**EQUITY RESEARCH - REINITIATION REPORT** 

# SIAM GLOBAL HOUSE

# **GLOBAL TB**

THAILAND / COMMERCE



THB20.50

# Weak 3Q23E but positive signs apparent

- GLOBAL is the first mover in the one-stop service home improvement and construction material industry in Thailand.
- 3Q23E earnings of THB590m (-16% q-q, -24% y-y), dragged by SSSG which should decrease by 10% y-y.
- Reinitiate with BUY call and a 2024 DCF-based TP of THB20.5.

# The company's background

Global House is a distribution centre for construction materials, decorative items, tools and equipment. In 2Q23, the company had 79 stores with 80% located in the northeastern, northern and central areas. The company divides its products into two groups: 1) the building material group, which contributes 39-49% of total sales; and 2) decorative items, which contribute 51-61% of total sales. Moreover, the company provides house-brand products which have a higher margin than others and contribute 24% of sales. We expect that the company will continue to expand its house-brand sales in order to expand its profitability.

# 3Q23 earnings still soft

We estimate a 3Q23 net profit of THB590m, dropping 16% q-q and 24% y-y, dragged down by SSSG which should decrease by 10% y-y (vs 2Q23's -9.5% y-y). We expect the 3Q23 gross margin to be slightly soft at 25.3% (vs 25.4% in 2Q23 and 25.8% in 3Q22), dragged by price adjustments for steel products (steel contribute 15% of sales). We anticipate that SG&A to sales would increase to 16.9% (vs 16.7% in 2Q23 and 16.2% in 3Q22) due to a drop in sales. But, if we look in terms of baht amount, it would drop by 10% q-q and 3% y-y to THB1.3b from efficient cost control and a decrease in electricity costs.

## A positive outlook in 4Q23 towards to 2024

If 3Q23 earnings are in line with our expectation, they would account for 75% of our full-year estimate. 4Q23 SSSG should be flat y-y on a normalised domestic steel price, and we expect no significant impairment loss from obsolete inventory (valued at THB137m in 4Q22). We expect 2024 net profit growth of 14% y-y with a positive outlook from 1) private consumption should continue to expand in 2024; 2) stimulus schemes to boost consumption and reduce the cost of living; and 3) the steel price should be stable or increase due to China's economic stimulus.

## Reinitiate with a BUY call and 2024 TP of THB20.5/shr

We reinitiate coverage of GLOBAL with a BUY call and a 2024 DCF-TP of THB20.5, implying a 2024E P/E of 30.8x- above its 5Y average of 27.7x- to reflect the strong earnings outlook. We expect 2024-25 net profit growth at 14% CAGR.

# CLOSE THB16.60 UP/DOWNSIDE +23.5% TP vs CONSENSUS +8.9%

**TARGET PRICE** 

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

**ROE** (%)

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	35,270	33,516	36,501	40,019
Net profit	3,487	2,921	3,331	3,788
EPS (THB)	0.73	0.58	0.67	0.76
vs Consensus (%)	-	(5.8)	(4.4)	(4.4)
EBITDA	4,941	4,405	4,964	5,600
Core net profit	3,487	2,921	3,331	3,788
Core EPS (THB)	0.73	0.58	0.67	0.76
EPS growth (%)	(0.1)	(19.6)	14.0	13.7
Core P/E (x)	22.9	28.4	24.9	21.9
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.8	21.5	19.2	17.1
Price/book (x)	3.7	3.5	3.2	2.9
Net debt/Equity (%)	59.3	47.8	45.6	43.2

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Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(9.3)	5.1	(10.4)
Relative to country (%)	(2.1)	9.4	(3.5)
Mkt cap (USD m)			2,238
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			4.5
Free float (%)			35
Major shareholder	Suriyaw	anakul Far	nily (34%)
12m high/low (THB)		2	2.37/14.70
Issued shares (m)			5,001.80

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

GLOBAL is the first mover in the one-stop service home improvement and construction material industry in Thailand. GLOBAL's target market is low- to middle-income households in rural provinces. 80% of GLOBAL's stores are in central, northern, and northeastern Thailand, where purchasing power is highly related to farm income. Moreover, 35% of GLOBAL's customers are contractors and project based. Hence, the disbursement of government budgets, government spending on infrastructure, and rising farm incomes would be key catalysts for GLOBAL.

