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# 2Q23 results at first glance

# TARGET PRICE THB4.70 CLOSE THB4.20 UP/DOWNSIDE +11.9% TP vs CONSENSUS -12.6%

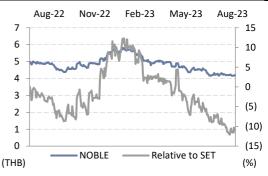
#### 2Q23 profit improved, but still unexciting results

#### **Highlights**

- NOBLE reported a 2Q23 net profit of THB112m, recovering 54% q-q and turning positive from a loss of THB14m in 2Q22 following more projects on hand. Excluding extra items, its core profit would be THB108m (vs THB71m in 1Q23 and a loss of THB161m in 2Q22).
- Key drivers for the 2Q23 earnings improvement q-q were 1) the property gross margin recovered to 33.1% in 2Q23 (vs 27.6% in 1Q23 and 23% in 2Q22) from a gradual rise in inventory prices; and 2) rental and services revenue increased to THB919m (+27% q-q, +159% y-y) from higher construction management fees from its JV projects as well as the start of its property management, agent and after sales service businesses.
- 2Q23 transfers were stable with 1Q23's at THB1.3b (+5% q-q, +132% y-y), led by NOBLE's effort to clear existing inventory, as there were no new condos in 1H23. Meanwhile, sharing from its JV was a loss at THB56m in 2Q23 (vs a loss of THB61m in 1Q23 and THB50m in 2Q22) due to no new condos to transfer from.
- NOBLE has announced a DPS of THB0.081 for its performance in 1H23, implying a dividend yield of 1.9%. The stock's XD is on 24 August and the dividend will be paid on 8 September 2023.
- We expect 2H23 core profit to recover h-h, supported by two newly built condos: Nue Z-Square Suan Luang Station (worth THB700m, sold 32%) in 3Q23 and Nue Noble Fai Chai-Wanglang (worth THB1.1b, sold 67%) in 4Q23. Also, the company sold a land plot project named Noble Away Beachfront Cha-Am (worth THB300m) to a local developer in 3Q23. The revenue would be gradually realised in 3Q23-1Q24 at around THB100m per quarter, with a high margin.
- However, we think 2H23 core profit might drop y-y due to smallersized new condos, compared to five sizable new condos in 2H22.
   Note that this excludes an extra gain from selling its investment in two JV condos to PROUD in 3Q23, worth more than cTHB400m.
- We maintain our 2023E core profit of THB436m (+46% y-y), below its 2021 profit. NOBLE had a backlog of THB17.9b at end-2Q23. Of that, it will book THB3.7b this year, which is enough to secure 93% of our 2023 transfer estimate. However, we think its 2023 transfer target of THB1b is challenging amid a slower-than-expected overseas buyer recovery. We maintain our HOLD rating on NOBLE.

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	8,215	9,777	10,660	10,620
Net profit	455	836	789	890
EPS (THB)	0.33	0.61	0.58	0.65
vs Consensus (%)	-	90.6	-	-
EBITDA	1,161	1,337	1,547	1,612
Recurring net profit	298	436	789	890
Core EPS (THB)	0.22	0.32	0.58	0.65
EPS growth (%)	(55.6)	46.2	81.2	12.8
Core P/E (x)	19.3	13.2	7.3	6.5
Dividend yield (%)	4.8	7.3	7.5	8.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.2	13.1	11.2	10.5
Price/book (x)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Net debt/Equity (%)	200.4	184.6	172.0	156.5
ROE (%)	5.2	7.1	12.1	12.9



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(1.9)	(10.6)	(14.3)
Relative to country (%)	(4.2)	(8.5)	(9.6)
Mkt cap (USD m)			164
3m avg. daily turnover (USD	m)		0.1
Free float (%)			51
Major shareholder R	affles Nomine	es (Pte) Lim	ited (20%)
12m high/low (THB)			5.90/4.12
Issued shares (m)			1,369.41

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



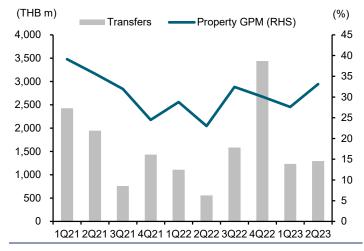
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Exhibit 1: NOBLE - 2Q23 operations summary

