

BANGKOK CHAIN HOSPITAL

THAILAND / HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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Key takeaways from analyst meeting

TARGET PRICE	THB22.50
CLOSE	THB19.20
UP/DOWNSIDE	+17.2%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+11.4%

Highlights

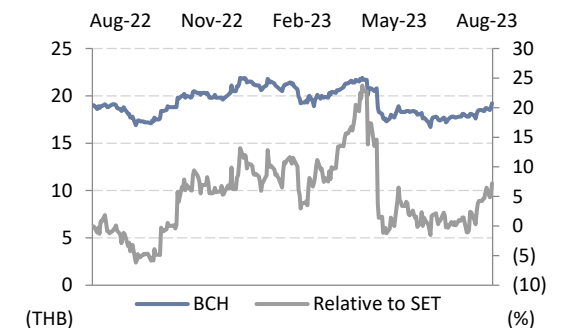
- We have a slightly positive view from the 2Q23 analyst meeting.
- Management maintains its revenue growth guidance of THB12.7b-13.0b for 2023. This would imply revenue of THB7.2b-7.5b in 2H23, strong growth compared to THB5.5b in 1H23 and THB6.2b in 2H22. According to management, the key drivers are strong patient volumes, both Thai and international, and a higher Social Security Office (SSO) payment rate with a potential extra gain from chronic disease treatments, which are likely to book in 4Q23.
- The performance of its three new hospitals (KIH Aranyaprathet, KH Prachinburi and KIH Vientiane) has improved, with EBITDA (excluding FX loss) totalling THB18m in 2Q23 (vs an EBITDA loss of THB8m in 1Q23). Management expects operations to continue to improve, and targets all three hospitals turning profitable by 2025-26.
- BCH was hit by an FX loss from KIH Vientiane of cTHB200m in 2022 and cTHB78m in 1H23, as LAK/THB has depreciated from 340 to 560 since 2022. BCH plans to repay the entire THB480m loan in THB terms within Oct-23 by increasing KIH Vientiane's capital. This would eliminate the FX loss from 4Q23 onward.
- International patient volume grew by 29% q-q in 2Q23 thanks to a higher Myanmar patient volume from the Thai-Myanmar border at Mae Sai. As a result, international patient revenue jumped by 47% y-y to THB935m in 2Q and could potentially reach THB2.0b in 2023 (vs THB1.5b in 2022).
- BCH recently made a slight adjustment to its medical fees in 2Q23 to offset rising costs, especially utilities costs.

Recommendation

- In our view, the weak share price has already priced in the negative news. BCH trades at 28x 2024E P/E, lower than its 5-year average of 29x. We expect to see a strong earnings improvement in 2H23.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	18,827	12,851	14,089	15,342
Net profit	3,039	1,357	1,697	2,011
EPS (THB)	1.22	0.54	0.68	0.81
vs Consensus (%)	-	(10.1)	(2.9)	4.7
EBITDA	5,059	2,956	3,424	3,882
Recurring net profit	3,039	1,357	1,697	2,011
Core EPS (THB)	1.22	0.54	0.68	0.81
EPS growth (%)	(55.6)	(55.4)	25.1	18.5
Core P/E (x)	15.8	35.3	28.2	23.8
Dividend yield (%)	7.3	2.6	1.6	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.9	16.3	13.7	11.8
Price/book (x)	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	9.2	(6.1)	(13.9)	(21.2)
ROE (%)	23.9	10.9	13.0	14.3



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	8.5	6.7	(1.0)
Relative to country (%)	7.1	5.7	4.4
Mkt cap (USD m)	1,365		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	5.8		
Free float (%)	50		
Major shareholder	Chalerm Hamphanich (33%)		
12m high/low (THB)	22.20/16.60		
Issued shares (m)	2,493.75		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