Store expansions, SSSG, and GPM improvements are key growth drivers for GLOBAL, in our view. The company plans to improve its GPM by increasing the proportion of its house brand products.

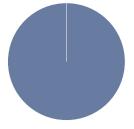
# Company profile

Siam Global House is a leading Thai home-improvement product seller focusing on underpenetrated provincial markets. In November 2012, Siam Cement (SCC TB) became a 30% shareholder, providing GLOBAL with funding for store additions and expertise on how to improve operations, such as logistics.

www.globalhouse.co.th

# Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

Sales - 100.0 %



Source: Siam Global House

# **Major shareholders**

- Suriyawanakul Family 33.8 %
- SCG Distribution Co., Ltd. 32.9
- Others 33.3 %



Source: Siam Global House

# **Catalysts**

Potential catalysts for GLOBAL include:

- 1. Increases in the steel price (steel contributes 15% of total sales).
- 2. The growth of the real estate sector.
- 3. Government measures to support agricultural prices.
- 4. Government spending on infrastructure.

#### Risks to our call

The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP are volatile farm incomes and farm prices which could negatively impact purchasing power, especially in the provinces and a larger-than-expected impact on farm income from the El Nino effect..

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
November 2023	3Q23 results announcement

# **Key assumptions**

	2023E	2024E	2025E
	(%)	(%)	(%)
SSSG	(8.0)	3.0	4.0
New stores growth	6.5	11.0	9.9
GPM	25.2	25.6	25.9
SG&A to sales	16.0	15.9	15.8

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we estimate 2023 net profit to rise by 1.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in GPM, we estimate 2023 net profit to rise by 0.9%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2023 net profit to fall by 0.9%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

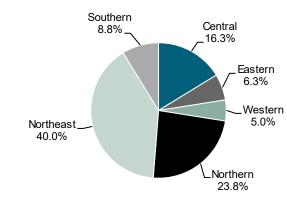
# Company background

Global House is a distribution centre for construction materials, decorative items, tools and equipment. The important target customer segments are house owners, selfemployed groups, technicians, small and medium contractors, small construction materials shops, and residential and building construction projects. In 2Q23, the company had 79 stores with 80% located in the northeastern, northern and central areas. The average area of its stores range from 11,000-32,000 sq.m, providing various products with more than 290,000 SKUs.

GLOBAL divides its products into two groups: 1) the building material group, which contributes 39-49% of total sales; and 2) decorative items, which contribute 51-61% of total sales. These are sourced from purchasing domestic products at about a 68% proportion. GLOBAL's business partners include more than 500 suppliers, with about 32% of imports coming from China and Vietnam from more than 200 suppliers. Moreover, the company provides house-brand products which have a higher margin than others and contribute 24% of sales. We expect that the company will continue to expand its house-brand sales in order to expand its profitability.

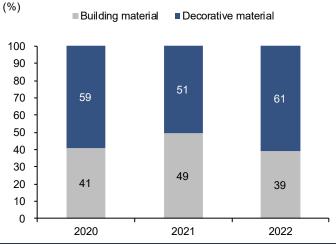
Exhibit 1: Back to expansion after Covid-19





Sources: GLOBAL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: Sales breakdown by product category

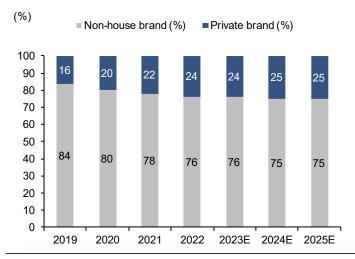


Source: GLOBAL

**Exhibit 4: House-brand contribution** 

Source: GLOBAL as of 2Q23

Exhibit 2: Store breakdown by region



Sources: GLOBAL; FSSIA estimates

# 3Q23 earnings preview

We estimate a 3Q23 net profit of THB590m, dropping 16% q-q and 24% y-y, dragged down by SSSG which should decrease by 10% y-y (vs 2Q23's -9.5% y-y). Although the domestic steel price is beginning to show signs of recovery, the steel price (we use deformed bars to reflect the trend of steel prices) decreased by 10% y-y in July, and in August the decrease was less significant with a 4% drop y-y (steel contributes 15% of sales). However, SSSG was still soft with the low season for home improvement due to the rainy season.

