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# คาดกำไร 3Q23 สูงเป็นประวัติการณ์

- คาด 3Q23 ทำกำไรได้สูงเป็นประวัติการณ์จากธุรกิจจัดจำหน่ายสายสัญญาณและการ เร่งส่งมอบงานเกาะเต่า
- เราปรับเพิ่มกำไรปี 2023-25 สะท้อนอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นที่มีแนวโน้มดีกว่าคาดของ ITEL ในปี 2024-25
- ปรับไปใช้ราคาเป้าหมายปี 2024 ที่ 10 บาท (SoTP) ยังคงแนะนำซื้อ

# **3Q23** เป็นอีกหนึ่งไตรมาสที่ดีมาก เราคาดกำไรสูงเป็นประวัติการณ์

เราคาดกำไรสุทธิ 3Q23 ที่ 127.6 ล้านบาท เพิ่มขึ้น 7.3% q-q และ 49.6% y-y เป็นกำไร รายไตรมาสที่สูงสุดเป็นประวัติการณ์ แม้ว่ากำไรของ ITEL จะยังไม่เร่งตัวมากนัก กำไร ที่คาดว่าจะทำได้ดีมากมาจากธุรกิจจัดจำหน่ายสายสัญญาณและสายสื่อสาร (Cabling distribution) ซึ่งมีการจัดงาน Expo ในเดือน ม.ค. และ ก.ค. ของทุกปี แม้ว่าอัตรากำไร ขั้นต้นในช่วงดังกล่าวจะต่ำกว่าช่วงปกติ แต่ชดเชยได้จากรายได้ที่สูงขึ้นมาก เราคาด รายได้จากธุรกิจ Distribution ในไตรมาสนี้ +39.1% q-q และ +15.6% y-y มีสัดส่วน 43% ของรายได้รวม ธุรกิจนี้มีมาร์จิ้นสูงกว่าธุรกิจอื่น จึงช่วยมาร์จิ้นโดยรวมได้

# คาดเร่งส่งมอบงานเกาะเต่าเกือบทั้งหมดหนุนรายได้ปีนี้

รายได้จากธุรกิจ EPC ใน 3Q23 คาดว่าจะก้าวกระโดด +162.2% q-q และ +12.0% y-y เป็น 400 ล้านบาทจากการเร่งส่งมอบงานเกาะเต่า และคาดว่าภายในสิ้นปี 2023 บริษัท จะสามารถส่งมอบงานก่อสร้างสาย Submarine cable ไปเกาะเต่าได้ราว 85-90% ของ มูลค่างานทั้งหมด 1.78 พันล้านบาทได้ การรับรู้งานส่วนใหญ่คาดว่าจะอยู่ใน 3Q23 งาน ดังกล่าวมีมาร์จิ้นค่อนข้างดี จึงช่วยผลักดันอัตรากำไรขั้นตันโดยรวม อย่างไรก็ตาม ธรกิจ Telecom ของ ITEL ใน 3Q23 ยังไม่น่าจะเร่งตัวได้เหมือนช่วงเวลาปกติ

### ปรับประมาณการกำไรปี 2023-25 ขึ้นเป็นเติบโต 32%/7%/4%

หากเป็นไปตามคาด กำไรสุทธิงวด 9M23 จะขยายตัวถึง 43.0% y-y ซึ่งสูงกว่าที่เราเคย ประเมินในช่วงก่อนหน้า เราจึงปรับเพิ่มประมาณการกำไร 8%/7%/7% ในปี 2023-25 ตามลำดับ โดยหลักมาจากการปรับเพิ่มอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นของธุรกิจ Distribution ของ ILINK ชดเชยประมาณการของ ITEL ที่ปรับลงได้ ส่งผลให้กำไรปี 2023 เติบโตสูง 32.0% และโตต่อเนื่อง 7.4% y-y และ 4.4% y-y ในปี 2024-25 ตามลำดับ กำไรที่เติบโตในปี 2024-25 มาจากธุรกิจ Distribution และการฟื้นตัวของ ITEL เป็นหลัก ทั้งนี้ เรายังไม่รวม งานก่อสร้างสายเคเบิ้ลใต้น้ำไปเกาะสมุยมูลค่างานประมาณ 1.7-1.8 พันล้านบาทซึ่ง บริษัทเสนอราคาต่ำสุดแต่ยังไม่มีการเซ็นสัญญา

