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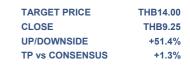
## 2Q23 results at first glance

THAILAND / PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

## Unexciting 2Q23 performance as expected

## Highlights

- BRI posted a 2Q23 net profit of THB348m (+6% q-q, -7.5% y-y). Excluding a gain from investments on new JV projects, its core profit was THB344m (+5% q-q, +21% y-y) in 2Q23, in line with our estimate.
- The q-q and y-y improvement in earnings was due mainly to the increase in management fees by 35% q-q and 563% y-y to THB482m following 10 new JV projects (vs eight projects in 1Q23 and one project in 2Q22), especially for JV agreements with landowners.
- 2Q23 transfers came in at THB1b (-4% q-q, -28% y-y) due to slower presales amid the political uncertainty and from the high base of the low-rise market in 2022. Moreover, three new projects were introduced in late June and could not be realised within the quarter.
- The 2Q23 property gross margin was equal to 1Q23's at 32.7%, but decreased from 33.9% in 2Q22 due to tight competition and price promotions for some projects. Meanwhile, the SG&A to sales ratio was relatively stable at 12.1% in 2Q23.
- Sharing from its JV showed a loss of THB167m in 2Q23, larger than the loss of THB116m in 1Q23 and THB26m in 2Q22, pressured by higher new project expenses.
- BRI's 1H23 core profit was equal to THB673m (+37% y-y), accounting for 45% of our 2023 profit forecast. BRI has announced a DPS of THB0.115 for its performance in 1H23, implying a dividend yield of 1.2%. The stock's XD is on 24 August and the dividend will be paid on 11 September 2023.
- We expect 3Q23 core profit to improve q-q and y-y, supported by the gradual realisation of a THB2.2b backlog at end-2Q23. Also, it will focus on selling existing projects, plus three new projects totalling THB3b in August to September.
- Its share price is currently trading at only 5.3x 2023E P/E, hence, we maintain our BUY call. However, we think its 2023 transfer target of THB8b is challenging due to late-quarter launches in each quarter and the slower demand in the low-rise market.



## **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	5,848	7,610	8,435	9,746
Net profit	1,471	1,485	1,623	1,824
EPS (THB)	1.72	1.74	1.90	2.14
vs Consensus (%)	-	(5.2)	(5.7)	(6.6)
EBITDA	1,607	1,944	2,109	2,371
Recurring net profit	1,053	1,485	1,623	1,824
Core EPS (THB)	1.24	1.74	1.90	2.14
EPS growth (%)	74.8	41.0	9.3	12.4
Core P/E (x)	7.5	5.3	4.9	4.3
Dividend yield (%)	7.8	7.9	8.6	9.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.0	6.1	5.4	4.4
Price/book (x)	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.0
Net debt/Equity (%)	103.3	70.8	52.9	31.5
ROE (%)	25.5	28.1	26.2	25.4



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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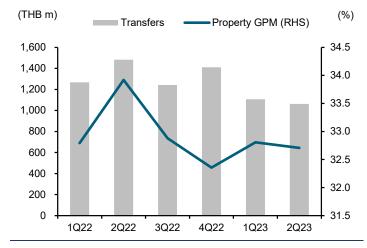
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## Exhibit 1: BRI – 2Q23 operations summary