We expect the 3Q23 gross margin to be slightly soft at 25.3% (vs 25.4% in 2Q23 and 25.8% in 3Q22), dragged by price adjustments for steel products. We anticipate that SG&A to sales would increase to 16.9% (vs 16.7% in 2Q23 and 16.2% in 3Q22) due to a drop in sales. But, if we look in terms of baht amount, it would drop by 10% q-q and 3% y-y to THB1.3b from efficient cost control and a decrease in electricity costs.

If 3Q23 earnings are in line with our expectation, they would account for 75% of our full-year estimate. We anticipate that 4Q23 SSSG should be flat y-y thanks to the domestic steel price normalising, and expect no significant impairment loss from obsolete inventory which was valued at THB137m in 4Q22. We estimate 2024 net profit growth of 14% y-y with a positive outlook as follows: 1) private consumption should continue to expand in 2024, supported by a tourism recovery leading to higher growth momentum in the services sector, which would benefit employment and labor income, thereby increasing household purchasing power; 2) stimulus schemes to boost consumption and reduce the cost of living; and 3) the steel price should remain stable or increase due to China's economic stimulus.

Exhibit 5: 3Q23 earnings preview

Year to Dec 31	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23E	Chan	ge		- 9M23 <mark>E</mark>	
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	%23E				
Retail sales	8,170	8,247	8,933	8,503	7,544	(11)	(8)	24,981	(8)	75
Gross profit	2,104	2,045	2,238	2,159	1,909	(12)	(9)	6,305	(17)	75
Operating costs	(1,320)	(1,530)	(1,280)	(1,423)	(1,275)	(10)	(3)	(3,977)	3	74
Operating profit	785	515	958	736	634	(14)	(19)	2,328	(38)	76
Other income/expenses	177	160	166	180	140	(22)	(21)	548	0.0	82
Interest expense	(47)	(54)	(64)	(65)	(65)	(1)	39	(194)	40	81
Profit before tax	915	620	1,060	851	709	(17)	(23)	2,619	(27)	75
Tax	(179)	(118)	(209)	(167)	(139)	(17)	(22)	(516)	(27)	75
Associates	43	29	35	22	25	16	(42)	82	(10)	72
Minority interests	(4)	(5)	(4)	(2)	(4)	145	(7)	(9)	(36)	51
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
Reported net profit	775	527	883	703	590	(16)	(24)	2,176	(26)	75
Recurring net profit	775	527	883	703	590	(16)	(24)	2,176	(26)	75
EPS (THB)	0.16	0.11	0.18	0.14	0.12	(16)	(27)	0.4	(29)	76
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.16	0.11	0.18	0.14	0.12	(16)	(27)	0.4	(29)	76
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)	
Retail sales margin	25.8	24.8	25.0	25.4	25.3	(0.1)	(0.5)	25.2	(3.4)	
Operating margin	9.6	6.2	10.7	8.7	8.4	(0.3)	(1.2)	9.3	(31.1)	
Recurring net margin	9.5	6.4	9.9	8.3	7.8	(0.4)	(1.7)	8.2	(23.2)	
SG&A / Sales	16.2	18.6	14.3	16.7	16.9	0.2	0.7	15.9	10.9	
Operating stats										
SSSG (%)	4.4	(2.2)	(8.7)	(9.5)	(10.0)	(0.5)	(14.4)			
Private brand (%)	23.5	23.7	23.8	23.9	23.9	0.0	0.4			
Number of stores (no.)	77	77	78	79	81					