## ปรับไปใช้ราคาเป้าหมายปีหน้าที่ 10 บาท ยังคงแนะนำซื้อ

เราปรับไปใช้ราคาเป้าหมายปี 2024 ที่ 10 บาท (SoTP) อิงราคาเป้าหมายของ ITEL และ ใช้ PE 8.5 เท่าสำหรับ ILINK ราคาเป้าหมายดังกล่าวคิดเป็น 2024E PE 10 เท่า PBV เพียง 1.3 เท่า ราคาหุ้นปัจจุบันเทรดที่ 2024 PE ต่ำเพียง 6.7 เท่า บริษัทมีฐานะทาง การเงินแข็งแกร่ง สภาพคล่องสูง จ่ายปันผลสม่ำเสมอ เรายังคงแนะนำซื้อ

# **ILINK TB**

# BUY

UNCHANGE

TARGET PRICE THB10.00
CLOSE THB6.70
UP/DOWNSIDE +49.3%
PRIOR TP THB10.00
CHANGE IN TP UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS +0.0%

# KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	7,038	6,714	7,720	8,001
Net profit	383	506	543	567
EPS (THB)	0.71	0.93	1.00	1.04
vs Consensus (%)	-	6.9	7.5	6.1
EBITDA	1,211	1,379	1,433	1,511
Recurring net profit	383	506	543	567
Core EPS (THB)	0.71	0.93	1.00	1.04
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	7.5	7.4	7.0
EPS growth (%)	6.7	32.0	7.4	4.4
Core P/E (x)	9.5	7.2	6.7	6.4
Dividend yield (%)	3.0	4.9	5.2	5.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.6	6.2	5.9	5.5
Price/book (x)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Net debt/Equity (%)	42.8	45.7	44.3	38.8
ROE (%)	10.9	13.4	13.5	13.2



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(13.5)	(6.3)	(15.7)
Relative to country (%)	(7.5)	1.2	(5.9)
Mkt cap (USD m)			100
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.2
Free float (%)			48
Major shareholder	Interlink	Holding Co	Ltd (25%)
12m high/low (THB)			8.30/6.40
Issued shares (m)			543.63

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

ILINK เป็นผู้จัดจำหน่ายสายสัญญาณรายใหญ่ที่สุดในอาเซียน บริษัทจำหน่ายอุปกรณ์ส่งสัญญาแบรนด์ชั้นนำของโลก ได้แก่ LINK และ COMMSCOPE ธุรกิจของกลุ่มบริษัทเติบโตตามเทคโนโลยี โดยเฉพาะการเปลี่ยน Generation ของการสื่อสารในแต่ละรุ่น จะทำ ให้เกิดการซื้ออุปกรณ์โครงสร้างพื้นฐานใหม่เป็นวัฏจักร

ปี 2023 เป็นปีที่ดีมากของ ILINK จากการเปลี่ยนแปลงของ เทคโนโลยีทำให้ธุรกิจ Distribution เติบโตสูง ขณะเดียวกันบริษัทได้ งานประมูลขนาดใหญ่คือเกาะเต่า และยังมีงานเกาะสมุยที่รอเซ็น สัญญา การเติบโตในปี 2024-25 จะมาจากธุรกิจ Distribution ที่โต ต่อเนื่องและการฟื้นตัวของ ITEL ในขณะที่ราคาหุ้นปรับลงจน Valuation ถูกมากและให้ผลตอบแทนจากเงินปันผลที่ดี

# Company profile

ILINK มีธุรกิจหลัก 3 ธุรกิจได้แก่ 1. ธุรกิจจัดจำหน่ายสายสัญญาณ และสายสื่อสาร (Distribution) โดยเน้นขายส่งให้แก่ดีลเลอร์ ผู้รับเหมารางระบบคอมพิวเตอร์ (SI) ผู้รับเหมาระบบไฟฟ้าและ สื่อสาร 2. ธุรกิจโทรคมนาคมซึ่งดำเนินงานภายใต้บริษัทย่อยคือ ITEL และ 3. ธุรกิจวิศวกรรม (Engineering) มุ่งเน้นรับงานก่อสร้าง โครงการที่อยู่ในความเชี่ยวชาญของบริษัท เช่น โครงการติดตั้งสาย Fiber optic ทั่วกรุงเทพและจังหวัดอื่น โครงการสนามบินสุวรรณภูมิ เป็นตัน

