#### EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

# SAMART AVIATION SOLUTIONS

THAILAND / TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

# The airspace is safe and sound

- Expect 3Q23 core profit to grow 14% q-q to THB95m, driven by the strong recovery of overflight volume.
- Strong earnings growth momentum to continue in 4Q23, which is the peak tourism season for Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand.
- Maintain BUY with a 2024 DCF-derived TP of THB26/shr.

# Expect flight volume to recover to 75% of pre-Covid in 3Q23

We expect 3Q23 flight volume to grow by 9% q-q and account for 75% of pre-Covid, led by a strong overflight recovery. Thus, revenue should grow by 11% q-q to THB407m, equivalent to 81% of the pre-Covid level. The operating profit margin should improve to 34.4% (vs 34.0% in 2Q23), but fall short of the pre-Covid level of 38%. As a result, we forecast a core profit of THB95m (vs THB84m in 2Q23). However, SAV should book an FX loss of cTHB10m, as it received THB1.2b in IPO proceeds in Sep and the THB depreciated vs USD, which is SAV's functional currency. This should lead to a net profit of THB85m. We are not concerned, as SAV will use the proceeds to repay its long-term loan of THB1.0b in 4Q23.

### New Siem Reap Airport to open in 4Q23 and support LT growth

The new Siem Reap Airport is scheduled to soft open on 16 Oct and officially open on 1 Dec. The airport will have an initial capacity of 7m passengers and 65,800 flights per year (vs the actual numbers of 3.9m passengers and 39,750 flights in 2019 at the existing airport). The new airport should boost Cambodia's tourism in 2024 as it can handle large aircraft models (i.e. B747 and A340). In addition, the airport was developed by Angkor International Airport Investment, an affiliate of China's Yunnan Investment Holdings. This should bring more flights from Chinese airline operators to Siem Reap in the long term.

#### High tourism season and lower interest to drive 4Q23

We expect the strong earnings momentum to continue to 4Q23 thanks to the high tourism season in Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand. In addition, interest expenses should significantly reduce from cTHB20m per quarter after SAV repays its long-term loan.

### Cheap valuation for growth and dividend play

SAV's share price has plunged 11% from the IPO at THB19/shr, leading it to trade at an attractive 20x 2024E P/E. We see this as an opportunity to buy during the volatile market, as SAV is a naturally defensive play premised on its monopoly business, and offers strong 2023-25E earnings growth at a 55% CAGR with a high dividend yield of up to 4% by 2025E, based on a dividend payout ratio of 60%. An upside is new investment related to air navigation service providers in Thailand and CLMV.



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# SAV TB

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TARGET PRICE	THB26.00
CLOSE	THB17.00
UP/DOWNSIDE	+52.9%
PRIOR TP	THB26.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+0.9%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E				
Revenue	1,218	1,638	2,101	2,496				
Net profit	200	300	545	696				
EPS (THB)	0.35	0.47	0.85	1.09				
vs Consensus (%)	-	-	-	-				
EBITDA	362	610	831	1,024				
Recurring net profit	188	300	545	696				
Core EPS (THB)	0.33	0.47	0.85	1.09				
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-				
EPS growth (%)	nm	43.3	81.6	27.7				
Core P/E (x)	52.0	36.3	20.0	15.6				
Dividend yield (%)	-	6.2	3.0	3.8				
EV/EBITDA (x)	30.1	17.3	12.4	9.6				
Price/book (x)	28.9	7.9	6.8	5.2				
Net debt/Equity (%)	321.5	(24.5)	(34.1)	(48.7)				
ROE (%)	78.2	35.0	36.6	37.6				
Sep-23		$\sim$	Oct-2	600 - 500 - 400 - 300 - 200 - 100 0				
(тнв) —— S	AV —	- Relative	to SET	(%)				
Share price performan	се	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month				
Absolute (%)		n/a	n/a	n/a				
Relative to country (%)		n/a	n/a	n/a				
Mkt cap (USD m)				296				
3m avg. daily turnover	(USD m)			n/a				
Free float (%)				26				
Major shareholder		Samart U	-trans Co.,	Ltd. (60%)				
12m high/low (THB)			19.10/15.30					

