2,927	17,192	13,345	13,382	13,34
_ight Naphtha	7,270	10,287	9,119	9,601	9,57

Sources: Star Petroleum Refining; FSSIA estimates

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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	3,123
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
apex - maintenance	(2,602)	(2,557)	(2,603)	(2,603)	(2,603
apex - new investment	(104)	(1,438)	(3,809)	(1,232)	(1,082
et acquisitions & disposals	0	0	0	0	(
Other investments (net)	1,677	(792)	180	368	19 [.]
ash flow from investing	(1,030)	(4,787)	(6,232)	(3,467)	(3,494
ividends paid	0	(4,936)	(1,518)	(2,385)	(3,513
quity finance	0	0	0	0	(2,000
bebt finance	(2,183)	1,677	(731)	(2,000) 2,279	(3,000
other financing cash flows ash flow from financing	6,049 3,866	4,475 1,215	(180)		1,973 (4 5 40
-	5,000	1,215	(2,428)	(2,106)	(4,540
on-recurring cash flows hther adjustments	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	(
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
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	6,692.50
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,310.00	2,067.27	3,022.38	4,786.68	5,500.50
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er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(0.54)	(0.87)	0.97	1.09	1.54
CFE per share	0.30	0.48	0.70	1.10	1.2
ecurring 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	20258
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	-	-	-	-	
ivest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	0	0	0	
ash & equivalents	2,945	76	1,580	3,982	5,96
/C receivable	13,219	14,328	14,328	14,328	14,32
iventories	16,486	23,762	19,035	24,726	24,55
Other current assets	81	92	74	101	10
Current assets	32,731	38,258	35,016	43,137	44,95
other assets	1,683	2,182	2,182	2,000	2,00
otal assets	58,726	63,288	63,856	70,042	70,25
common equity	34,371	38,707	42,826	46,600	49,91
linorities etc.	0	0	0	0	(
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
/C payable	13,961	12,780	10,238	14,227	14,12
hort term debt	4,680	9,731	2,000	1,000	1,00
ther current liabilities	1,390	1,393	1,115	1,537	1,53
urrent 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
et working capital	14,435	24,009	22,083	23,391	23,324
vested capital	40,430	49,039	50,923	50,296	48,62
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	ing treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	7.93	8.93	9.88	10.75	11.5
angible book value per share	7.95	8.90	9.85	10.73	11.3
inancial strength	1.31	0.30	9.00	10.72	11.43
•	44.0	24.0	47.0	6.5	(0.0
et debt/equity (%)	14.9	24.9	17.3	6.5	(3.9
et debt/total assets (%)	8.7	15.3	11.6	4.3	(2.8
urrent ratio (x)	1.6	1.6	2.6	2.6	2.
F interest cover (x)	(8.6)	(57.4)	25.3	26.1	40.
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	19.8	5.0	6.8	6.2	5.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	28.0	7.1	9.6	8.8	7.
eported P/E (x)	8.1	5.0	6.8	6.2	5.
ividend yield (%)	2.0	12.5	7.3	8.0	8.
rice/book (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
rice/tangible book (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
V/EBITDA (x) **	7.3	3.9	4.7	3.8	3.
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	9.9	5.2	6.3	5.3	4.5
V/invested capital (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.1
1 17			5.0	5.0	5.

Sources: Star Petroleum Refining; FSSIA estimates



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CG Score by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)¹

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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.

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CAC certified member by the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)³

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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.

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Sustainability Investment (THSI)⁴ by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

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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.

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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
Star Petroleum Refining	SPRC TB	THB 8.85	BUY	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.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Additional Disclosures

Target price history, stock price charts, valuation and risk details, and equity rating histories applicable to each company rated in this report is available in our most recently published reports. You can contact the analyst named on the front of this note or your representative at Finansia Syrus Securities Public Company Limited

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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.

Neutral (N). Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on one 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.

Underweight (U). Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any 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.