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# Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

- Distribution 35.0 %
- Telecom 48.2 %
- Engineering service (EPC) 16.9

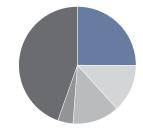


Source: Interlink Communication

# **Major shareholders**

- Interlink Holding Co Ltd 25.1 %
- Mr. Sombat Anuntarumporn -13 2 %
- 13.2 % 

  Ms. Chalida Anuntarumporn 12.9 %
- Thai NVDR Co., Ltd. 4.2 %
- Others 44.6 %



Source: Interlink Communication

### **Catalysts**

ปัจจัยหนุนการเติบโต 1) ภาวะเศรษฐกิจและกำลังซื้อโดยรวมที่ดีขึ้น 2) การ เปลี่ยนแปลงของเทคโนโลยีในแต่ละ Generation จะทำให้ลูกค้าต้องเปลี่ยน อุปกรณ์โครงสร้างพื้นฐานใหม่ 3) งานประมูลโครงสร้างพื้นฐานของภาครัฐ และเอกชนที่มีต่อเนื่อง

#### Risks to our call

Downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include 1) intense competition and price cuts; 2) the termination of distributorship contracts or the appointment of additional distributors in Thailand; 3) uncertainty in project bidding; 4) project delays; and 5) risk from technological changes.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
14 November 2023	3Q23 earnings announcement

# **Key assumptions**

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	2023E	2024E	2025E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)
Distribution	2,733	3,033	3,306
Gross margin	28.0	26.0	26.0
Telecom	2,588	3,273	3,678
Gross margin	27.4	23.9	23.8
Engineering	1,393	1,413	1,017
Gross margin	10.0	9.0	8.0
SG&A to sales (%)	9.45	8.78	9.1

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Earnings sensitivity**

- For every 1% change in the gross margin of the distribution business, we project ILINK's 2024 core profit to change by 4.6%, all else being equal.
- For every 1% change in the gross margin of the telecom business, we project ILINK's 2024 core profit to change by 6.0%, all else being equal.
- For every 1% change in the gross margin of the engineering business, we project ILINK's 2024 core profit to change by 2.6%, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 1: 3Q23 earnings preview

Year to Dec 31	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23E	Cha	nge	9M22	9M23E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Sales	1,788	2,220	1,620	1,335	1,811	35.6	1.3	4,818	4,766	(1.1)
Cost of sales	(1,471)	(1,788)	(1,220)	(965)	(1,396)	44.6	(5.1)	(3,896)	(3,581)	(8.1)
Gross profit	318	433	400	370	415	12.1	30.6	922	1,185	28.5
Operating costs	(147)	(161)	(168)	(135)	(168)	24.4	14.2	(396)	(468)	18.0
Operating profit	170	272	233	235	246	5.0	44.9	526	718	36.5
Operating EBITDA	278	366	337	339	351	3.5	26.3	845	1,027	21.6
Other income	16	1	12	9	10	2.1	(39.2)	56	30	(45.8)
Interest expense	(46)	(46)	(41)	(45)	(46)	1.5	(0.0)	(121)	(132)	8.4
Tax	28	45	44	40	42	5.3	51.8	96	126	31.5
Reported net profit	85	122	127	119	128	7.3	49.6	261	374	43.0
Core profit	85	122	127	119	128	7.3	49.6	261	374	43.0
Reported EPS (THB)	0.16	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.23	7.2	49.5	0.49	0.68	41.0
Core EPS (THB)	0.16	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.23	7.3	49.6	0.49	0.68	41.0
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin	17.8	19.5	24.7	27.7	22.9	(4.8)	5.2	19.1	24.9	5.7
Operating margin	10.4	12.3	15.1	18.3	14.1	(4.1)	3.7	12.1	15.6	3.5
EBITDA margin	15.5	16.5	20.8	25.4	19.4	(6.0)	3.8	17.5	21.6	4.0
Recurring net margin	4.8	5.5	7.9	8.9	7.0	(1.9)	2.3	5.4	7.8	2.4
SG&A / Sales	8.2	7.2	10.3	10.1	9.3	(0.8)	1.1	8.2	9.8	1.6
Revenue structure	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Distribution	675	563	785	561	781	39.1	15.6	1,899	2,127	12.0
Telecom	756	1,209	543	621	630	1.4	(16.6)	2,181	1,794	(17.7)
Engineering	357	448	293	153	400	162.2	12.0	738	845	14.5
Gross margin by business	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)
Distribution	24.2	29.7	28.2	31.2	25.8	(5.4)	1.6	24.0	28.1	4.1
Telecom	17.9	17.4	27.3	28.2	27.1	(1.0)	9.2	19.5	27.5	8.0
Engineering	5.1	12.3	10.5	13.2	10.6	(2.6)	5.5	5.5	11.1	5.6