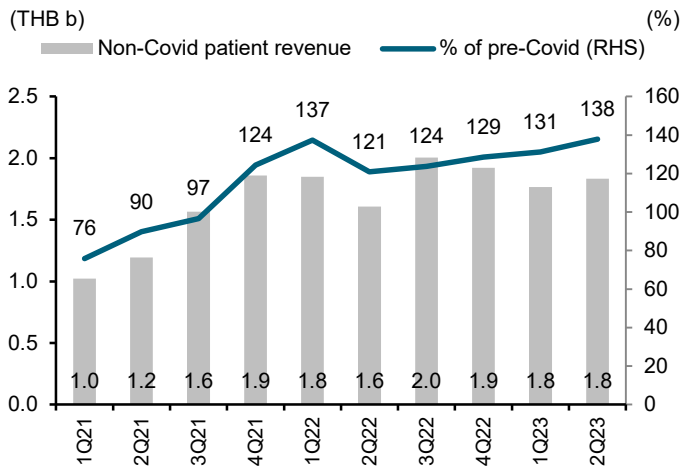


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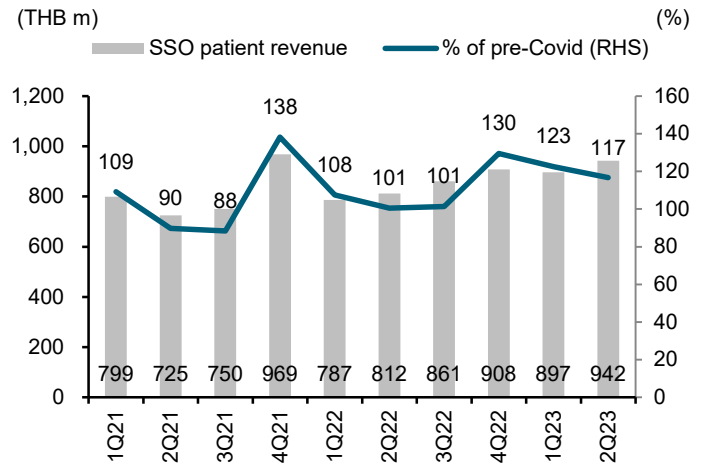
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Exhibit 1: Non-Covid general patient revenue



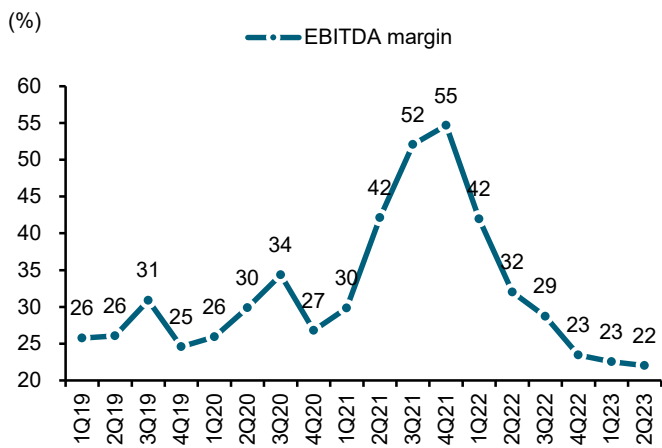
Source: BCH

Exhibit 2: SSO revenue, quarterly



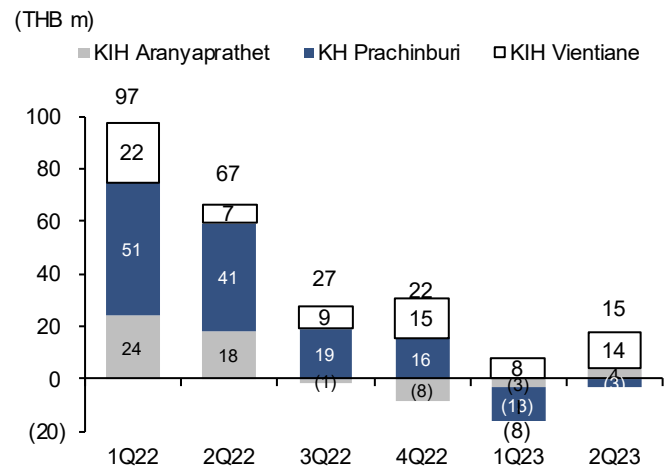
Source: BCH

Exhibit 3: EBITDA margin



Note: 3Q22 excludes Moderna write-off
Sources: BCH; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: Three new hospitals' EBITDA trend