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

NOTE: FINANSIA SYRUS SECURITIES PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED IS ACTING AS A CO-UNDERWRITER OF THE INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING (IPO) OF SAMART AVIATION SOLUTIONS PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED

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#### **Investment thesis**

SAV's earnings are in recovery mode. We expect the flight volume to surpass the pre-Covid level by 2024, driven mainly by pent-up demand from Chinese tourists, which accounted for 36% of tourist arrivals in Cambodia and and 32% in Vietnam in 2019.

More than half of its expenses are fixed costs. Thus, additional net revenue after revenue sharing to SSCA (a Cambodian government entity) from larger flight volumes should flow to its bottom line, resulting in a better margin.

Given the low-capex nature of its business, we expect strong free cash flow that should translate into higher dividends going forward.

# **Company profile**

SAV holds a 100% stake in Cambodian Air Traffic Services Co Ltd (CATS). CATS owns the exclusive rights to operate air traffic control services at all airports in Cambodia pursuant to the concession agreement granted by the Royal Government of Cambodia. The concession started in 2002 and ends in 2051.

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# Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

- Landing and Take-off Domestics - 0.8 %
- Landing and Take-off -International - 23.0 %
- Overflight 65.4 %
- Concession income 10.8 %

Source: Samart Aviation Solutions

# Major shareholders

- Samart U-trans Co., Ltd. 60.0
- Samart Inter-holding Ltd. 14.1 %
- IPO 25.9 %
- Others 0.0 %

Source: Samart Aviation Solutions

#### Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) a faster recovery in flight volume in line with the global tourism recovery; 2) strong pent-up demand from Chinese tourists; and 3) new airports which should attract more flights.

#### Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a slower-than-expected recovery in international tourist numbers; and 3) delays in Cambodia's new airport projects.

#### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 Nov 2023
 3Q23 results announcement

#### Key assumptions

	2023E	2024E	2025E
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Domestic flight volume growth	22.5	60.0	37.5
International flight volume growth	102.5	57.9	27.8
Overflight volume growth	33.3	16.7	9.5
Total flight growth	45.3	30.7	17.9
THB/USD	35.00	34.00	34.00

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Earnings sensitivity**

- For every 1% increase in flight volume, we project a 2024 profit increase of 2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in tariff we project a 2024 profit increase of 2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

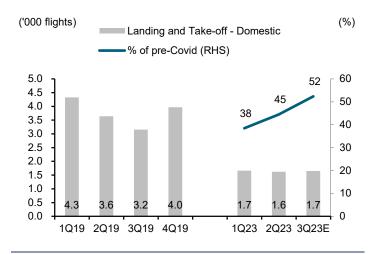


# Exhibit 1: Cambodia's international tourist arrivals recovery trend



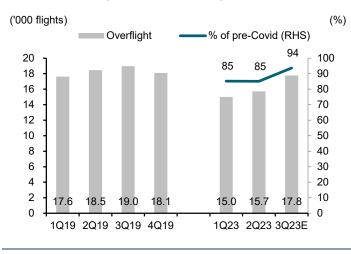
Sources: Cambodia's Ministry of Tourism

#### Exhibit 3: Domestic landing and take-off volumes, quarterly



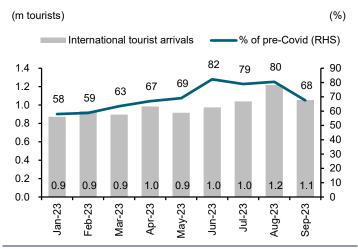
Sources: SAV; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 5: Overflight volume, quarterly



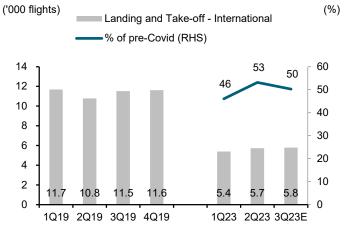
Sources: SAV; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Vietnam's international tourist arrivals recovery trend



