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กำไรปรับตัวดีขึ้นใน 2Q23 แต่ยังไม่น่าตื่นเต้น

Highlights

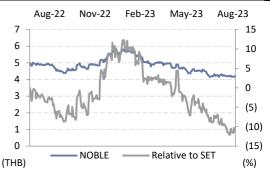
- NOBLE รายงานกำไร 2Q23 อยู่ที่ 112 ลบ. ฟื้นตัว 54% q-q และพลิกเป็นกำไรจากที่เคย ขาดทุน 14 ลบ. ใน 2Q22 หลังมีโครงการในมือเพิ่มขึ้น เมื่อหักรายการพิเศษ กำไรปกติ อยู่ที่ 108 ลบ. (เทียบกับ 71 ลบ. ใน 1Q23 และผลขาดทุน 161 ลบ. ใน 2Q22)
- ปัจจัยหนุนสำคัญที่ทำให้กำไร 2Q23 ดีขึ้น q-q อยู่ที่ 1) อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นของธุรกิจ อสังหาริมทรัพย์ที่พื้นตัวเป็น 33.1% ใน 2Q23 (เทียบกับ 27.6% ใน 1Q23 และ 23% ใน 2Q22) จากการทยอยปรับราคาขายของสต็อกในมือ; และ 2) รายได้ค่าเช่าและบริการที่ เพิ่มเป็น 919 ลบ. (+27% q-q, +159% y-y) จากค่าธรรมเนียมบริหารงานก่อสร้างที่ เพิ่มขึ้นจากโครงการกิจการร่วมค้า รวมถึงการเริ่มธุรกิจบริหารโครงการอสังหาฯ ตัวแทน และบริการหลังการขาย
- ใน 2Q23 ยอดโอนทรงตัวใกล้เคียงกับ 1Q23 ที่ 1.3พัน ลบ. (+5% q-q, +132% y-y) จาก เน้นระบาย NOBLE สต็อกเหลือขาย เนื่องจากบริษัทฯ ไม่มีคอนโดใหม่ในช่วง 1H23 ในขณะที่กิจการร่วมค้าให้ส่วนแบ่งผลขาดทุน 56 ลบ. ใน 2Q23 (เทียบกับส่วนแบ่งผลขาดทุน 61 ลบ. ใน 1Q23 และ 50 ลบ. ใน 2Q22) เนื่องจากกิจการฯ ไม่มีคอนโดสร้าง เสร็จใหม่
- NOBLE ประกาศจ่ายเงินปันผลต่อหุ้น 0.081 บาทสำหรับผลประกอบการในช่วง 1H23
 คิดเป็นผลตอบแทนในรูปเงินปันผลที่ 1.9% หุ้นจะขึ้น XD ในวันที่ 24 ส.ค. และบริษัทฯ
 จะจ่ายเงินปันผลในวันที่ 8 ก.ย. 2023
- เราคาดว่ากำไรปกติ 2H23 จะพื้นตัว h-h โดยได้ปัจจัยหนุนจาก 2 โครงการคอนโดสร้าง เสร็จใหม่ประกอบด้วย: Nue Z-Square Suan Luang Station (700 ลบ., ขายได้ 32%) ใน 3Q23 และ Nue Noble Fai Chai-Wanglang (1.1พัน ลบ., ขายได้ 67%) ใน 4Q23 นอกจากนี้บริษัทฯ ยังขายโครงการที่ดินเปล่าชื่อ Noble Away Beachfront Cha-Am (300 ลบ.) ให้แก่บริษัทพัฒนาอสังหาฯ ในท้องถิ่นใน 3Q23 ซึ่งบริษัทฯ จะทยอยรับรู้รายได้ใน 3Q23-1Q24 ที่ประมาณ 100 ลบ. ต่อไตรมาสซึ่งมีอัตรากำไรที่อยู่ในระดับสูง
- อย่างไรก็ดี เราคิดว่ากำไรปกติ 2H23 อาจจะลดลง y-y จากคอนโดใหม่ที่มีขนาดเล็ก เทียบกับ 5 คอนโดใหม่ขนาดใหญ่ใน 2H22 ทั้งนี้ ยังไม่รวมกำไรพิเศษจากการขายการ ลงทุนในคอนโดของกิจการร่วมคัา 2 แห่งให้แก่ PROUD ใน 3Q23 ซึ่งคาดมีกำไรพิเศษ มากกว่า 400 ลบ.
- เราคงประมาณการกำไรปกติปี 2023 ไว้ที่ 436 ลบ. (+46% y-y) ต่ำกว่ากำไรปี 2021 โดย NOBLE มี Backlog อยู่ที่ 17.9พัน ลบ. ณ. สิ้น 2Q23 จากตัวเลขดังกล่าวบริษัทฯ จะ บันทึก 3.7พัน ลบ. เป็นรายได้ในปีนี้ ซึ่งรองรับ 93% ของประมาณการยอดโอนปี 2023 ของเรา อย่างไรก็ดี เรามองว่าว่าเป้ายอดโอนในปี 2023 ที่ 1พัน ลบ.มีความท้าทาย ท่ามกลางการฟื้นตัวของผู้ซื้อต่างชาติที่ช้ากว่าที่คาด เราคงแนะนำถือ NOBLE