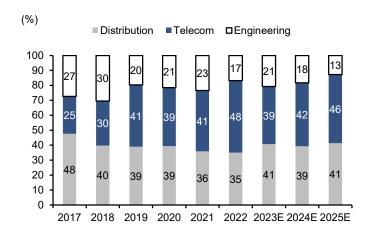
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Exhibit 2: Key changes of assumptions

		Current			Previous		Change			
	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)					
Total revenue	6,714	7,720	8,001	7,805	8,106	8,284	(14.0)	(4.8)	(3.4)	
Distribution	2,733	3,033	3,306	2,733	3,033	3,306	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Telecom	2,588	3,273	3,678	3,554	3,660	3,861	(27.2)	(10.6)	(4.7)	
EPC	1,393	1,413	1,017	1,518	1,413	1,117	(8.2)	0.0	(9.0)	
Total cost of service	(5,101)	(6,023)	(6,186)	(6,287)	(6,521)	(6,644)	(18.9)	(7.6)	(6.9)	
SG&A	(634)	(678)	(728)	(609)	(632)	(646)	4.2	7.2	12.7	
EBITDA	1,379	1,433	1,511	1,328	1,381	1,431	3.8	3.8	5.6	
Net profit	506	543	567	471	506	530	7.5	7.4	7.0	
Margins	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppt)	
Blended gross margin	24.0	22.0	22.7	19.4	19.6	19.8	4.6	2.4	2.9	
Distribution	28.0	26.0	26.0	25.0	25.1	25.1	3.0	1.0	1.0	
Telecom	27.4	23.9	23.8	19.2	18.7	18.7	8.2	5.2	5.1	
EPC	10.0	9.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	8.2	0.0	(1.0)	(0.2)	
EBITDA margin	20.5	18.6	18.9	17.0	17.0	17.3	3.5	1.5	1.6	
Net profit margin	7.5	7.0	7.1	6.0	6.2	6.4	1.5	0.8	0.7	
Growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppt)	
Revenue	-4.6	15.0	3.6	10.9	3.9	2.2	(15.5)	11.1	1.5	
Core profit	32.0	7.4	4.4	22.7	7.5	4.8	9.3	(0.2)	(0.4)	

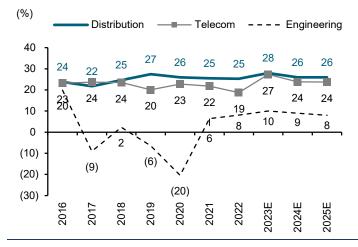
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#### **Exhibit 3: Revenue structure**



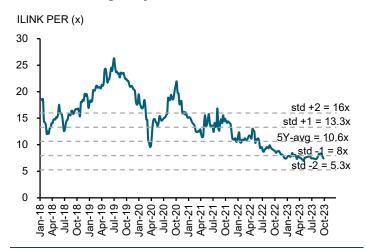
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#### **Exhibit 5: Margins**