Sources: Vietnam National Administration of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism

### Exhibit 4: International landing and take-off volumes, quarterly



Sources: SAV; FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 6: Total flight volume, quarterly



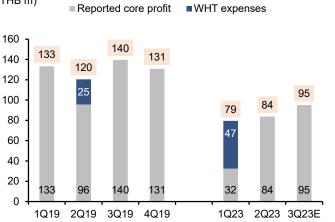
Sources: SAV; FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 7: Operating profit margin



# Exhibit 8: Core profit without withholding tax (WHT) expenses

(THB m)



Sources: SAV; FSSIA estimates

Note: Exclude FX gain/loss Sources: SAV; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 9: 3Q23 results preview

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23E	Change	2022	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(у-у %
Sales	341	368	407	11	1,218	1,638	3
COGS (Incl. depreciation)	(164)	(176)	(199)	13	(688)	(830)	2
Gross profit	177	192	208	8	530	808	5
SG&A	(66)	(65)	(66)	2	(237)	(270)	1.
Operating profit	112	127	142	12	293	538	84
Other income	8	4	4	0	12	13	i
Other expenses	(49)	(2)	(2)	2	(7)	(85)	
Withholding tax	(47)	0	0		0	(78)	
Other	(2)	(2)	(2)	2	(7)	(7)	
Interest expense	(24)	(21)	(20)	(5)	(56)	(71)	2
Pretax profit	47	109	124	15	242	395	6
Income Tax	(14)	(25)	(29)	18	(54)	(95)	7
Associates	0	0	0		0	0	n/a
Minority interest	0	0	0		0	0	n/a
Core profit	32	84	95	14	188	300	5
Extraordinaries, GW & FX	(2)	(0)	(10)	nm	11	0	
FX gain/loss	(2)	(1)	(10)	746	(0)	0	
Others	0	1		nm	12	0	
Reported net profit	31	83	85	2	200	300	5
Shares out (end Q, m)	640	640	640	0	576	640	
Core EPS	0.05	0.13	0.15	14	0.33	0.47	(1
EPS	0.05	0.13	0.13	2	0.35	0.47	(1
COGS (Excl. depreciation)	(145)	(163)	(186)	14	(626)	(786)	2
Depreciation	(19)	(14)	(14)	0	(62)	(44)	(29
EBITDA	139	145	160	10	631	607	(*
Key ratios				(ppt)			(pp
Gross margin (%)	52	52	51	(1)	44	49	
SG&A/Revenue (%)	40	37	33	(4)	34	33	(2
EBITDA margin (%)	41	39	39	(0)	55	67	1
Net profit margin (%)	9	23	21	(2)	(5)	(5)	
Operating stats							
Landing and Take-off - Domestic ('000 flights)	1.7	1.6	1.7		6.2	7.5	
Landing and Take-off - International ('000 flights)	5.4	5.7	5.8		12.8	26.0	
Overflight ('000 flights)	15.0	15.7	17.8		49.4	65.8	
Total ('000 flights)	22.1	23.1	25.2		68.4	99.4	