	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	Chan	ge
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)				
Total revenue	914	2,036	3,815	1,955	2,213	13.2	142.3
Gross profit	154	536	1,025	454	547	20.5	255.5
SG&A	318	376	574	350	371	5.9	16.5
Operating profit	(164)	160	450	104	176	70.0	(207.4)
Interest expense	82	87	107	120	119	(0.6)	45.7
Tax expense	(5)	46	97	32	22	(30.8)	(539.8)
Associates	(50)	(46)	(49)	(61)	(56)	n/a	n/a
Reported net profit	(14)	137	338	73	112	54.2	na
Normalised profit	(161)	139	328	71	108	52.4	na
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)
Gross margin	16.9	26.3	26.9	23.2	24.7	1.5	7.9
SG&A / Sales	34.8	18.5	15.1	17.9	16.8	(1.2)	(18.1)
Operating margin	(18.0)	7.8	11.8	5.3	8.0	2.7	26.0
Net profit margin	(1.5)	6.7	8.9	3.7	5.1	1.3	6.6
Normalised profit margin	(17.6)	6.8	8.6	3.6	4.9	1.3	22.5
Revenue breakdown							
Residential	559	1,585	3,440	1,233	1,294	5.0	131.6
Rental & services	355	451	375	722	919	27.3	159.2
Gross margin by business							
Residential	23.0	32.4	30.1	27.6	33.1	5.5	10.1
Rental & services	7.2	4.7	(2.7)	15.8	12.9	(2.8)	5.8

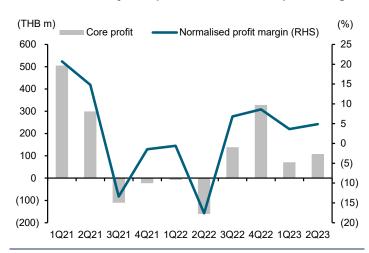
Sources: NOBLE; FSSIA's compilation

**Exhibit 2: Quarterly transfers and property GPM** 



Sources: NOBLE; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: Quarterly core profit and normalised profit margin



Sources: NOBLE; FSSIA's compilation

## **Financial Statements**

Noble Development

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	6,827	8,215	9,777	10,660	10,620
Cost of goods sold	(4,572)	(6,130)	(7,545)	(8,139)	(7,920)
Gross profit	2,255	2,086	2,231	2,521	2,700
Other operating income	593	463	500	500	500
Operating costs	(1,668)	(1,595)	(1,605)	(1,702)	(1,837)
Operating EBITDA	1,321	1,161	1,337	1,547	1,612
Depreciation	(141)	(207)	(210)	(228)	(249)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	1,181	954	1,126	1,319	1,363
Net financing costs	(245)	(360)	(461)	(470)	(471)
Associates	(19)	(154)	(96)	110	177
Recurring non-operating income	(19)	(154)	(96)	110	177
Non-recurring items	260	157	400	0	4.060
Profit before tax	1,177	597	969	959	1,069
Tax Profit offer tax	(245) <b>932</b>	(142) <b>455</b>	(133) <b>836</b>	(170) <b>789</b>	(178) <b>890</b>
Profit after tax  Minority interests	932	<b>455</b> 0	0	7 <b>89</b> 0	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	U
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	932	455	836	789	890
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(260)	(157)	(400)	0	0
Recurring net profit	672	298	436	789	890
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.49	0.22	0.32	0.58	0.65
Reported EPS	0.68	0.33	0.61	0.58	0.65
DPS .	0.43	0.20	0.31	0.32	0.36
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,369	1,369	1,369	1,369	1,369
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(36.3)	20.3	19.0	9.0	(0.4)
Operating EBITDA (%)	(49.9)	(12.1)	15.2	15.8	4.2
Operating EBIT (%)	(53.7)	(19.2)	18.1	17.1	3.3
Recurring EPS (%)	(62.5)	(55.6)	46.2	81.2	12.8
Reported EPS (%)	(50.4)	(51.2)	83.7	(5.5)	12.8
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	33.0	25.4	22.8	23.7	25.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	35.1	27.9	25.0	25.8	27.8
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	19.3	14.1	13.7	14.5	15.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	17.3	11.6	11.5	12.4	12.8
Net margin (%)	9.8	3.6	4.5	7.4	8.4
Effective tax rate (%)	20.8	23.8	13.7	17.7	16.7
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	87.7	91.9	95.9	55.0	55.0
nterest cover (X)	4.7	2.2	2.2	3.0	3.3
nventory days	1,134.9	863.7	702.4	656.3	675.4
Debtor days	44.5	112.3	125.6	105.0	109.7
Creditor days	87.1	81.1	66.2	54.3	57.3
Operating ROIC (%)	8.0	5.3	5.9	7.0	7.2
ROIC (%)	6.3	3.8	4.5	6.2	6.7
ROE (%)	11.7	5.2	7.1	12.1	12.9
ROA (%)  Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	4.4	2.7	3.6	5.1	5.4
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Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Real estate Rental & service	6,563 264	6,692 1,523	6,777 3,000	7,660 3,000	8,620 2,000

