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2Q23 results at first glance

2Q23 core profit dropped by 14% q-q to THB206m, missing our estimate

TARGET PRICE	THB3.90
CLOSE	THB2.96
UP/DOWNSIDE	+31.8%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+10.3%

Highlights

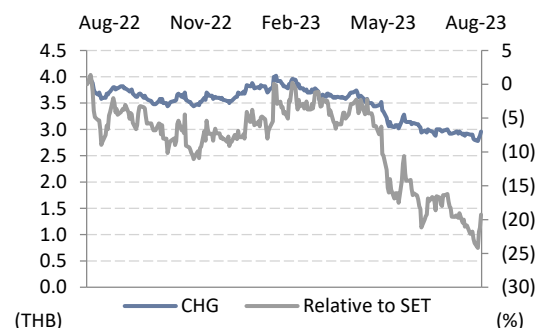
- CHG reported a core profit of THB206m in 2Q23 (-77% y-y, -14% q-q), missing our estimate by 10% due to a THB46m revenue reduction from the difference of the actual and accrued revenue for Covid medical treatments. Excluding this one-off item, CHG's core profit would be THB240m-250m, in line with our estimate. On a positive note, 2Q23 core profit exceeded the pre-Covid level by 51% due to a 53% higher revenue amount.
- Revenue grew 5% q-q in 2Q23, beating our estimate. Non-Covid patient revenue (cash patient and National Health Security Office (NHSO) patient revenue) grew by 5% q-q and exceeded pre-Covid by 48%. Meanwhile, Social Security Office (SSO) revenue grew by 6% q-q due to a higher payment rate (THB1,808/head/year from THB1,640, effective May-23).
- The EBITDA margin declined to 21% in 2Q23 (vs 24% in 1Q23) due to the revenue reduction on Covid medical treatments and the opening of CHG Mae Sot in June, leading to increased opex and depreciation.
- CHG's 1H23 core profit accounts for 38% of our 2023 core earnings forecast.

Outlook

- 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.

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	3.4	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
EPS growth (%)	(33.9)	(57.3)	15.5	12.9
Core P/E (x)	11.7	27.4	23.8	21.0
Dividend yield (%)	5.4	2.2	2.5	2.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.1	15.8	13.7	12.0
Price/book (x)	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	(14.4)	(23.9)	(29.1)	(35.8)
ROE (%)	36.8	15.7	17.4	18.1



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(1.3)	(15.9)	(21.3)
Relative to country (%)	(3.7)	(13.9)	(17.0)
Mkt cap (USD m)	928		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	3.2		
Free float (%)	43		
Major shareholder	Kannikar Plussind (18%)		
12m high/low (THB)	4.04/2.68		
Issued shares (m)	11,000.00		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Exhibit 1: CHG – 2Q23 operations summary

	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	Change		2023E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)
Revenue	2,784	2,026	1,721	1,716	1,799	5	(35)	7,606
Cost of sales (Incl. depreciation)	(1,497)	(1,480)	(1,229)	(1,276)	(1,380)	8	(8)	(5,431)
Gross profit	1,288	546	492	440	418	(5)	(68)	2,175
SG&A	(223)	(253)	(254)	(200)	(222)	11	(1)	(936)
Operating profit	1,064	293	238	240	196	(18)	(82)	1,240
Other operating income	68	74	96	73	70	(4)	2	314
Interest income	3	0	2	1	3	343	(4)	4
Equity income	0	0	(1)	(3)	(2)			
EBIT	1,136	367	334	309	267	(14)	(77)	1,558
Interest expense	(3)	(4)	(6)	(4)	(5)	17	51	(30)
EBT	1,133	364	328	305	262	(14)	(77)	1,528
Income tax	(226)	(97)	(40)	(60)	(56)	(8)	(75)	(306)
Minority interests	(29)	(8)	(3)	(5)	(0)	(93)	(99)	(36)
Core profit	878	258	285	240	206	(14)	(77)	1,186
Extraordinaries								
Net income	878	258	285	240	206	(14)	(77)	1,186
Core EPS (THB)	0.08	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	(14)	(77)	0.11
No of share (m)	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	0	11,000
Cost (Excl. depreciation)	(1,402)	(1,379)	(1,135)	(1,177)	(1,276)	8	(9)	(5,020)
Depreciation & amortisation	(95)	(101)	(93)	(99)	(104)	5	10	(411)
EBITDA	1,227	468	427	411	370	(10)	(70)	1,964
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)
Gross margin	46	27	29	26	23	(2)	(23)	29
SG&A/Revenue	8	12	15	12	12	1	4	12
EBITDA margin	44	23	25	24	21	(3)	(23)	26
Net profit margin	32	13	17	14	11	(3)	(20)	16
Operating stats	(y-y %)	(y-y %)	(y-y %)	(y-y %)	(y-y %)			
SSO revenue	12	54	(7)	19	23			
SSO registered members ('000)	503	513	520	525				
SSO revenue per head	1	38	(17)	10				
Cash-OPD revenue	14	24	(38)	(41)	(20)			
Cash-OPD visit number	3	13	(5)	(19)				
Cash-OPD revenue per head	11	10	(34)	(26)				
Cash-IPD revenue	40	14	29	(5)	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