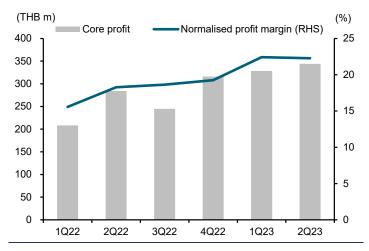
	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	Chang	e
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)				
Total revenue	1,556	1,314	1,641	1,464	1,544	5.5	(0.8)
Cost of sales	980	834	954	744	715	(3.9)	(27.1)
Gross profit	576	480	687	721	829	15.1	44.0
SG&A	163	162	183	174	187	7.8	15.0
Operating profit	413	318	504	547	642	17.4	55.5
Interest expense	3	1	4	3	5	74.6	42.9
Tax expense	103	87	115	112	132	17.4	27.8
Equity income from JV	(26)	(6)	(73)	(116)	(167)	na	na
Reported net profit	376	331	411	329	348	6.0	(7.5)
Core profit	284	245	316	328	344	4.8	21.1
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)
Property gross margin	33.9	32.9	32.4	32.8	32.7	(0.1)	(1.2)
Gross margin	37.0	36.6	41.9	49.2	53.7	4.5	16.7
SG&A / Sales	10.5	12.3	11.2	11.9	12.1	0.3	1.7
Operating margin	26.5	24.2	30.7	37.4	41.6	4.2	15.0
Net margin	24.2	25.2	25.0	22.4	22.5	0.1	(1.6)
Norm margin	18.3	18.6	19.3	22.4	22.3	(0.1)	4.0
Revenue breakdown							
Residential	1,484	1,242	1,411	1,107	1,062	(4.0)	(28.4)
Project management	73	72	231	358	482	34.7	563.4

Sources: BRI; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 2: Quarterly transfers and property GPM



### Exhibit 3: Quarterly core profit and normalised profit margin



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## **Financial Statements**

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	3,808	5,848	7,610	8,435	9,746
Cost of goods sold	(2,608)	(3,620)	(4,834)	(5,396)	(6,287)
Gross profit	1,199	2,228	2,775	3,039	3,459
Other operating income	8	30	30	30	30
Operating costs	(445)	(660)	(870)	(970)	(1,129)
Operating EBITDA	769	1,607	1,944	2,109	2,371
Depreciation	(7)	(9)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	762	1,598	1,935	2,099	2,360
Net financing costs	(9)	(10)	(16)	(24)	(26)
Associates	0	(135)	10	29	32
Recurring non-operating income	0	(135)	10	29	32
Non-recurring items	0	417	0	0	0
Profit before tax	754	1,871	1,929	2,104	2,366
Tax	(151)	(400)	(443)	(481)	(541)
Profit after tax	602	1,471	1,485	1,623	1,824
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	602	1,471	1,485	1,623	1,824
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	(417)	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	602	1,053	1,485	1,623	1,824
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.71	1.24	1.74	1.90	2.14
Reported EPS	0.71	1.72	1.74	1.90	2.14
DPS	0.87	0.72	0.73	0.80	0.90
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	853	853	853	853	853
Growth					
Revenue (%)	63.0	53.6	30.1	10.8	15.5
Operating EBITDA (%)	71.6	108.9	21.0	8.5	12.4
Operating EBIT (%)	72.0	109.6	21.1	8.5	12.4
Recurring EPS (%)	(93.9)	74.8	41.0	9.3	12.4
Reported EPS (%)	(93.9)	144.0	1.0	9.3	12.4
Operating performance	(00.0)			0.0	
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	31.5	38.1	36.5	36.0	35.5
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	31.7	38.2	36.6	36.2	35.6
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	20.2	27.5	25.5	25.0	24.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	20.2	27.3	25.4	24.9	24.2
Net margin (%)	15.8	18.0	19.5	19.2	18.7
Effective tax rate (%)	20.0	21.4	23.0	22.9	22.9
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	122.5	58.4	42.0	42.0	42.0
Interest cover (X)	86.8	147.2	118.0	88.7	92.0
Inventory days	1,028.6	856.6	728.4	712.7	635.3
Debtor days	4.2	24.4	33.9	32.6	32.2
Creditor days	182.1	144.8	147.7	169.6	168.7
Operating ROIC (%)	9.7	16.3	17.7	18.6	20.6
ROIC (%)	9.6	13.8	15.8	17.0	18.8
ROE (%)	27.9	25.5	28.1	26.2	25.4
ROA (%)	7.5	9.7	11.4	11.8	12.6
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	1.5	9.1	11.4	11.0	12.0
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Transfer revenue	3,808	5,404	7,110	7,935	9,246
Project management	0	444	500	500	500

Sources: Britania; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements** Britania

