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# **OSOTSPA**

THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE





**TARGET PRICE** THB33.00 **CLOSE** THB28.75 **UP/DOWNSIDE** +14.8% **TP vs CONSENSUS** +0.9%

## 2Q23 results at first glance

### 2Q23 net profit in line with our and consensus estimates - we are impressed by its gross margin recovery

#### **Highlights**

- OSP reported a 2Q23 net profit of THB549m (-29% q-q, -9% y-y), with the absence of a dividend from Unicharm in 1Q23 of THB306m. The company's 2Q23 core profit grew by 16.4%, but dropped by 9% y-y, in line with our forecast and Bloomberg's consensus estimate.
- Total revenue increased by 2.5% q-q, but dropped by 6.6% y-y in 2Q23 due to the high base last year before the selling price increase. The q-q growth came from 1) higher domestic energy drink sales after regaining a 0.9% market share q-q to 47.5% in 2Q23; and 2) functional drinks revenue rose by 13.3% q-q.
- We are impressed by its 2Q23 gross margin at 34%, up from 33.4% in 1Q23 and 31.2% in 2Q22, thanks to improving production efficiency and declining natural gas costs.
- 2Q23 profit sharing dropped by 65% q-q and 85% y-y to THB13m, due to lower C-vitt revenue after adjusting to post-Covid sales volumes.
- OSP's 1H23 core profit was equal to THB1b (-24.5% y-y), accounting for 42% of our 2023 profit forecast. We expect to see a higher profit in 2H23, supported by the company's focus on regaining its market share, and there would be a full-quarter's recognition of lower natural gas costs.
- We maintain our 2023-24 core profit growth estimates at 28.5% y-y and 18.7% y-y, respectively. We retain our BUY call and TP of THB33.
- OSP announced a 1H23 DPS of THB0.4, implying a dividend yield of 1.4%.

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	27,266	28,491	30,707	32,258
Net profit	1,934	2,758	2,918	3,206
EPS (THB)	0.64	0.92	0.97	1.07
vs Consensus (%)	-	3.5	(6.3)	(6.0)
EBITDA	3,644	4,454	5,044	5,440
Recurring net profit	1,914	2,458	2,918	3,206
Core EPS (THB)	0.64	0.82	0.97	1.07
EPS growth (%)	(41.2)	28.5	18.7	9.9
Core P/E (x)	45.1	35.1	29.6	26.9
Dividend yield (%)	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	23.9	19.6	17.3	16.0
Price/book (x)	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.4
Net debt/Equity (%)	4.3	4.4	3.2	3.0
ROE (%)	10.0	13.4	15.6	16.5



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	3.6	(1.5)	(6.9)
Relative to country (%)	1.0	0.7	(2.0)
Mkt cap (USD m)			2,471
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			6.1
Free float (%)			52
Major shareholder	Osatha	anugrah Fa	mily (39%)
12m high/low (THB)		3	2.11/24.13
Issued shares (m)			3,003.75

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Exhibit 1: OSP – 2Q23 operations summary

	1Q22 2Q22 3Q22		4Q22	1Q23	1Q23 2Q23 Chang			1H22	1H23 C	Change	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)
Sales	7,472	7,183	6,178	6,432	6,545	6,709	2.5	(6.6)	14,656	13,255	(9.6)
Cost of sales	5,100	4,940	4,367	4,509	4,360	4,428	1.6	(10.3)	10,040	8,788	(12.5)
Gross profit	2,372	2,244	1,811	1,924	2,186	2,281	4.3	1.6	4,616	4,467	(3.2)
SG&A	1,580	1,650	1,631	1,638	1,703	1,661	(2.5)	0.6	3,231	3,364	4.1
Operating profit	838	672	233	304	524	678	29.4	0.9	1,510	1,202	(20.3)
Interest expense	21	21	23	24	24	24	(0.7)	13.8	42	48	13.9
Tax expense	151	134	70	15	54	110	103.4	(17.9)	284	164	(42.4)
Profit (loss) sharing	85	90	78	62	39	13	(65.3)	(85.1)	175	52	(70.2)
Reported net profit	750	604	244	337	778	549	(29.4)	(9.0)	1,353	1,327	(1.9)
Core profit	750	604	359	317	472	549	16.4	(9.0)	1,353	1,021	(24.5)
Key ratios (%)							(ppt)	(ppt)			(ppt)
Gross margin	31.7	31.2	29.3	29.9	33.4	34.0	0.6	2.8	31.5	33.7	2.2
SG&A to sales	21.1	23.0	26.4	25.5	26.0	24.8	(1.3)	1.8	22.0	25.4	3.3
Operating margin	11.2	9.4	3.8	4.7	8.0	10.1	2.1	0.8	10.3	9.1	(1.2)
Net margin	10.0	8.4	3.9	5.2	11.9	8.2	(3.7)	(0.2)	9.2	7.7	(1.5)
Core margin	10.0	8.4	5.8	4.9	7.2	8.2	1.0	(0.2)	9.2	10.0	0.8
Operating statistics (THB m)											
Beverage sales	6,355	5,857	4,854	4,953	5,279	5,488	4.0	(6.3)	12,212	10,767	(11.8)
Personal care	554	587	605	706	556	566	1.7	(3.6)	1,141	1,122	(1.7)
Other	563	740	719	773	710	656	(7.6)	(11.3)	1,303	1,366	4.9
Domestic	6,049	5,834	5,303	5,448	4,992	5,268	5.5	(9.7)	11,883	10,260	(13.7)
Overseas	1,424	1,349	875	984	1,553	1,441	(7.2)	6.8	2,773	2,994	8.0