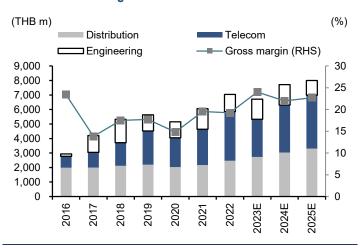
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# Exhibit 7: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



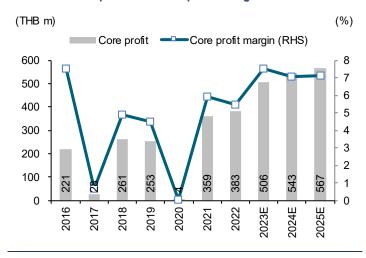
Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 4: Revenue growth** 



Sources: ILINK, FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 6: Core profit and core profit margin



Sources: ILINK, FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 8: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	6,058	7,038	6,714	7,720	8,001
Cost of goods sold	(4,875)	(5,684)	(5,101)	(6,023)	(6,186)
Gross profit	1,182	1,355	1,613	1,697	1,816
Other operating income	52	57	37	42	44
Operating costs	(464)	(557)	(634)	(678)	(728)
Operating EBITDA	1,110	1,211	1,379	1,433	1,511
Depreciation	(339)	(356)	(364)	(371)	(379)
Goodwill amortisation	Ó	Ô	Ô	0	Ô
Operating EBIT	771	855	1,015	1,062	1,132
Net financing costs	(149)	(167)	(181)	(175)	(192)
Associates	(6)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(4)
Recurring non-operating income	(6)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(4)
Non-recurring items	(6)	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	609	683	831	883	936
Tax	(142)	(141)	(167)	(177)	(188)
Profit after tax	467	542	664	705	748
Minority interests	(114)	(158)	(157)	(162)	(181)
Preferred dividends	(117)	(130)	,	(.02)	(101)
Other items	-	-	_	-	-
Reported net profit	353	383	- 506	543	567
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	6	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	359	383	506	543	567
Per share (THB)					•••
Recurring EPS *	0.66	0.71	0.93	1.00	1.04
Reported EPS	0.65	0.71	0.93	1.00	1.04
DPS	0.38	0.20	0.33	0.35	0.37
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	544	544	544	544	544
Growth	J44	J44	J44	J <del>44</del>	344
	47.5	40.0	(4.0)	45.0	2.0
Revenue (%)	17.5	16.2	(4.6)	15.0	3.6
Operating EBITDA (%)	70.9	9.1	13.9	3.9	5.4
Operating EBIT (%)	131.4	10.9	18.8	4.6	6.6
Recurring EPS (%)	9,049.9	6.7	32.0	7.4	4.4
Reported EPS (%)	80.3	8.6	32.0	7.4	4.4
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	19.5	19.2	24.0	22.0	22.7
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	25.1	24.3	29.4	26.8	27.4
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	18.3	17.2	20.5	18.6	18.9
Operating EBIT margin (%)	12.7	12.1	15.1	13.8	14.1
Net margin (%)	5.9	5.4	7.5	7.0	7.1
Effective tax rate (%)	23.3	20.6	20.1	20.1	20.1
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	57.5	28.4	35.0	35.0	35.0
Interest cover (X)	5.1	5.1	5.6	6.0	5.9
Inventory days	24.8	26.7	34.9	30.3	29.4
Debtor days	65.7	77.7	98.4	81.6	81.0
Creditor days	121.4	127.7	141.6	107.9	113.0
Operating ROIC (%)	8.2	9.2	10.9	10.9	11.3
ROIC (%)	7.1	7.7	9.2	9.4	9.9
ROE (%)	11.5	10.9	13.4	13.5	13.2
ROA (%)	5.5	5.9	7.1	7.4	7.7
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Di Cita di	2,173	2,462	2,733	3,033	3,306
Distribution					
Telecom	2,462	3,390	2,588	3,273	3,678

Sources: Interlink Communication; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Interlink Communication