Sources: Noble Development; FSSIA estimates

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Noble Development

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	672	298	436	789	890
Depreciation	141	207	210	228	249
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
other non-cash items	260	157	400	(145)	(
change in working capital  cash flow from operations	(2,445) <b>(1,373)</b>	(2,656) <b>(1,994)</b>	548 <b>1,594</b>	(145) <b>873</b>	39 1,178
Capex - maintenance	(1,373)	(1,334)	1,004	-	1,170
Capex - new investment	(500)	(569)	(1,009)	(251)	(270
let acquisitions & disposals	-	-	(1,000)	(20.)	(2.0
Other investments (net)	_	_	-	-	
Cash flow from investing	(500)	(569)	(1,009)	(251)	(270
Dividends paid	(589)	(274)	(418)	(434)	(490
Equity finance	(4)	(31)	0	0	(
Debt finance	2,650	1,892	(284)	20	20
Other financing cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Cash flow from financing	2,058	1,587	(701)	(414)	(470
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	1,303	0	0	(
Net other adjustments	(575)	1,303	0	0	(
Movement in cash	(391)	327	(116)	208	438
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(1,628.55)	(2,203.73)	1,046.45	1,092.43	1,378.90
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	201.92	631.63	301.29	642.03	927.80
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(1.19)	(1.61)	0.76	0.80	1.01
FCFE per share	0.15	0.46	0.22	0.47	0.68
Recurring cash flow per share	0.78	0.48	0.76	0.74	0.83
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
angible fixed assets (gross)	510	497	571	656	755
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(283)	(339)	(414)	(490)	(582
Fangible fixed assets (net)	228	158	157	167	173
ntangible fixed assets (net)	1,186	1,089	1,083	1,083	1,083
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	.,
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	200	211	942	955	969
Cash & equivalents	1,478	1,805	1,689	1,897	2,33
VC receivable	1,258	3,797	2,933	3,198	3,186
nventories	13,992	14,037	14,192	14,254	14,13
Other current assets	244	245	293	320	382
Current assets	16,972	19,885	19,107	19,668	20,03
Other assets	1,694	1,154	1,250	1,275	1,30
Total assets	20,280	22,497	22,539	23,148	23,56
Common equity	5,627	5,941	6,359	6,714	7,11
Minorities etc.	1	1	1	1	
Total shareholders' equity	5,628	5,942	6,360	6,715	7,110
Long term debt	7,266	8,263	7,934	7,953	7,97
Other long-term liabilities	81	161	151	163	19
Long-term liabilities	7,346	8,424	8,085	8,116	8,170
VC payable	1,103	1,529	1,132	1,221	1,18
Short term debt	4,556	5,451	5,496	5,497	5,498
Other current liabilities Current liabilities	1,647	1,151	1,466	1,599	1,593
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	7,306 20,280	8,130 22,496	8,094 22,539	8,317 23,148	8,279 23,569
let working capital	12,744	15,401	14,820	14,952	14,92
nvested capital	16,052	18,012	18,252	18,432	18,44
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei		10,012	10,202	10,102	10,11
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Per share (THB)	4.44	404	4.04	4.00	
Book value per share	4.11	4.34	4.64	4.90	5.2
angible book value per share	3.24	3.54	3.85	4.11	4.4
Financial strength	400.0	000.1	404.0	470.0	150
let debt/equity (%)	183.8	200.4	184.6	172.0	156.
Net debt/total assets (%)	51.0	52.9	52.1	49.9	47.
Current ratio (x)  CF interest cover (x)	2.3 3.9	2.4 4.3	2.4 3.8	2.4 2.9	2. 3.
/aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring P/E (x) *	8.6	19.3	13.2	7.3	6.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	9.6	21.6	14.8	8.2	7.
Reported P/E (x)	6.2	12.6	6.9	7.3	6.
Dividend yield (%)	10.2	4.8	7.3	7.5	8.
Price/book (x)	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.
	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.
Price/tangible book (x)					
EV/EBITDA (x) **	12.2	15.2	13.1	11.2	
Price/tangible book (x) EV/EBITDA (x) ** EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	12.2 12.7 1.0	15.2 15.8 1.0	13.1 13.6 1.0	11.2 11.6 0.9	10. 10. 0.

Sources: Noble Development; FSSIA estimates

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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: <u>SEC</u>; <u>Thai IOD</u>; <u>Thai CAC</u>; <u>SET</u>; FSSIA's compilation

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<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.

<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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Thanyatorn Songwutti started covering this stock from 20-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Noble Development	NOBLE TB	THB 4.20	HOLD	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) weaker-than-expected purchasing power; 2) cancellation of presales; 3) bank loan rejections; 4) delays in construction work and transfers; and 5) fierce competition. Upside risks would be 1) stronger-than-expected presales; and 2) a sooner-than-expected overseas buyer recovery; and 3) selling other projects to investors so that it might book extra gains from sales.

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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All share prices are as at market close on 10-Aug-2023 unless otherwise stated.

#### 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.