Sources: OSP; FSSIA estimates

#### **Financial Statements**

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	26,762	27,266	28,491	30,707	32,258
Cost of goods sold	(17,619)	(18,915)	(19,089)	(20,420)	(21,290)
Gross profit	9,143	8,350	9,402	10,287	10,968
Other operating income	516	196	225	243	255
Operating costs	(5,978)	(6,500)	(6,838)	(7,216)	(7,581)
Operating EBITDA	5,199	3,644	4,454	5,044	5,440
Depreciation	(1,518)	(1,598)	(1,664)	(1,731)	(1,798)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	3,681	2,047	2,789	3,313	3,642
Net financing costs	(96)	(89)	(104)	(100)	(99)
Associates	263	315	228	246	258
Recurring non-operating income	263	315	228	246	258
Non-recurring items	0	20	300	0	0
Profit before tax	3,849	2,293	3,213	3,459	3,801
Tax	(664)	(369)	(466)	(553)	(608)
Profit after tax	3,185	1,924	2,747	2,906	3,193
Minority interests	70	10	11	12	13
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	3,255	1,934	2,758	2,918	3,206
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	(20)	(300)	0	0
Recurring net profit	3,255	1,914	2,458	2,918	3,206
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.08	0.64	0.82	0.97	1.07
Reported EPS	1.08	0.64	0.92	0.97	1.07
DPS	1.10	0.90	0.83	0.87	0.96
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	3,004	3,004	3,004	3,004	3,004
Growth					
Revenue (%)	4.6	1.9	4.5	7.8	5.1
Operating EBITDA (%)	1.0	(29.9)	22.2	13.3	7.8
Operating EBIT (%)	(4.8)	(44.4)	36.3	18.8	9.9
Recurring EPS (%)	(7.1)	(41.2)	28.5	18.7	9.9
Reported EPS (%)	(7.1)	(40.6)	42.6	5.8	9.9
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	34.2	30.6	33.0	33.5	34.0
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	39.8	36.5	38.8	39.1	39.6
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	19.4	13.4	15.6	16.4	16.9
Operating EBIT margin (%)	13.8	7.5	9.8	10.8	11.3
Net margin (%)	12.2	7.0	8.6	9.5	9.9
Effective tax rate (%)	17.3	16.1	14.5	16.0	16.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	101.5	141.3	101.0	90.0	90.0
Interest cover (X)	41.3	26.6	29.0	35.7	39.5
Inventory days	53.7	61.2	60.3	52.9	53.5
Debtor days	48.9	51.6	51.2	49.2	50.4
Creditor days	46.7	50.7	50.8	47.6	48.1
Operating ROIC (%)	20.2	10.6	14.2	16.6	17.5
ROIC (%)	16.8	9.5	12.0	14.0	14.8
ROE (%)	16.6	10.0	13.4	15.6	16.5
ROA (%) * Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	12.3	7.4	9.7	11.3	12.1
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Beverage	22,709	22,020	22,581	24,260	25,383
Personal care	2,102	2,452	2,697	2,912	3,058
Other (OEM)	1,952	2,794	3,213	3,535	3,817

