# **EQUITY RESEARCH – ANALYST MEETING**

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THAILAND / CONSTRUCTION SERVICES





TARGET PRICE	THB4.70
CLOSE	THB3.32
UP/DOWNSIDE	+41.6%
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# Key takeaways from analyst meeting

# **Highlights**

- เรามีมุมมองเชิงบวกเล็กน้อยจากงาน Opportunity Day เมื่อวันที่ 5 ก.ย.
- ผู้บริหารได้แสดงความมั่นใจเกี่ยวกับเป้ารายได้ปี 2023 ที่ 1.5พัน ลบ. เพิ่มขึ้นจาก 781
   ลบ. ในปี 2022 ในขณะที่บริษัทฯ มุ่งบรรลุเป้าหมายใหม่ที่ 1.8 พันลบ. (เทียบกับ 909
   ลบ. ในช่วง 1H23)
- SEAFCO มี Backlog อยู่ที่ 1.16 พันลบ. ณ. สิ้นเดือน ก.ค. 23 ซึ่งบริษัทฯ จะทยอยรับรู้
   ถึงต้นปี 2024 โดยจำนวนดังกล่าวบริษัทฯ จะบันทึกเป็นรายได้อย่างน้อย 800 ลบ.
   ในช่วงที่เหลือของปีนี้
- Backlog มีโอกาสรับเพิ่มคาดจะมาจากโครงการที่อยู่ระหว่างประมูล มูลค่ารวม 9.5 พัน ลบ. ซึ่งเจ้าของโครงการกำลังพิจารณา (อัตราการประสบความสำเร็จอยู่ที่ประมาณ 28-30%) ประกอบด้วยโครงการภาคเอกชน 73% และโครงการภาครัฐ 27%
- ปัจจุบันบริษัทฯ ไม่มีปัญหาขาดแคลนแรงงานหลังตัวเลขแรงงานเพิ่มเป็น 500 คน (เทียบ กับ 200-300 คนในช่วงโควิด) อย่างไรก็ดีตลาดยังมีการแข่งขันที่สูง
- ผู้บริหารมองว่ารัฐบาลใหม่จะผลักดันการลงทุนในโครงสร้างพื้นฐาน ซึ่งคาดจะมีความ ชัดเจนในอีก 2 ไตรมาสข้างหน้า ในขณะที่ SEAFCO จะติดตามดูนโยบายเพิ่มรายได้ขั้น ต่ำที่อาจเกิดขึ้นซึ่งทำให้ตันทุนในการก่อสร้างสูงขึ้น อย่างไรก็ดี ในกรณีดังกล่าวบริษัทฯ คาดจะส่งผ่านตันทุนที่เพิ่มขึ้นไปสู่ราคาขาย
- ในมุมมองของผู้บริหาร เชื่อว่าผลประกอบการ 3Q23 จะเพิ่มขึ้น q-q และ y-y โดยได้ ปัจจัยหนุนจากตัวเลขการเทคอนกรีตเฉลี่ยในช่วง 3QTD ที่ 1,161 CBM/day (เทียบกับ 1,014 CBM/day ใน 2Q23)
- ใน 3Q23 ปัจจัยขับเคลื่อนรายได้ให้กระโดดเพิ่ม q-q และ y-y คาดจะมาจากการก่อสร้าง เต็มที่ทั้ง 3 สัญญาของรถไฟฟ้า MRT สายสีม่วง
- อัตรากำไรขั้นดันคาดจะฟื้นตัวเป็น 15-16% ใน 3Q23 ใกล้เคียงกับใน 1Q23 แต่สูงกว่า
   12.4% ใน 2Q23 ซึ่งถูกกดดันจากปัญหาต้นทุนบานปลายในบางโครงการที่กำลัง
   ดำเนินการอยู่ นอกจากนี้ ค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารใน 3Q23 คาดจะลดลง q-q เทียบ กับใน 2Q23 ซึ่งมีรายการ one-time จำนวน 6 ลบ.
- เบื้องตันเราคาดว่ากำไร 3Q23 จะอยู่ที่ 35-40 ลบ. ปรับตัวดีขึ้นจากกำไรสุทธิ 12.5 ลบ.
   ใน 2Q23 และขาดทุน 39 ลบ. ใน 3Q22
- เราคงประมาณการกำไรปกติปี 2023 ที่ 114 ลบ. ฟื้นตัวจากขาดทุน 133 ลบ.ในปี 2022
   ทั้งนี้ ในกลุ่มบริษัทรับเหมาฐานราก เราชอบ SEAFCO มากกว่า PYLON

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	781	1,742	1,862	1,962
Net profit	(129)	114	157	164
EPS (THB)	(0.18)	0.15	0.21	0.22
vs Consensus (%)	-	(5.1)	9.4	(3.5)
EBITDA	19	308	367	399
Recurring net profit	(133)	114	157	164
Core EPS (THB)	(0.18)	0.15	0.21	0.22
EPS growth (%)	nm	nm	36.9	4.5
Core P/E (x)	(18.4)	21.5	15.7	15.0
Dividend yield (%)	-	2.3	3.2	3.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	140.3	8.7	7.2	6.6
Price/book (x)	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5
Net debt/Equity (%)	16.4	15.1	11.8	9.8
ROE (%)	(8.9)	7.9	10.3	10.2