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TARGET PRICE CLOSE

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 | 0.1 | | |
| Free float (%) | | | 51 |
| Major shareholder | Raffles 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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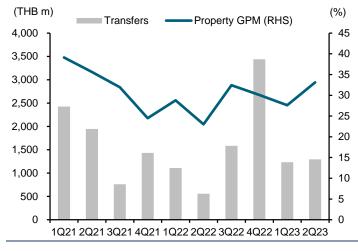
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Exhibit 1: NOBLE – 2Q23 operations summary

| | 2Q22 | 3Q22 | 4Q22 | 1Q23 | 2Q23 | Cha | nge |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| | (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 |

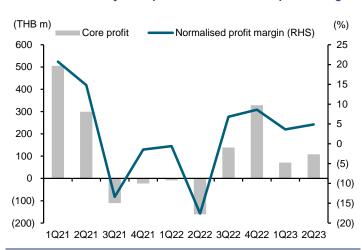
Sources: NOBLE; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 2: Quarterly transfers and property GPM



Sources: NOBLE; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: Quarterly core profit and normalised profit margin



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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 | 0 |
| Profit before tax | 1,177 | 597 | 969 | 959 | 1,069 |
| Tax | (245) | (142) | (133) | (170) | (178) |
| Profit after tax | 932 | 455 | 836 | 789 | 890 |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Preferred dividends | - | - | - | - | - |
| 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 |
| Interest cover (X) | 4.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| Inventory 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 (%) | 4.4 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| * Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted | | | | | |
| Revenue by Division (THB m) | 2021 | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
| Real estate | 6,563 | 6,692 | 6,777 | 7,660 | 8,620 |
| | 0,505 | 0,032 | 0,111 | 7,000 | 0,020 |
| Rental & service | 264 | 1,523 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,000 |

Sources: Noble Development; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

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 |
| Associates & minorities | - | - | - | - | |
| Other non-cash items | 260 | 157 | 400 | 0 | (|
| Change in working capital Cash flow from operations | (2,445) (1,373) | (2,656) (1,994) | 548 1,594 | (145) 873 | 39 1,178 |
| Capex - maintenance | (1,373) | (1,994) | 1,554 | - | 1,170 |
| Capex - new investment | (500) | (569) | (1,009) | (251) | (270 |
| Net acquisitions & disposals | (500) | (505) | (1,003) | (231) | (270 |
| 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 | (100 |
| 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 |
| Free 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 | 1.0 |
| 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 |
| | | | | | |
| Fangible fixed assets (gross) | 510 | 497 | 571 | 656 | 75 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (283) 228 | (339) 158 | (414) 157 | (490) 167 | (582 17 3 |
| Fangible fixed assets (net) ntangible fixed assets (net) | 1,186 | 1,089 | 1,083 | 1,083 | 1,08 |
| ong-term financial assets | 1,100 | 1,009 | 1,003 | 1,003 | 1,00 |
| 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 | 3,18 |
| nventories | 13,992 | 14,037 | 14,192 | 14,254 | 14,13 |
| Other current assets | 244 | 245 | 293 | 320 | 38: |
| 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 | 7,11 |
| Long term debt | 7,266 | 8,263 | 7,934 | 7,953 | 7,97 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 81 | 161 | 151 | 163 | 198 |
| ong-term liabilities | 7,346 | 8,424 | 8,085 | 8,116 | 8,17 |
| 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 | 1,647 | 1,151 | 1,466 | 1,599 | 1,59 |
| Current liabilities | 7,306 | 8,130 | 8,094 | 8,317 | 8,27 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | 20,280 | 22,496 | 22,539 | 23,148 | 23,56 |
| Net 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 | ing treated as debt | | | | |
| Per share (THB) | | | | | |
| 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 |
| inancial strength | | | | | |
| Net 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) | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2. |
| CF interest cover (x) | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 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 | 7.3 8.2 | 7. |
| Reported P/E (x) | 6.2 | 12.6 | 6.9 | 6.2 7.3 | 6. |
| Reported P/E (x) Dividend yield (%) | 10.2 | 4.8 | 6.9 7.3 | 7.3 7.5 | 8. |
| Price/book (x) | 1.0 | 4.6 1.0 | 7.3 0.9 | 0.9 | 0. |
| Price/book (x) | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1. |
| • , | | | | | |
| EV/EBITDA (x) ** EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** | 12.2 12.7 | 15.2 | 13.1 | 11.2 | 10. 10. |
| VEDITIA W MORDEDICE (X) *** | 12.7 | 15.8 | 13.6 | 11.6 | 10. |
| EV/invested capital (x) | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0. |

Sources: Noble Development; FSSIA estimates

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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%).

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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)4 by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI) quantifies responsibility in <u>Environmental</u>, and <u>Social</u> issues, by managing business with transparency in <u>Governance</u>. 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 (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 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: <u>SEC</u>; <u>Thai IOD</u>; <u>Thai CAC</u>; <u>SET</u>; FSSIA's compilation

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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.

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.

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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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

| Company | Ticker | Price | Rating | Valuation & Risks |
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| 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

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Stock ratings

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BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

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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.

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Country (Strategy) Recommendations

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