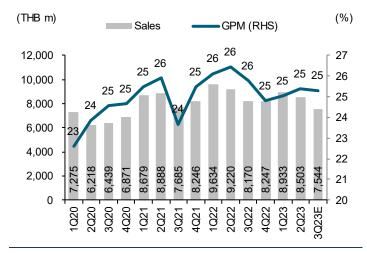
Sources: GLOBAL; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 6: Same-store sales growth



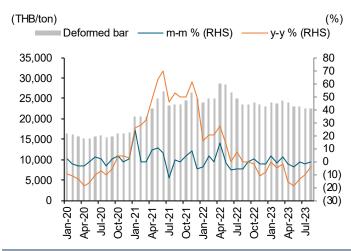
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# Exhibit 8: Quarterly revenue and gross margin



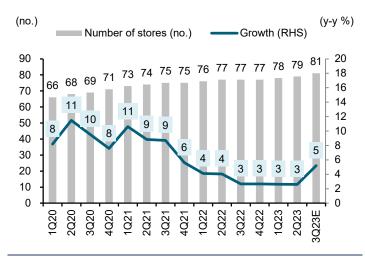
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# Exhibit 10: Domestic steel price recovery



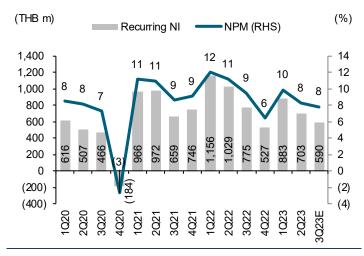
Source: Ministry of Commerce

**Exhibit 7: Number of stores** 



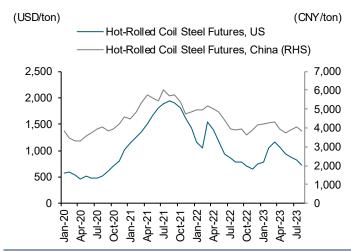
Sources: GLOBAL; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 9: Quarterly net profit and net margin



Sources: GLOBAL; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 11: Steel price in US and China still soft



Source: Bloomberg

# El Niño could be a risk for agriculture purchasing power

Thailand is trending towards a complete El Niño in 2024-25, which would result in reduced rainfall below the average level. Reduced water levels in dams could lead to drought and water shortages, directly affecting the agricultural sector and impacting agricultural production, including overall agricultural income. In 2015-16, Thailand experienced an El Niño which dropped the agricultural GDP by 6.5% and 1.2%, respectively.

El Niño poses a risk to GLOBAL because c50% of the company's revenue comes from the northeastern region, where the majority of the agricultural sector is located. As we mentioned, the impact of El Niño leads to a decrease in income for farmers and reduced purchasing power in the agricultural sector. This could potentially exert pressure on the company's sales in 2024-25

However, we are seeing improvements in agricultural production, which is a positive sign. This trend suggests a short-term recovery in farm income, which could foster positive sentiment for the company

Exhibit 12: El Niño impact on agricultural GDP

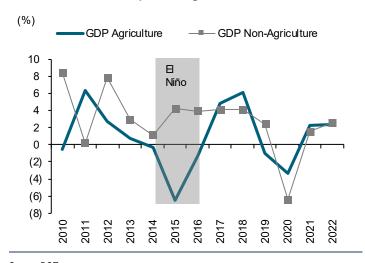
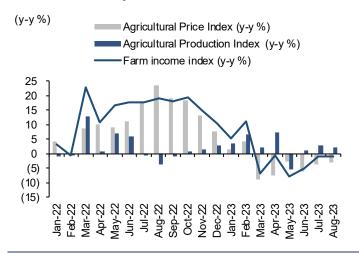


Exhibit 13: Recovery trend for farm income



Source: BOT Source: Office of Agricultural Economics

## **Valuation**

We reinitiate coverage of GLOBAL with a BUY call and a 2024 DCF-based TP of THB20.5, implying a 2024E P/E of 30.8x, higher than its 5-year average P/E of 27.7x – to reflect the strong earnings outlook. We estimate 2024 earnings growth of 14% y-y from several positive factors as follows: 1) the Thai economy could see GDP growth; 2) stimulus schemes under the new government should boost consumption and reduce the cost of living; and 3) the steel price should stabilise and reduce the level of pressure on SSSG that was placed on it in 2023.