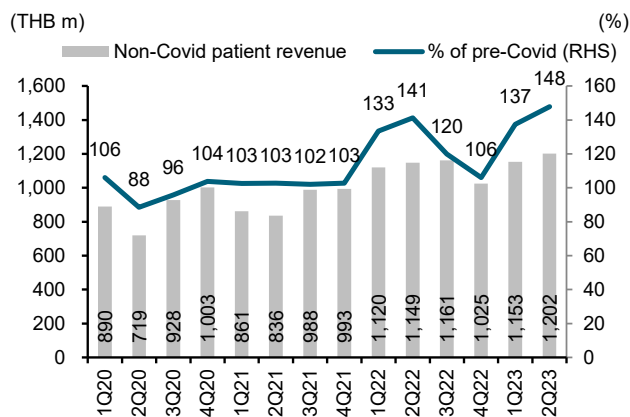
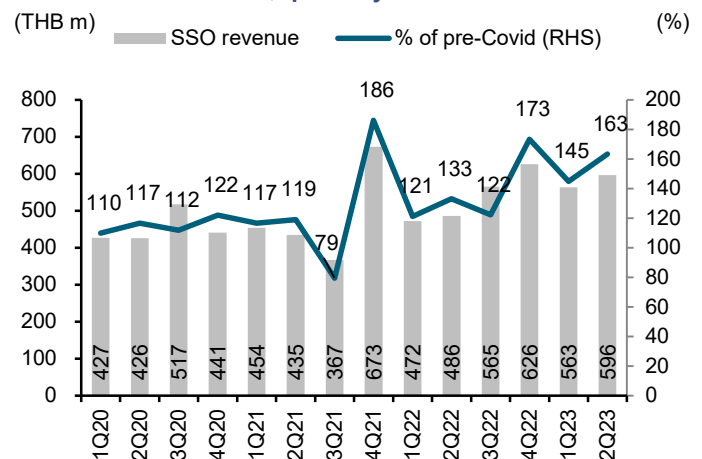
Note: Includes National Health Security Office (NHSO) revenue mainly from Heart Center
Sources: CHG; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 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

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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	(19)	(10)	(25)	(14)	(12)
Associates	0	(1)	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	0	(1)	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	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	4,267	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
Interest 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
ROIC (%)	80.4	45.1	18.8	22.6	25.6
ROE (%)	72.5	36.8	15.7	17.4	18.1
ROA (%)	51.1	27.4	12.5	14.2	14.8
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)					
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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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	4,204	2,778	1,186	1,371	1,548
Depreciation	351	382	411	444	469
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	50	117	36	38	41
Change in working capital	(540)	(696)	914	(91)	(10)
Cash flow from operations	4,065	2,582	2,548	1,762	2,048
Capex - maintenance	(539)	(777)	(600)	(410)	(350)
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	-
Net acquisitions & disposals	0	(142)	0	0	0
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing	(539)	(919)	(600)	(410)	(350)
Dividends paid	(660)	(2,805)	(1,155)	(712)	(823)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(665)	356	(470)	0	0
Other financing cash flows	40	(3)	(36)	(38)	(41)
Cash flow from financing	(1,284)	(2,452)	(1,661)	(750)	(863)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	2,242	(789)	287	602	835
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	3,547.55	1,679.02	1,977.55	1,370.49	1,716.84
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	2,901.73	2,016.07	1,441.63	1,314.16	1,657.50

Per share (THB)

FCFF per share	0.32	0.15	0.18	0.12	0.16
FCFE per share	0.26	0.18	0.13	0.12	0.15
Recurring cash flow per share	0.42	0.30	0.15	0.17	0.19