Sources: SAV; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 10: Airport sector peer comparisons as of 10 Oct 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	Share p	orice	Market	3Y EPS		PE		RC	)E	PB\	/	EV	/ EBITD	A
			Current	Target	сар	CAGR	23E	24E	25E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	25E
			(THB)	(THB)	(USD m)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(X)
Thailand																
Airports of Thailand*+	AOT TB	BUY	68.50	85.00	26,540	(254)	106.2	32.2	26.8	8.7	24.6	8.9	7.2	44.5	20.5	17.3
Malaysia																
Malaysia Airports	MAHB MK	n/a	7.25	NR	2,563	80	28	16	15	6.2	10.1	1.7	1.6	7.9	6.6	6.6
China																
Beijing Capital Intl -A	694 HK	n/a	3.39	NR	1,974	(162)	n/a	17	8	(7.5)	6.4	0.9	0.9	40.0	9.0	9.0
Hainan Meilan Intl	357 HK	n/a	6.91	NR	423	(371)	34	7	4	1.9	8.7	0.7	0.6	7.5	5.1	5.1
Shanghai Intl Airport-A	600009 CH	n/a	37.11	NR	12,633	(314)	54	20	14	4.2	10.4	2.2	2.0	25	13.7	13.7
Guangzhou Baiyun Intl	600004 CH	n/a	10.83	NR	3,488	(312)	41.8	16.5	12.7	3.4	8.3	1.4	1.3	10.3	7.3	7.3
Shenzhen Airport -A	000089 CH	n/a	6.61	NR	1,858	(239)	97	29.8	20.0	1.8	4.1	1.3	1.2	16	12.6	12.6
Xiamen Int Airport -A	600897 CH	n/a	12.75	NR	725	(413)	14	12.0	13	11.3	12.1	1.5	1.4	4.4	3.9	3.9
Australia																
Auckland Intl Airport**	AIA AU	n/a	7.40	NR	6,969	n/a	82	41.6	37.0	1.7	3.3	1.4	1.4	33.3	21.1	21.1
Japan																
Japan Airport Termi***	9706 JP	n/a	6,299	NR	3,966	(239)	n/a	6.3	34.9	3.8	6.3	3.8	3.7	37	15.3	15.3
Average					61,139	(269)	57.2	19.8	18.6	3.5	9.4	2.4	2.1	22.7	11.5	11.2

\*Fiscal year-end is 30 September; \*\* Fiscal year-end is 30 June; \*\*\* Fiscal year-end is 31 March Sources: Bloomberg consensus; +FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 11: ANSP peer comparisons as of 10 Oct 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	Share	orice	Market	3Y EPS		PE		RC	)E	PB	V	E\	// EBITD	A
			Current	Target	Сар	CAGR	23E	24E	25E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	25E
			(THB)	(THB)	(USD m)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(X)	(x)	(x)
Thailand																
Samart Aviation Solutions	SAV TB	BUY	17.00	26.00	296	49	36.3	20.0	15.6	35.0	36.6	7.9	6.8	17.3	12.4	9.6
Italy																
Enav SpA	ENAV IM	NR	3.34	NR	1,917	5	16.9	15.1	13.0	8.8	9.6	1.5	1.5	7.5	7.1	7.1
Average					2,214	36	26.6	17.5	14.3	21.9	23.1	4.7	4.1	12.4	9.8	8.4

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Samart Aviation Solutions

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	456	1,218	1,638	2,101	2,496
Cost of goods sold	(324)	(695)	(858)	(1,094)	(1,288)
Gross profit	131	523	780	1,007	1,207
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	(189)	(230)	(242)	(253)	(266)
Operating EBITDA	12	362	610	831	1,024
Depreciation	(70)	(68)	(72)	(77)	(82)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	(57)	293	538	754	941
Net financing costs	(35)	(54)	(146)	(33)	(19)
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Recurring non-operating income	3	2	3	3	3
Non-recurring items	(6)	11	0	0	0
Profit before tax	(95)	253	395	724	925
Tax	20	(54)	(95)	(180)	(229)
Profit after tax	(74)	200	300	545	696
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	(74)	200	300	545	696
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	6	(11)	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	(68)	188	300	545	696
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	(0.12)	0.33	0.47	0.85	1.09
Reported EPS	(0.13)	0.35	0.47	0.85	1.09
DPS	0.00	0.00	1.05	0.51	0.65
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	576	576	640	640	640
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(36.2)	167.2	34.5	28.2	18.8
Operating EBITDA (%)	(89.3)	2,794.6	68.7	36.3	23.1
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	nm	83.5	40.1	24.8
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	43.3	81.6	27.7
Reported EPS (%)	nm	nm	35.2	81.6	27.7
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	28.8	43.0	47.6	47.9	48.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	44.2	48.6	52.0	51.6	51.7
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	2.7	29.7	37.2	39.6	41.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	(12.6)	24.1	32.9	35.9	37.7
Net margin (%)	(15.0)	15.5	18.3	25.9	27.9
Effective tax rate (%)	2.2	17.7	10.0	0.0	12.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	-	-	224.1	60.0	60.0
Interest cover (X)	(1.6)	5.5	3.7	23.2	49.6
Inventory days	-	-	-	-	-
Debtor days	55.3	34.9	36.8	28.7	24.2
Creditor days	113.0	77.2	88.9	83.4	86.6
Operating ROIC (%)	(5.0)	18.3	38.9	71.4	77.0
ROIC (%)	(4.1)	16.0	32.7	58.3	63.1
ROE (%)	(40.0)	78.2	35.0	36.6	37.6
ROA (%)	(2.2)	12.1	20.8	28.2	28.7
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Landing and Take-off - Domestics	5	10	13	33	73
Landing and Take-off - International	100	280	564	866	1,106
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Overflight	351	796	1,060	1,202	1,316