Sources: BCH; FSSIA's compilation

Financial Statements

Bangkok Chain Hospital

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	21,405	18,827	12,851	14,089	15,342
Cost of goods sold	(10,561)	(12,772)	(8,971)	(9,691)	(10,427)
Gross profit	10,844	6,055	3,880	4,399	4,915
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	(1,469)	(1,946)	(1,928)	(2,015)	(2,133)
Operating EBITDA	10,248	5,059	2,956	3,424	3,882
Depreciation	(874)	(950)	(1,003)	(1,040)	(1,099)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	9,374	4,109	1,953	2,384	2,783
Net financing costs	(147)	(148)	(121)	(108)	(94)
Associates	2	0	2	2	2
Recurring non-operating income	127	84	88	92	96
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	9,354	4,046	1,920	2,368	2,785
Tax	(1,846)	(888)	(384)	(473)	(557)
Profit after tax	7,507	3,157	1,536	1,895	2,228
Minority interests	(661)	(118)	(179)	(197)	(217)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	6,846	3,039	1,357	1,697	2,011
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	6,846	3,039	1,357	1,697	2,011
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	2.75	1.22	0.54	0.68	0.81
Reported EPS	2.75	1.22	0.54	0.68	0.81
DPS	0.33	1.40	0.50	0.30	0.37
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	2,494	2,494	2,494	2,494	2,494
Growth					
Revenue (%)	139.8	(12.0)	(31.7)	9.6	8.9
Operating EBITDA (%)	306.3	(50.6)	(41.6)	15.8	13.4
Operating EBIT (%)	438.6	(56.2)	(52.5)	22.1	16.7
Recurring EPS (%)	456.9	(55.6)	(55.4)	25.1	18.5
Reported EPS (%)	456.9	(55.6)	(55.4)	25.1	18.5
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	50.7	32.2	30.2	31.2	32.0
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	54.7	37.2	38.0	38.6	39.2
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	47.9	26.9	23.0	24.3	25.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	43.8	21.8	15.2	16.9	18.1
Net margin (%)	32.0	16.1	10.6	12.0	13.1
Effective tax rate (%)	19.7	22.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	12.0	114.9	91.9	44.0	46.4
Interest cover (X)	64.5	28.4	16.9	23.0	30.6
Inventory days	12.9	12.3	13.9	10.7	10.8
Debtor days	42.9	49.3	43.7	39.9	36.6
Creditor days	40.3	41.0	49.9	38.6	38.7
Operating ROIC (%)	51.4	21.4	11.7	15.6	18.4
ROIC (%)	50.1	21.0	11.7	15.3	18.0
ROE (%)	68.9	23.9	10.9	13.0	14.3
ROA (%)	35.5	14.2	8.3	10.1	11.2
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)					
Cash patient revenue	7,476	9,372	9,099	10,032	10,954
SSO patient revenue	2,905	3,371	3,752	4,058	4,388
NHSO patient revenue	11,023	6,084	0	0	0

Sources: Bangkok Chain Hospital; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

Bangkok Chain Hospital

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	6,846	3,039	1,357	1,697	2,011
Depreciation	874	950	1,003	1,040	1,099
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	660	24	176	197	217
Change in working capital	(2,204)	1,459	1,786	125	125
Cash flow from operations	6,175	5,471	4,322	3,059	3,452
Capex - maintenance	(678)	(984)	(896)	(986)	(1,074)
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	-
Net acquisitions & disposals	(1)	2	0	0	0
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing	(679)	(982)	(896)	(986)	(1,074)
Dividends paid	(821)	(3,491)	(1,247)	(746)	(933)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(274)	(3,153)	0	(800)	0
Other financing cash flows	(90)	(462)	(99)	(109)	(119)
Cash flow from financing	(1,186)	(7,106)	(1,346)	(1,655)	(1,053)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	4,310	(2,616)	2,080	418	1,326
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	5,647.32	4,645.31	3,550.83	2,188.14	2,480.26
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	5,131.91	875.07	3,327.20	1,164.45	2,258.92