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	7,129	7,867	8,467	8,878	9,228
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,661)	(2,987)	(3,398)	(3,842)	(4,311)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	4,468	4,880	5,069	5,035	4,916
Intangible fixed assets (net)	47	47	47	47	47
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	142	142	142	142
Cash & equivalents	2,790	2,001	2,287	2,890	3,725
A/C receivable	616	757	833	915	915
Inventories	295	265	241	256	268
Other current assets	2,196	2,036	878	947	1,009
Current assets	5,897	5,058	4,239	5,007	5,917
Other assets	137	152	152	152	152
Total assets	10,550	10,280	9,649	10,384	11,175
Common equity	7,569	7,523	7,555	8,214	8,939
Minorities etc.	272	341	341	341	341
Total shareholders' equity	7,841	7,864	7,895	8,554	9,280
Long term debt	480	470	0	0	0
Other long-term liabilities	137	233	233	233	233
Long-term liabilities	617	704	233	233	233
A/C payable	842	851	773	821	862
Short term debt	34	400	400	400	400
Other current liabilities	1,215	462	348	375	400
Current liabilities	2,092	1,712	1,520	1,596	1,662
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	10,550	10,280	9,649	10,384	11,175
Net working capital	1,050	1,745	831	922	931
Invested capital	5,702	6,967	6,241	6,298	6,189

* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt

Per share (THB)

Book value per share	0.69	0.68	0.69	0.75	0.81
Tangible book value per share	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.74	0.81

Financial strength

Net debt/equity (%)	(29.0)	(14.4)	(23.9)	(29.1)	(35.8)
Net debt/total assets (%)	(21.6)	(11.0)	(19.6)	(24.0)	(29.8)
Current ratio (x)	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.6
CF interest cover (x)	150.0	198.7	57.9	96.9	134.7

Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring P/E (x) *	7.7	11.7	27.4	23.8	21.0
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	10.2	15.4	36.2	31.3	27.7
Reported P/E (x)	7.7	11.7	27.4	23.8	21.0
Dividend yield (%)	6.8	5.4	2.2	2.5	2.9
Price/book (x)	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.6
Price/tangible book (x)	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.7
EV/EBITDA (x) **	5.4	8.1	15.8	13.7	12.0
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	7.2	10.7	21.1	18.4	16.2
EV/invested capital (x)	5.4	4.6	5.0	4.8	4.8

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted ** EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income

Sources: Chularat Hospital; FSSIA estimates

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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.

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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.

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

A **CAC certified member** 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 **CAC Council** 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 **E**nvironmental, and **S**ocial issues, by managing business with transparency in **G**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: **E**conomic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and innovation); **E**nvironmental (environmental management, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); **S**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 **THSI list**, the SET further developed a sustainability **SETTHSI Index** 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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⁴ Sustainability Investment List ([THSI](#)), created by the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 2015, comprises the listed companies that conduct sustainable business operations.

⁵ 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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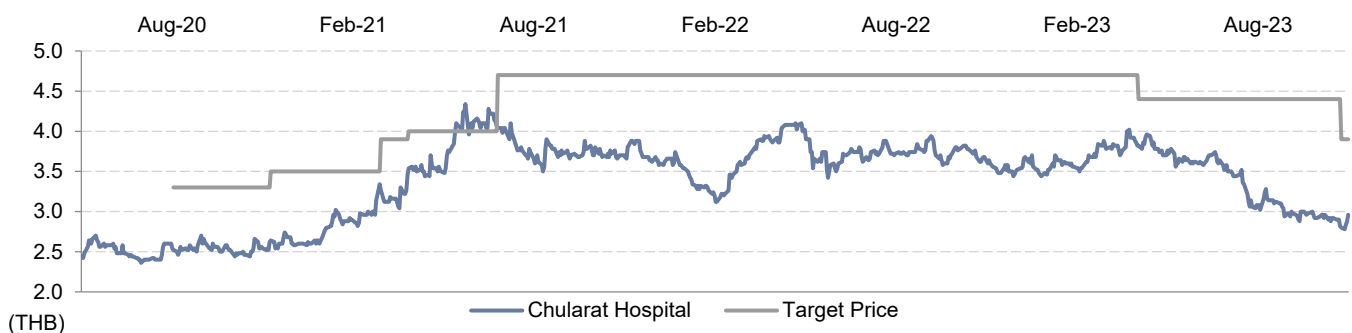
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History of change in investment rating and/or target price

Chularat Hospital (CHG TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
29-Oct-2020	BUY	3.30	20-May-2021	BUY	4.00	03-Aug-2023	BUY	3.90
21-Jan-2021	BUY	3.50	05-Aug-2021	BUY	4.70			
26-Apr-2021	BUY	3.90	09-Feb-2023	BUY	4.40			

Teerapol Udomvej, CFA started covering this stock from 30-Jul-2020

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Chularat Hospital	CHG TB	THB 2.96	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.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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Stock ratings

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

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.

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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.

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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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