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Samart Aviation Solutions

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	20255
Recurring net profit	(68)	188	300	545	696
Depreciation	70	68	72	77	82
Associates & minorities	7	7	28	28	27
Other non-cash items	0	0	57	12	(
Change in working capital	(80)	(165)	472	60	49
ash flow from operations	(72)	99	929	721	854
Capex - maintenance	-	-	-	-	
Capex - new investment	(124)	(144)	(153)	(153)	(153
let acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
Other investments (net)	(23)	18	(85)	(39)	(27
Cash flow from investing	(147)	(126)	(237)	(192)	(180
Dividends paid	0	0	(480)	(320)	(199
quity finance	20	(2)	1,216	0	(
Debt finance	120	239	(1,429)	0	(
Other financing cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Cash flow from financing	140	237	(693)	(320)	(199
Ion-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
lovement in cash	(79)	210	(2)	209	47
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(187.39)	29.35	762.69	528.57	674.22
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(98.48)	212.81	(738.01)	528.57	674.22
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(0.29)	0.05	1.19	0.83	1.0
CFE per share	(0.15)	0.33	(1.15)	0.83	1.05
Recurring cash flow per share	0.01	0.46	0.71	1.03	1.20
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	20255
angible fixed assets (gross)	1,832	2,006	2,159	2,312	2,46
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(900)	(999)	(1,071)	(1,148)	(1,230
angible fixed assets (net)	932	1,007	1,088	1,164	1,23
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	1,23
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ong-term financial assets	- 163	- 240	-	- 240	240
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	163 129	240 339	240 337	240 545	
Cash & equivalents					1,02
/C receivable	67	165	165	165	16
nventories	0	0	0	0	(
Other current assets	305	496	63	81	90
Current assets	501	1,000	565	791	1,28
Other assets	0	2	2	2	0.75
otal assets	1,597	2,249	1,895	2,197	2,75
Common equity	143	339	1,375	1,600	2,096
Ainorities etc.	0	0	0	0	(
otal shareholders' equity	143	339	1,375	1,600	2,09
ong term debt	1,190	1,171	0	0	
Other long-term liabilities	159	252	252	252	252
ong-term liabilities	1,349	1,423	252	252	252
VC payable	85	180	202	262	31
Short term debt	0	259	0	0	
Other current liabilities	20	48	65	84	9
Current liabilities	104	487	268	345	41
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	1,597	2,249	1,895	2,197	2,75
let working capital	268	433	(39)	(99)	(149
nvested capital	1,363	1,682	1,290	1,306	1,32
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bein	g treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
look value per share	0.25	0.59	2.15	2.50	3.2
angible book value per share	0.25	0.59	2.15	2.50	3.2
inancial strength					
let debt/equity (%)	743.0	321.5	(24.5)	(34.1)	(48.7
let debt/total assets (%)	66.5	48.5	(17.8)	(24.8)	(37.0
urrent ratio (x)	4.8	2.1	2.1	2.3	3.
F interest cover (x)	1.7	7.6	(3.0)	21.9	44.
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	(143.1)	52.0	36.3	20.0	15.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	(218.8)	79.5	55.5	30.6	23.
	(131.9)	49.0	36.3	20.0	15.
eported P/E (X)	-	-	6.2	3.0	3.
	-				-
ividend yield (%)	- 68.6	28.9	7.9	6.8	5.
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teported P/E (x) lividend yield (%) trice/book (x) trice/tangible book (x) tV/EBITDA (x) **					5.: 5.: 9.:
lividend yield (%) Irice/book (x) Irice/tangible book (x)	68.6	28.9	7.9	6.8	5.