Exhibit 14: DCF-based valuation

DCF-derived TP	(%)	(THB b)
Discount rate (WACC)	7.3	
Terminal growth	2.0	
NPV		28
Add: terminal value		87
Sum of PV		115
Add: investment		0
Less: debt		12
Less: minorities		0
Residual ordinary equity		102
No. of shares (m)		5,002
Residual ordinary equity (THB/share)		20.5

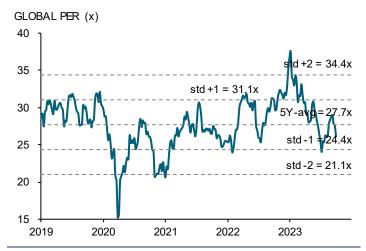
Sources: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 15: Sensitivity to 2024 target price

			Terr	ninal Growth		
		1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%
,	6.3%	22.1	24.1	26.5	29.5	33.5
Ü	6.8%	19.7	21.3	23.1	25.5	28.4
WACC	7.3%	17.7	19.0	20.5	22.3	24.5
<b>&gt;</b>	7.8%	16.0	17.0	18.2	19.7	21.4
	8.3%	14.5	15.4	16.4	17.5	18.9

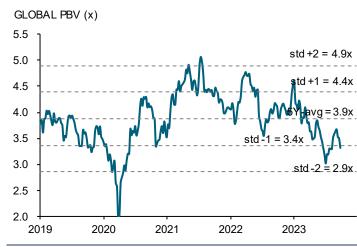
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 16: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 17: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 18: Commerce peers as of 3 October 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	S	hare price		Market	P	E	R0	DE	PI	3V	EV/ EB	ITDA
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Consumer Staple														
CP All	CPALL TB	BUY	60.00	77.00	28	14,527	32.9	27.7	15.6	17.0	5.4	4.9	22.3	19.8
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	BUY	31.50	38.00	21	8,983	37.3	30.0	3.1	3.8	1.1	1.1	11.6	10.7
Berli Jucker*	BJC TB	n/a	29.25	n/a	n/a	3,160	20.2	17.5	4.8	5.4	0.9	0.9	13.1	12.6
Consumer Staple average						26,670	30.1	25.1	7.8	8.7	2.5	2.3	15.7	14.4
Consumer Discretionary							-		-	-				
Com7	COM7 TB	BUY	31.25	40.00	28	2,009	21.7	18.0	44.8	46.7	9.1	7.8	15.4	13.0
Central Retail Corp*	CRC TB	n/a	39.00	n/a	n/a	6,340	28.3	23.0	12.7	14.3	3.5	3.1	11.5	10.5
Home Improvement						,	-		-	-				
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	BUY	23.00	26.70	16	313	16.7	15.1	12.0	12.7	2.0	1.9	8.0	7.2
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	BUY	12.30	16.00	30	4,360	24.6	22.3	26.4	27.7	6.3	6.0	14.5	13.3
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	BUY	16.60	20.50	23	2,238	28.4	24.9	12.8	13.4	3.5	3.2	21.5	19.2
Dohome	DOHOME TB	BUY	11.00	13.00	18	916	57.1	30.5	4.9	8.5	2.7	2.5	25.1	18.5
Home Improvement avg.						7,827	31.7	23.2	14.0	15.6	3.6	3.4	17.3	14.5
Consumer Discretionary avg.						16,175	29.5	22.3	18.9	20.6	4.5	4.1	16.0	13.6
Total average						42,845	29.7	23.2	15.2	16.6	3.8	3.5	15.9	13.8

Sources: \*Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Siam Global House