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	6.4	(4.6)	(10.3)
Relative to country (%)	5.2	(5.8)	(5.3)
Mkt cap (USD m)			69
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.1
Free float (%)			74
Major shareholder	Thasnanipan Family (26%)		
12m high/low (THB)	4.10/2.90		
Issued shares (m)			739.71

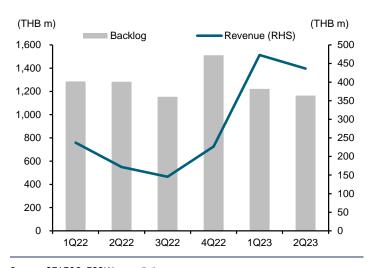
Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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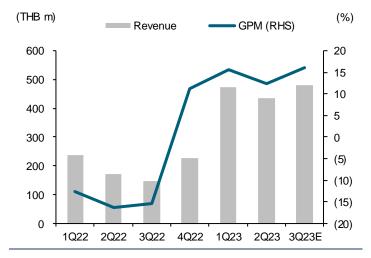
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# Exhibit 1: Quarterly backlog and revenue



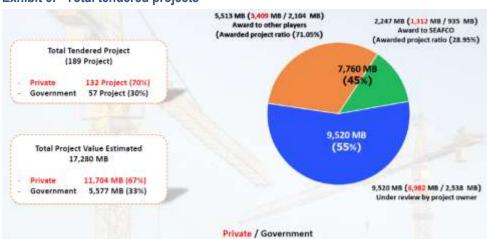
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# Exhibit 3: Quarterly revenue and GPM



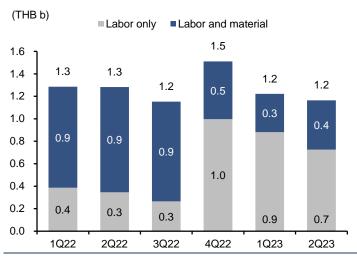
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**Exhibit 5: Total tendered projects** 



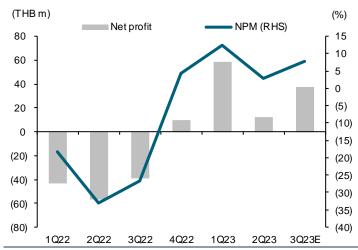
Source: SEAFCO

Exhibit 2: Quarterly backlog breakdown by contract



Sources: SEAFCO; FSSIA's compilation

# Exhibit 4: Quarterly net profit and NPM



Sources: SEAFCO; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Seafco

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	1,435	781	1,742	1,862	1,962
Cost of goods sold	(1,404)	(837)	(1,514)	(1,590)	(1,676)
Gross profit	31	(56)	228	272	286
Other operating income	41	25	25	25	25
Operating costs	(120)	(109)	(120)	(121)	(123)
Operating EBITDA	161	19	308	367	399
Depreciation	(209)	(158)	(174)	(192)	(211)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	(48)	(139)	134	175	188
Net financing costs	(21)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	(2)	4	0	0	0
Profit before tax	(70)	(150)	118	161	174
Tax	11	25	0	0	(6)
Profit after tax	(60)	(125)	118	161	168
Minority interests	3	(5)	(4)	(4)	(4)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	(57)	(129)	114	157	164
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	2	(4)	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	(55)	(133)	114	157	164
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	(0.07)	(0.18)	0.15	0.21	0.22
Reported EPS	(0.08)	(0.18)	0.15	0.21	0.22
DPS	0.00	0.00	80.0	0.11	0.11
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	740	740	740	740	740
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(43.9)	(45.6)	123.0	6.9	5.4
Operating EBITDA (%)	(62.8)	(88.1)	1,504.0	19.2	8.7
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	nm	nm	31.3	7.3
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	nm	36.9	4.5
Reported EPS (%)	nm	nm	nm	36.9	4.5
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	2.2	(7.1)	13.1	14.6	14.6
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	16.7	13.2	23.1	24.9	25.3
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	11.2	2.5	17.7	19.7	20.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	(3.3)	(17.8)	7.7	9.4	9.6
Net margin (%)	(3.8)	(17.1)	6.6	8.4	8.3
Effective tax rate (%)	15.2	17.0	0.0	0.0	3.3
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	-	-	50.0	50.0	50.0
Interest cover (X)	(2.3)	(9.5)	8.8	11.9	12.8
Inventory days	22.4	31.4	17.9	20.9	19.9
Debtor days	170.4	214.9	96.2	117.6	118.4
Creditor days	161.5	188.1	111.7	140.9	142.7
Operating ROIC (%)	(2.7)	(8.4)	8.5	10.8	11.1
ROIC (%)	(1.8)	(6.0)	6.1	7.8	8.1
ROE (%)	(3.5)	(8.9)	7.9	10.3	10.2
ROA (%)	(1.4)	(4.8)	5.6	6.7	6.7
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Hire of work	1,434	780	1,740	1,860	1,960
Sales of materials and services	1	2	2	2	2
Sources: Seafco: ESSIA estimates					