Sources: Samart Aviation Solutions; FSSIA estimates



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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 <u>Thai IOD website</u> 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**

The disclosure of the survey result of the Thai Institute of Directors Association ("IOD") regarding corporate governance is made pursuant to the policy of the Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The survey of the IOD is based on the information of companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand and the Market of Alternative Investment disclosed to the public and able to be accessed by a general public investor at <u>Thai IOD website</u>. The result, therefore, is from the perspective of a third party. It is not an evaluation of operation and is not based on inside information.

The survey result is as of the data appearing in the Corporate Governance Report of Thai Listed Companies. As a result, the survey result may be changed after that date. **FSSIA** does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such survey result.

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

The "<u>AGM Checklist</u>" 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 <u>Checklist</u> 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)<sup>3</sup>

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 <u>start with</u> 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)<sup>4</sup> by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI) quantifies responsibility in Environmental, and Social issues, by managing business with transparency in Governance. 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: <u>E</u>conomic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and novation); <u>E</u>nvironmental (environmental management, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); <u>S</u>ocial (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 <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: SEC; Thai IOD; Thai CAC; SET; FSSIA's compilation

#### **Disclaimer:**



<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 (<u>TIA</u>) 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Thai Private Sector Collective Action against Corruption (<u>CAC</u>) 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 (<u>THSI</u>), 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 – <u>Wikipedia</u> – Launched in 1999, DJSI evaluates the sustainability performance of companies based on corporate economic, environmental, and social performance.

# **GENERAL DISCLAIMER**

#### ANALYST(S) CERTIFICATION

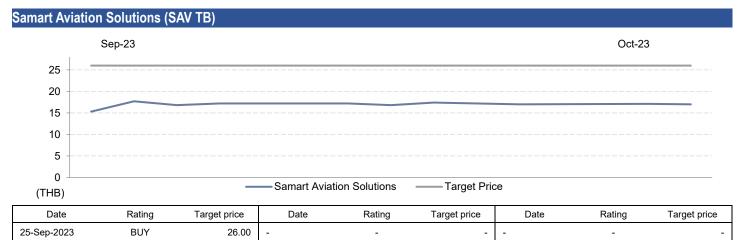
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#### History of change in investment rating and/or target price



Teerapol Udomvej, CFA started covering this stock from 25-Sep-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Airports of Thailand (AOT TB)



Teerapol Udomvej, CFA started covering this stock from 10-Sep-2020

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates



Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Samart Aviation Solutions	SAV TB	THB 17.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a slower-than-expected recovery in international tourist numbers; and 3) delays in Cambodia's new airport projects.
Airports of Thailand	AOT TB	THB 68.50	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) a slowdown in the recovery of international passengers; 2) delays in the Suvarnabhumi Airport expansions (satellite terminal and northern expansion); and 3) the termination of the duty-free concession contracts from King Power.

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Additional Disclosures**

Target price history, stock price charts, valuation and risk details, and equity rating histories applicable to each company rated in this report is available in our most recently published reports. You can contact the analyst named on the front of this note or your representative at Finansia Syrus Securities Public Company Limited.

All share prices are as at market close on 10-Oct-2023 unless otherwise stated.

### **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%.

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.

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