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	33,498	35,270	33,516	36,501	40,019
Cost of goods sold	(25,067)	(26,166)	(25,070)	(27,159)	(29,655)
Gross profit	8,431	9,104	8,446	9,341	10,364
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	-
Operating costs	(4,806)	(5,410)	(5,363)	(5,804)	(6,323)
Operating EBITDA	4,889	4,941	4,405	4,964	5,600
Depreciation	(1,264)	(1,246)	(1,322)	(1,427)	(1,559)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	-
Operating EBIT	3,625	3,695	3,083	3,538	4,041
Net financing costs	(182)	(193)	(236)	(229)	(237)
Associates	81	120	114	120	126
Recurring non-operating income	699	828	785	850	926
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	4,142	4,330	3,632	4,159	4,730
Tax	(783)	(824)	(693)	(808)	(921)
Profit after tax	3,359	3,506	2,939	3,351	3,809
Minority interests	(15)	(19)	(18)	(20)	(22)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	3,344	3,487	2,921	3,331	3,788
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	3,344	3,487	2,921	3,331	3,788
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.73	0.73	0.58	0.67	0.76
Reported EPS	0.73	0.73	0.58	0.67	0.76
DPS	0.23	0.30	0.23	0.27	0.30
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	4,602	4,802	5,002	5,002	5,002
Growth					
Revenue (%)	25.0	5.3	(5.0)	8.9	9.6
Operating EBITDA (%)	46.7	1.1	(10.8)	12.7	12.8
Operating EBIT (%)	67.1	1.9	(16.5)	14.7	14.2
Recurring EPS (%)	63.5	(0.1)	(19.6)	14.0	13.7
Reported EPS (%)	63.5	(0.1)	(19.6)	14.0	13.7
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	25.2	25.8	25.2	25.6	25.9
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	28.9	29.3	29.1	29.5	29.8
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	14.6	14.0	13.1	13.6	14.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	10.8	10.5	9.2	9.7	10.1
Net margin (%)	10.0	9.9	8.7	9.1	9.5
Effective tax rate (%)	19.3	19.6	19.7	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	31.7	41.1	40.0	40.0	40.0
Interest cover (X)	23.8	23.5	16.4	19.2	21.0
Inventory days	233.6	233.9	235.4	218.3	214.4
Debtor days	7.3	6.8	11.4	15.2	15.2
Creditor days	42.4	35.5	35.3	34.3	35.1
Operating ROIC (%)	11.9	11.7	9.6	10.7	11.5
ROIC (%)	12.9	12.7	10.7	11.6	12.3
ROE (%)	18.3	16.9	12.8	13.4	14.0
ROA (%)	9.4	9.4	8.0	8.7	9.2
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	33,498	35,270	33,516	36,501	40,019
Others	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: Siam Global House; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Siam Global House