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# **Financial Statements**

Seafco

Seal Class (TUR se) Year Ending Res	2024	2022	20225	20245	2025
Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring net profit	(55)	(133)	114	157	16
Depreciation	209	158 5	174	192	21
Associates & minorities Other non-cash items	(3)	5	4	4	
Change in working capital	45	194	(42)	11	3)
Cash flow from operations	196	224	250	363	37
Capex - maintenance	130		250	-	3,
Capex - new investment	(44)	(93)	(179)	(242)	(261
Net acquisitions & disposals	(++)	(33)	(173)	(242)	(20
Other investments (net)	_	_	_	_	
Cash flow from investing	(44)	(93)	(179)	(242)	(261
Dividends paid	0	0	(61)	(82)	(86
Equity finance	(9)	1	0	0	(0.0
Debt finance	(31)	(254)	32	(29)	
Other financing cash flows	8	4	0	0	
Cash flow from financing	(32)	(249)	(30)	(112)	(86
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	. ,	,
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Movement in cash	121	(118)	41	10	2
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	173.16	145.01	86.00	136.66	124.9
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	130.13	(119.44)	102.44	92.66	110.2
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.23	0.20	0.12	0.18	0.1
FCFE per share	0.18	(0.16)	0.14	0.13	0.1
Recurring cash flow per share	0.20	0.04	0.40	0.48	0.5
Salance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Fangible fixed assets (gross)	2,567 (1,390)	2,494	2,504	2,554	2,60 (1,390
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(1,390)	(1,390)	(1,390)	
Tangible fixed assets (net)	1,177 0	1,104 0	1,114 0	1,164 0	1,21
ntangible fixed assets (net) _ong-term financial assets	-	U	-	U	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	76	85	80	80	8
	231	113	154	165	18
Cash & equivalents					65
A/C receivable nventories	582 65	338 52	580 80	620 80	8
Other current assets	73	78	78	78	7
Current assets	9 <b>52</b>	581	893	943	1,00
Other assets	508	395	415	425	43
Fotal assets	2,713	2,164	2,501	2,611	2,72
Common equity	1,553	1,428	1,485	1,564	1,64
Minorities etc.	1,333	2	2	2	1,0-
Fotal shareholders' equity	1,553	1,430	1,488	1,566	1,64
. ,	235	210	125	156	1,02
_ong term debt Other long-term liabilities	82	41	60	80	15
	317	251	1 <b>85</b>	<b>236</b>	23
Long-term liabilities					
A/C payable Short term debt	402	298	522	558	58
	366	138	254	194	19
Other current liabilities	75	47	52	57	(
Current liabilities	842	483	828	809	84
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	2,713	2,164	2,501	2,611	2,72
Net working capital	244	123	164	163	16
nvested capital Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is beir	2,005	1,706	1,773	1,831	1,88
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Per share (THB)	0.40	4.00	0.04	0.44	
Book value per share	2.10	1.93	2.01	2.11	2.2
Fangible book value per share	2.10	1.93	2.01	2.11	2.2
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	23.8	16.4	15.1	11.8	9
Net debt/total assets (%)	13.6	10.8	9.0	7.1	5
Current ratio (x)	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1
CF interest cover (x)	9.4	(0.8)	19.6	23.7	26
/aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring P/E (x) *	(44.8)	(18.4)	21.5	15.7	15
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	(63.5)	(26.1)	30.4	22.2	21
Reported P/E (x)	(43.4)	(19.0)	21.5	15.7	15
Dividend yield (%)	· -	-	2.3	3.2	3
Price/book (x)	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1
Price/tangible book (x)	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1
			8.7	7.2	6
• , ,	17.5	140.3			
EV/EBITDA (x) **					g
EV/EBITDA (x) ** EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	17.5 23.9 1.4	193.6 1.6	12.0 1.5	10.0 1.4	9

Sources: Seafco; FSSIA estimates

### Public disclosures related to sustainable development evaluation of Thai listed companies

Rating regarding the sustainable development of Thai listed companies, both on the SET and MAI, are publicly available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand (SEC). Currently, ratings available are 1) "CG Score" by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD); 2) "AGM Checklist" by the Thai Investors Association (TIA), a "CAC certified member" of the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC); and 3) Sustainability Investment List (THSI) by the Stock Exchange of Thailand. The ratings are updated on an annual basis. FSS International Investment Advisory Company Limited does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such ratings.

## CG Score by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD) 1

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.

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%).

The CGR report rates CG in six categories: 5 for Excellent (score range 90-100), 4 for Very Good (score range 80-89), 3 for Good (Score range 70-79), 2 for Fair (score range 60-69), 1 for Pass (score range 60-69), and not rated (score below 50).

#### Corporate Governance Report Disclaimer

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## AGM Checklist by the Thai Investors Association (TIA)<sup>2</sup>

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

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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.

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Sustainability Investment List (THSI), created by the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 2015, comprises the listed companies that conduct sustainable business operations.

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<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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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
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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.

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\* 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**

**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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