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring net profit	359	383	506	543	56
Depreciation	339	356	364	371	37
Associates & minorities	6	5	4	4	
Other non-cash items	287	382	(257)	(69)	(160
Change in working capital	(669)	521	(637)	(194)	6
Cash flow from operations	323	1,647	(20)	656	85
Capex - maintenance	(323)	(318)	(550)	(410)	(450
Capex - new investment Net acquisitions & disposals	1	1	49	(29)	(6
Other investments (net)	(177)	(104)	314	(48)	4
Cash flow from investing	(500)	(421)	(187)	(487)	(412
Dividends paid	(74)	(207)	(177)	(190)	(199
Equity finance	556	175	38	0	(100
Debt finance	(385)	(1,728)	342	20	(208
Other financing cash flows	170	530	0	0	(200
Cash flow from financing	267	(1,230)	202	(170)	(407
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	` -	,
Other adjustments	130	136	0	0	
Net other adjustments	130	136	(4)	(4)	(4
Movement in cash	221	131	(9)	(5)	3
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(27.51)	1,392.82	(26.81)	343.96	633.0
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(261.95)	163.23	130.04	185.47	229.2
Per share (THB)					
CFF per share	(0.05)	2.56	(0.05)	0.63	1.1
FCFE per share	(0.48)	0.30	0.24	0.34	0.4
Recurring cash flow per share	1.82	2.07	1.14	1.56	1.4
A la con Olever (TUD a) Vere En l'an Dan	2024	2222	22225	22245	2225
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
angible fixed assets (gross)	5,852	6,197	6,507	6,832	7,17
.ess: Accumulated depreciation	(1,552)	(1,825)	(1,952)	(2,239)	(2,510
angible fixed assets (net)	4,300	4,372	4,554	4,593	4,66
ntangible fixed assets (net)	279	358	340	346	35
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	76	93	93	93	9
Cash & equivalents	490	621	612	607	63
/C receivable	1,031	1,966	1,656	1,798	1,75
nventories	348	432	475	462	47
Other current assets	3,796	2,766	2,736	2,971	3,14
Current assets	5,664	5,785	5,479	5,838	6,01
Other assets	1,026	991	743	760	70
Total assets	11,344	11,599	11,210	11,630	11,83
Common equity	3,402	3,665	3,893	4,147	4,41
Ainorities etc.	1,463	1,925	2,106	2,106	2,10
ong term debt	<b>4,865</b> 1,358	<b>5,591</b> 1,114	<b>5,999</b> 903	<b>6,252</b> 951	<b>6,52</b> 95
ong term debt Other long-term liabilities	1,336	737	101	116	12
ong-term liabilities	1,442	1,851	1,003		1,07
A/C payable	1,657	2,069	1,607	<b>1,066</b> 1,733	1,86
Short term debt	3,194	1,898	2,453	2,424	2,21
Other current liabilities	186	186	147	155	15
Current liabilities	5,037	4,153	4,207	4,311	4,24
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	11,344	11,595	11,210	11,630	11,83
Net working capital	3,331	2,909	3,113	3,343	3,35
nvested capital	9,011	8,723	8,844	9,136	9,17
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being		,	,	,	,
Or chara (THR)					
Per share (THB)	2.00	0.74	7.40	7.00	0.4
look value per share	6.26 5.74	6.74 6.08	7.16 6.54	7.63 6.99	8.1
angible book value per share inancial strength	5./4	6.08	6.54	6.99	7.4
	00.5	40.0	45.7	44.0	00
let debt/equity (%)	83.5	42.8	45.7	44.3	38
let debt/total assets (%)	35.8	20.6	24.5	23.8	21
current ratio (x) F interest cover (x)	1.1 (0.8)	1.4 2.0	1.3 1.7	1.4 2.1	1
'aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	10.1	9.5	7.2	6.7	6
lecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	15.1	14.2	10.7	10.0	9
Reported P/E (x)	10.3	9.5	7.2	6.7	6
dividend yield (%)	5.7	3.0	4.9	5.2	5
rice/book (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0
Price/tangible book (x)	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	0
V/EBITDA (x) **	8.3	6.6	6.2	5.9	5
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	9.9	8.1	7.5	7.2	6
:V/invested capital (x)	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	0
EV/invested capital (x)		0.9		0.9	

Sources: Interlink Communication; FSSIA estimates

# INTERLINK COMMUNICATION (ILINK TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

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## Exhibit 9: FSSIA ESG score implication

38.3 /100

Rating	Score	Implication
****	>79-100	Leading its industry peers in managing the most significant ESG risks which not only better cost efficiency but also lead to higher profitability.
****	>59-79	A mixed track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers.
***	>39-59	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been constructively addressed, well-managed and incorporated into day-to-day operations, in which targets and achievements are evaluated annually.
**	>19-39	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been identified with key management in charge for progress to be followed up on and to provide intensive disclosure. Most targets are conventional and achievable.
*	1-19	The company has adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), established sustainability management guidelines and fully complies with regulations or ESG suggested guidance from related organizations such as the SET and SEC.