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	202
Recurring net profit	3,344	3,487	2,921	3,331	3,7
Pepreciation	1,264	1,246	1,322	1,427	1,5
Associates & minorities	27	9	0	0	
Other non-cash items	15	19	18	20	
change in working capital	(2,272)	258	17	(869)	(1,02
ash flow from operations	2,379	5,019	4,278	3,909	4,3
Capex - maintenance	(1,215)	(1,618)	(1,616)	(2,530)	(2,68
Capex - new investment	0	0	0	0	
let acquisitions & disposals	(850)	(549)	(236)	(537)	(58
Other investments (net)	0	0	0	0	
Cash flow from investing	(2,066)	(2,167)	(1,852)	(3,066)	(3,26
lividends paid	(1,061)	(1,432)	(1,168)	(1,333)	(1,51
quity finance	297	172	304	61	
Debt finance	921	(2,138)	(1,447)	492	4
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0 (770)	(4.04
Cash flow from financing	157	(3,399)	(2,312)	(779)	(1,01
lon-recurring cash flows	-	0	0	0	
Other adjustments	0 <b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
let other adjustments				63	
lovement in cash ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	<b>470</b> 493.54	(547)	115		
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,233.74	3,044.84 713.58	2,662.06 979.04	1,071.14 1,334.70	1,315. 1,520.
	1,200.74	7 10.00	010.01	1,001.70	1,020.
er share (THB)	0.40	0.01	0.50	0.04	_
CFF per share	0.10	0.61	0.53	0.21	0.
CFE per share ecurring cash flow per share	0.25 1.01	0.14 0.99	0.20 0.85	0.27 0.96	0. 1.
ecuring cash now per snare	1.01	0.99	0.03	0.90	
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	202
angible fixed assets (gross)	23,807	25,311	26,927	29,457	32,1
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(6,708)	(7,840)	(9,162)	(10,589)	(12,1
angible fixed assets (net)	17,099	17,471	17,765	18,868	19,9
tangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	
ong-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	1,507	1,824	2,157	2,507	2,8
ash & equivalents	1,694	1,147	1,262	1,325	1,3
/C receivable	674	631	1,460	1,590	1,7
ventories	16,186	15,747	14,881	15,898	17,1
ther current assets	78	42	40	43	
urrent assets	18,631	17,568	17,643	18,857	20,2
Other assets	2,037	2,285	2,171	2,365	2,5
otal assets	39,275	39,148	39,737	42,597	45,7
common equity	19,561	21,788	23,844	25,904	28,2
linorities etc.	275	304	322	341	3
otal shareholders' equity	19,836	22,091	24,166	26,245	28,6
ong term debt	3,268	3,252	2,669	2,927	3,1
other long-term liabilities	160	176	160	166	1
ong-term liabilities	3,427	3,428	2,829	3,093	3,3
/C payable	2,543	2,311	2,283	2,547	2,8
hort term debt	13,128	11,006	10,141	10,376	10,5
ther current liabilities	340	313	319	335	3
urrent liabilities	16,011	13,629	12,742	13,259	13,8
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	39,275	39,148	39,737	42,597	45,7
et working capital	14,055	13,797	13,780	14,649	15,6
vested capital	34,698	35,377	35,874	38,389	41,
ncludes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	ng treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	4.25	4.54	4.77	5.18	5
angible book value per share	4.25	4.54	4.77	5.18	5
inancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	74.1	59.3	47.8	45.6	4
et debt/total assets (%)	37.4	33.5	29.1	28.1	2
urrent ratio (x)	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	_
F interest cover (x)	7.8	4.7	5.2	6.8	
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	202
ecurring P/E (x) *	22.8	22.9	28.4	24.9	2
ecurring P/E (x) " ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	28.2	28.2	28.4 35.1	24.9 30.8	
	28.2 22.8	<b>28.2</b> 22.9			<b>2</b> 2
eported P/E (x)			28.4	24.9	
ividend yield (%)	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.6	
rice/book (x)	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.2	
rice/tangible book (x)	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.2	1
V/EBITDA (x) **	18.7	18.8	21.5	19.2	1
	22.4	22.6	26.0	23.1	2
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** V/invested capital (x)	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	

Sources: Siam Global House; 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).

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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>E</u>nvironmental, and <u>S</u>ocial issues, by managing business with transparency in <u>G</u>overnance. 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: SEC; Thai IOD; Thai CAC; SET; FSSIA's compilation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sustainability Investment List (THSI), 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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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	THB 16.60	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP are volatile farm incomes and farm prices which could negatively impact purchasing power, especially in the provinces and a larger-than-expected impact on farm income from the El Nino effect.
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	THB 23.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; and 3) higher-than-expected SG&A.
CP All	CPALL TB	THB 60.00	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-derived TP are: 1) a lower-than-expected impact from SSSG at its convenience store business; 2) lower-than-expected performance from CPAXT; and 3) a slower recovery in tourist arrival numbers and private consumption.
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	THB 31.50	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM improvement; and 3) operational losses from its overseas business.
Com7	СОМ7 ТВ	THB 31.25	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) lower consumer spending; 2) store cannibalisation; and 3) product shortages.
Dohome PCL	DOHOME TB	THB 11.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; 3) higher-than-expected SG&A 4) higher-than-expected effect of El Nino
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	THB 12.30	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) the slow recovery of tourist numbers; and 3) operating losses from its overseas business.

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Additional Disclosures**

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#### 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%.

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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**

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