Sources: Osotspa; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	3,255	1,914	2,458	2,918	3,206
Depreciation	1,518	1,598	1,664	1,731	1,798
Associates & minorities	(349)	(343)	(169)	(216)	(238)
Other non-cash items	0	-	-	0	0
Change in working capital	(65)	(923)	275	(285)	(328)
Cash flow from operations	4,359	2,245	4,228	4,149	4,438
Capex - maintenance Capex - new investment	(1,855)	(1,461)	(2,201)	(1,632)	(1,823)
Net acquisitions & disposals	- -	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	(489)	546	509	228	246
Cash flow from investing	(2,344)	(915)	(1,692)	(1,404)	(1,577)
Dividends paid	(3,304)	(3,130)	(2,483)	(2,626)	(2,885)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	11	548	(11)	(173)	(37)
Other financing cash flows  Cash flow from financing	241 <b>(3,052)</b>	(156) <b>(2,737)</b>	(57) <b>(2,551)</b>	66 <b>(2,733)</b>	47 ( <b>2,876</b> )
Non-recurring cash flows	(3,032)	(2,737)	(2,331)	(2,733)	(2,676)
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	(1,037)	(1,407)	(15)	12	(15)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	2,110.59	1,419.55	2,640.35	2,844.36	2,959.47
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	2,266.57	1,723.44	2,468.09	2,638.13	2,870.24
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.70	0.47	0.88	0.95	0.99
FCFE per share	0.75	0.57	0.82	0.88	0.96
Recurring cash flow per share	1.47	1.05	1.32	1.48	1.59
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	26,379	27,369	29,369	31,369	33,369
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(12,648)	(13,889)	(15,554)	(17,285)	(19,082)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	13,730	13,480	13,815	14,084	14,286
Intangible fixed assets (net)	396	359	359	359	359
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	4,001	3,805	3,805	3,805	3,805
Cash & equivalents A/C receivable	2,493	1,087	1,072	1,084	1,069
Inventories	3,660 2,658	4,051 3,147	3,938 2,615	4,343 2,797	4,557 2,916
Other current assets	16	16	28	31	161
Current assets	8,827	8,301	7,653	8,255	8,704
Other assets	188	209	228	246	258
Total assets	27,142	26,154	25,860	26,749	27,412
Common equity	19,884	18,464	18,328	19,119	19,640
Minorities etc.	19	(9)	50	80	100
Total shareholders' equity	<b>19,904</b> 641	<b>18,455</b> 723	<b>18,378</b> 673	<b>19,199</b> 623	<b>19,740</b> 573
Long term debt Other long-term liabilities	1,068	912	855	921	968
Long-term liabilities	1,708	1,635	1,527	1,544	1,540
A/C payable	4,822	4,787	4,642	4,806	4,913
Short term debt	469	1,161	1,200	1,077	1,090
Other current liabilities	238	116	114	123	129
Current liabilities	5,530	6,064	5,956	6,006	6,132
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	27,142	26,154	25,860	26,749	27,412
Net working capital	1,274	2,311	1,825	2,242	2,593
Invested capital * Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	19,588	20,164	20,033	20,736	21,301
<u> </u>	ing treated as debt				
Per share (THB) Book value per share	6.62	6.15	6.10	6.37	6.54
Tangible book value per share	6.49	6.03	5.98	6.25	6.42
Financial strength	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.12
Net debt/equity (%)	(6.9)	4.3	4.4	3.2	3.0
Net debt/total assets (%)	(5.1)	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.2
Current ratio (x)	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
CF interest cover (x)	24.7	20.4	24.7	27.5	30.1
Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring P/E (x) *	26.5	45.1	35.1	29.6	26.9
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	30.5	51.8	40.3	34.0	30.9
Reported P/E (x)	26.5	44.7	31.3	29.6	26.9
Dividend yield (%)	3.8	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3
Price/book (x)	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.4
Price/tangible book (x)	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.5
EV/EBITDA (x) **	16.3	23.9	19.6	17.3	16.0
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EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	18.8 4.3	27.4 4.3	22.4 4.4	19.8 4.2	18.3 4.1

Sources: Osotspa; FSSIA estimates

#### Public disclosures related to sustainable development evaluation of Thai listed companies

Rating regarding the sustainable development of Thai listed companies, both on the SET and MAI, are publicly available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand (SEC). Currently, ratings available are 1) "CG Score" by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD); 2) "AGM Checklist" by the Thai Investors Association (TIA), a "CAC certified member" of the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC); and 3) Sustainability Investment List (THSI) by the Stock Exchange of Thailand. The ratings are updated on an annual basis. FSS International Investment Advisory Company Limited does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such ratings.

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

The CG Score indicates corporate governance (CG) strength in the sustainable development of Thai listed companies. Annually, the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), surveys and assesses the CG practices of companies and publishes the results on the Thai IOD website 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).

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#### AGM Checklist by the Thai Investors Association (TIA) 2

The "AGM Checklist" 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 Checklist 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)<sup>4</sup> by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (<u>SET</u>)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI) quantifies responsibility in <u>E</u>nvironmental, and <u>S</u>ocial 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: Economic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and innovation); Environmental management, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); Social (human rights, talent attraction, operational health & safety, community development, and stakeholder engagement); and the incorporation of ESG in business operations.

To be approved for THSI inclusion, verified data must be scored at a 50% minimum for each indicator, unless the company is a part of the Dow Jones Sustainability 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

#### Disclaimer:

<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 (TIA) 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.

Thai Private Sector Collective Action against Corruption (CAC) 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>4</sup> Sustainability Investment List (THSI), created by the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 2015, comprises the listed companies that conduct sustainable business operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Dow Jones Sustainability Indices – Wikipedia – Launched in 1999, DJSI evaluates the sustainability performance of companies based on corporate economic, environmental, and social performance.

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#### History of change in investment rating and/or target price



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
17-Sep-2020	BUY	43.00	16-Aug-2021	BUY	42.00	09-Jun-2023	BUY	33.00

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 17-Sep-2020

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Osotspa	OSP TB	THB 28.75	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) higher-than-expected competition; 3) high volatility in energy costs; and 4) changing legal policies both in Thailand and Myanmar.

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.