Sources: FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 10: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA			Domest	ic ratings				Global ratings					Bloomberg	
	ESG score	DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score
SET100	69.2	5.34	4.40	4.40	4.76	4.65	3.84	Medium	51.76	BBB	20.87	58.72	63.91	3.72	28.17
Coverage	67.1	5.11	4.15	4.17	4.83	4.71	3.53	Medium	52.04	BB	16.97	56.85	62.09	3.40	31.94
ITEL	38.30			Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified		40.60			41.18		2.05	39.11
ILINK	37.92			Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified		57.40			45.96			
SYNEX	35.18		Υ	Υ	4.00	4.00			53.33			27.64			41.24
FORTH	23.00				4.00	4.00		Low							
JMART	34.72				3.00	5.00	Declared	Low				35.50	10.00	2.02	14.09

Sources: <u>SETTRADE.com</u>; \* FSSIA estimate; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 11: ESG disclosure from prospectus as of 28 Mar 2023

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2022	FY ending Dec 31	FY 2022
Environmental		Governance	
Climate change policy	Yes	Board size / Independent directors (ID) / Female	12 / 4 / 8
Climate change opportunities discussed		No. of board meetings for the year / % attendance	7 / 98
GHG scope 2 location-based policy	Yes	Company conducts board evaluations	Yes
Biodiversity policy		Number of non-executive directors on board	4
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Director share ownership guidelines	No
Electricity used	Yes	Board age limit	No
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	Yes	Age of the youngest / oldest director	31 / 77
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Number of executives / female	8/6
Water policy	Yes	Executive share ownership guidelines	No
Water consumption	Yes	Size of audit committee / ID	4 /4
Social		Audit committee meetings	4
Human rights policy	Yes	Audit committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Policy against child labor	Yes	Size of compensation committee / ID	3/3
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Number of compensation committee meetings	3
Consumer data protection policy		Compensation committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Size of nomination committee / ID	3/3
Gender pay gap breakout		Number of nomination committee meetings	3
Pct women in workforce	68.8	Nomination committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Business ethics policy	Yes	Board compensation (THB m)	1.82
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Executive compensation (THB m)	24,958
Health and safety policy	Yes	Auditor fee (THB m)	4.3
Lost time incident rate - employees		(PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS ABAS LTD)	
Training policy	Yes	Total employee (no.)	1202
Fair remuneration policy	Yes	Employee compensation (THB m)	583.36
Number of employees - CSR	Yes	Sustainability governance	
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	261	Verification type	
Social supply chain management	Yes	Board duration (years)	3