Per share (THB)

FCFF per share	2.26	1.86	1.42	0.88	0.99
FCFE per share	2.06	0.35	1.33	0.47	0.91
Recurring cash flow per share	3.36	1.61	1.02	1.18	1.33

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec

	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	19,417	20,274	21,174	22,160	23,234
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(7,175)	(7,992)	(8,995)	(10,035)	(11,134)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	12,243	12,282	12,179	12,125	12,100
Intangible fixed assets (net)	540	425	425	425	425
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	34	32	32	32	32
Cash & equivalents	5,256	2,640	4,720	5,139	6,464
A/C receivable	3,547	1,539	1,539	1,539	1,539
Inventories	437	362	244	265	285
Other current assets	4,302	2,294	124	135	148
Current assets	13,541	6,835	6,626	7,077	8,436
Other assets	26	223	223	223	223
Total assets	26,384	19,796	19,485	19,882	21,215
Common equity	12,980	12,445	12,555	13,506	14,583
Minorities etc.	1,326	1,065	1,146	1,234	1,332
Total shareholders' equity	14,306	13,510	13,700	14,740	15,916
Long term debt	6,791	3,888	3,888	3,088	3,088
Other long-term liabilities	170	163	163	163	163
Long-term liabilities	6,961	4,051	4,051	3,251	3,251
A/C payable	1,358	1,300	876	951	1,026
Short term debt	250	0	0	0	0
Other current liabilities	3,510	935	856	939	1,022
Current liabilities	5,117	2,235	1,733	1,890	2,048
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	26,384	19,796	19,485	19,882	21,215
Net working capital	3,418	1,959	173	49	(77)
Invested capital	16,260	14,921	13,032	12,853	12,703

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

Per share (THB)

Book value per share	5.20	4.99	5.03	5.42	5.85
Tangible book value per share	4.99	4.82	4.86	5.25	5.68

Financial strength

Net debt/equity (%)	12.5	9.2	(6.1)	(13.9)	(21.2)
Net debt/total assets (%)	6.8	6.3	(4.3)	(10.3)	(15.9)
Current ratio (x)	2.6	3.1	3.8	3.7	4.1
CF interest cover (x)	35.9	6.9	28.5	11.8	25.0

Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring P/E (x) *	7.0	15.8	35.3	28.2	23.8
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	8.2	18.5	41.4	33.1	27.9
Reported P/E (x)	7.0	15.8	35.3	28.2	23.8
Dividend yield (%)	1.7	7.3	2.6	1.6	1.9
Price/book (x)	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.3
Price/tangible book (x)	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.4
EV/EBITDA (x) **	5.0	9.9	16.3	13.7	11.8
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	5.8	11.5	19.1	16.2	13.9
EV/invested capital (x)	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.6

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

Sources: Bangkok Chain Hospital; FSSIA estimates

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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.

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Sustainability Investment (THSI)⁴ by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

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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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Bangkok Chain Hospital (BCH TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
23-Sep-2020	BUY	20.00	14-Jul-2021	BUY	28.00	09-Feb-2023	BUY	25.50
20-Apr-2021	BUY	23.00	05-Aug-2021	BUY	28.50	03-May-2023	BUY	23.50
25-May-2021	BUY	24.00	25-Oct-2022	BUY	26.00	03-Aug-2023	BUY	22.50

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Bangkok Chain Hospital	BCH TB	THB 19.20	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in international patients due to economic concerns, political protests or floods; 2) regulatory risks from drug prices and medical bill controls; and 3) SSO provision expenses following a limited SSO budget.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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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.