Britania					
Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	602	1,053	1,485	1,623	1,824
Depreciation	7	9	9	10	11
Associates & minorities	0	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	-	-	-	-	-
Change in working capital	(1,417)	(1,749)	(150)	(365)	81
Cash flow from operations	(808)	(687)	1,345	1,269	1,916
Capex - maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Capex - new investment	(51)	(1,077)	-	(58)	(58)
let acquisitions & disposals Dther investments (net)	-	-	- 250	-	-
Cash flow from investing	(51)	(1,077)	250 250	(58)	(58)
Dividends paid	(738)	(307)	(624)	(682)	(766)
Equity finance	2,594	7	0	0	(***)
Debt finance	(430)	1,686	(986)	(499)	(999)
Other financing cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
cash flow from financing	1,426	1,385	(1,610)	(1,181)	(1,765)
Ion-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	724	0	0	0
let other adjustments Iovement in cash	0	724 345	0	0	0 93
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	<b>567</b> (850.55)	(1,753.72)	<b>(15)</b> 1,611.11	<b>30</b> 1,234.30	93 1,884.51
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(1,288.93)	646.32	608.47	711.30	859.51
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er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(1.00)	(2.06)	1.89	1.45	2.21
CFE per share	(1.51) 0.71	0.76 1.25	0.71 1.75	0.83 1.92	1.01 2.15
Recurring cash flow per share	0.71	1.25	1.75	1.92	2.15
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
angible fixed assets (gross)	40	43	57	60	64
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(5)	(7)	(11)	(16)	(23)
angible fixed assets (net)	35	36	46	44	40
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	0
ong-term financial assets	86	388	50	50	50
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	730	800	850	900
Cash & equivalents	638	984	969	998	1,092
/C receivable	79	704	711	794	925
nventories	7,905	9,047	10,213	10,817	11,030
Other current assets	358	863	644	668	766
Current assets Other assets	<b>8,981</b> 15	<b>11,599</b> 90	<b>12,536</b> 97	<b>13,277</b> 107	<b>13,812</b> 117
otal assets	9,116	12,843	13,529	14,327	14,920
Common equity	3,386	4,863	5,725	6,666	7,724
/inorities etc.	0	0	0	0	0
otal shareholders' equity	3,386	4,863	5,725	6,666	7,724
ong term debt	526	2,196	2,211	2,462	1,940
Other long-term liabilities	6	7	10	11	13
ong-term liabilities	531	2,204	2,221	2,473	1,953
/C payable	1,307	1,558	2,346	2,658	3,144
Short term debt	3,798	3,814	2,813	2,063	1,586
Other current liabilities	93	404	424	467	513
Current liabilities	5,198	5,776	5,584	5,188	5,243
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity let working capital	<b>9,116</b> 6,942	<b>12,843</b> 8,653	<b>13,529</b> 8,797	<b>14,327</b> 9,153	<b>14,920</b> 9,063
ivested capital	7,078	9,897	9,790	10,204	10,171
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be		-,	-,	,	,
	-				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	3.97	5.70	6.71	7.82	9.06
angible book value per share	3.97	5.70	6.71	7.82	9.06
inancial strength	400.0	400.0	70.0	50.0	04 -
let debt/equity (%)	108.8	103.3	70.8	52.9 24.6	31.5
let debt/total assets (%) current ratio (x)	40.4 1.7	39.1 2.0	30.0 2.2	24.6 2.6	16.3 2.6
F interest cover (x)	(140.0)	174.3	37.9	33.1	2.0
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
ecurring P/E (x) *	13.1	7.5	5.3	4.9	4.3
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	19.8	11.3	8.0	7.4	6.5
eported P/E (x)	13.1	5.4	5.3	4.9	4.3
ividend yield (%)	9.4	7.8	7.9	8.6	9.7
rice/book (x)	2.3 2.3	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.0
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Sources: Britania; 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.

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Sources: SEC; Thai IOD; Thai CAC; SET; FSSIA's compilation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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.



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Thanyatorn Songwutti started covering this stock from 16-Mar-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Britania	BRI TB	THB 9.25	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) weaker-than-expected take-up rates of new launches; 2) a slower-than-expected economic recovery and weak purchasing power; 3) intense competition; 4) construction delays and labour shortages; 5) an increase in raw material costs; and 6) challenging new launches in the upcountry market.

#### Source: FSSIA estimates

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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.