Sources: ILINK; FSSIA's compilation

# **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodology					Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ( <u>DJSI</u> ) By S&P Global	process base from the annu	d on the com al S&P Glob	panies' Total Sus	tainability ainability	Assessment (CSA).	Sustainability ESG Score of	Assessment less than 45 any are disqu	% of the S&P of the salified. The co	I. Companie Global ESG	orporate s with an S&P Globa Score of the highest the DJSI indices are	
Sustainability Investment List (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing bus Candidates m conditions: 1) and 2) free flo >15% of paid- score of below executives' wi	siness with tra ust pass the no irregular that of >150 sh up capital. So v 70%; 2) ind congdoing rel	preemptive criteritation of the boar mareholders, and come key disqualifiependent director ated to CG, socia	vernance a, with tw rd membe combined ying crite rs and fre I & enviro	, updated annually. vo crucial ers and executives;						
oy Thai nstitute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by th	e Thai IOD, v  ). The result	•	the Stock		Scores are rated in six categories: 5 for Excellent (90-100), 4 for Very Good (80-89), 3 for Good (70-79), 2 for Fair (60-69), 1 for Pass (60-69), and not rated for scores below 50. Weightings include: 1) the rights; 2) and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined); 3) the role of stakeholders (25%); 4) disclosure & transparency (15%); and 5) board responsibilities (35%).					
AGM level By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	treatment are transparent are out of five the assessment of the meeting d advance circular rights can be ex transparency an	incorporated and sufficiently CG componitieria cover atte (45%), and the control of sufficient ercised. The sed verifiability; at the control of sufficient ercised.	ents to be evaluat AGM procedures nd after the meeting to information for voting	erations a m import ed annua before the ng (10%). ng; and 2) to be ease of a Q&A. The t	and information is ant elements of two ally. The e meeting (45%), at . (The first assesses 1) facilitating now voting attending meetings; 2) third involves the					ccellent (100), 4 for or scores below 79.	
Thai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)	establishment policies. The ( (Companies dec Declaration of In Certification, inc	of key contribution in the contribution of the	ols, and the monit s good for three y he a CAC certified me an 18-month deadlin essment, in place of ablishment of whistle	oring and ears. ember start to submit to submi	t by submitting a it the CAC Checklist for control, training of	passed Chec approvals wh	klist will move ose members	for granting c	ertification by	e professionals. A y the CAC Council d individuals in	
Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an a risk is unmana regulatory filings	assessment of aged. Sources of news and other ot	to be reviewed inclu er media, NGO repo k, ESG controversies	company' ide corpora irts/website	s exposure to ESG ate publications and			ng score is the ne higher ESG Medium 20-30		anaged risk. The d.  Severe  40+	
ESG Book	The ESG scor positioned to the principle of helps explain	re identifies soutperform of financial mafuture risk-acg features with	sustainable compa ver the long term. ateriality including Ijusted performan th higher materiali	The metl informati ce. Mater	hodology considers ion that significantly riality is applied by	scores using	materiality-ba		he score is	of the features scaled between 0 nce.	
MSCI					agement of financially						
	identify indust	•		ding to the	eir exposure to ESG ri	isks and how we	ell they mana	ge those risks	relative to pe	eers.	
	AAA	8.571-10.000 7.143-8.570	Leade	r:	leading its industry in m	nanaging the most	significant ESC	risks and oppor	tunities		
	A	5.714-7.142									
	ВВВ	4.286-5.713	-	e:	a mixed or unexception industry peers	iai track record of	nanaging the n	nost significant ES	risks and o ف	pportunities relative to	
	ВВ	2.857-4.285			, ,						
	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggar	d:	lagging its industry bas	ed on its high expo	sure and failur	e to manage sign	ificant ESG ris	ks	
Moody's ESG				panies tal	ke into account ESG o	biectives in the	definition and	d implementation	on of their st	rategy policies. It	
solutions	believes that a	a company in	tegrating ESG fac	ctors into	its business model an edium to long term.						
Refinitiv ESG rating	based on pub	licly available	e and auditable da	ıta. The s	company's relative ES core ranges from 0 to 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50	100 on relative	ESG perform	nance and insu	fficient degre		
S&P Global					uring a company's per fication. The score ran			nt of ESG risks	s, opportunit	es, and impacts	
Bloomberg	ESG Score		score is based o	n Bloomb	ng the company's agg perg's view of ESG fina e weights are determin	ancial materialit	y. The score	is a weighted g	eneralized r	nean (power mean)	
Bloomberg	ESG Disclosu	re Score	Disclosure of a c	ompany's	s ESG used for Bloom	bera ESG score	e. The score i	ranges from 0 f	for none to 1	00 for disclosure of	

Source: FSSIA's compilation

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates



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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Interlink Communication	ILINK TB	THB 6.70	BUY	Downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include 1) intense competition and price cuts; 2) the termination of distributorship contracts or the appointment of additional distributors in Thailand; 3) uncertainty in project bidding; 4) project delays; and 5) risk from technological changes.
Interlink Telecom	ITEL TB	THB 2.26	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) uncertainty regarding bidding outcomes; 2) delays in projects; 3) cost overruns; and 4) risks from technological disruptions.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

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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.

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