# EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

# MINOR INTERNATIONAL THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE

# Fair weather for European hotels

- Expect NHH and MINT to report a new record 3Q core profit in 3Q23 driven by strong RevPAR of European hotels.
- The 2023 profit should convert to its pre-Covid level and exceed it in 2024, led by strong organic growth and lower interest expenses.
- Maintain BUY with a higher DCF-TP of THB43/shr.

# Expect NH Hotel's 3Q23 core profit to grow by 17% y-y

We expect NH Hotel Group (NHH SM)'s RevPAR to grow by 8% y-y and exceed pre-Covid by 31% thanks to the high season, along with an estimated OCC rate of 72% (vs 70% in 3Q22 and 74% in 3Q19) and an ADR of EUR145 (vs EUR138 in 3Q22 and EUR107 in 3Q19). Overall, we estimate NHH's revenue to grow 13% y-y. However, the EBITDA margin should edge down to 31% (vs 32% in 3Q19), pressured by higher personnel costs and lease payments. This should lead to a core profit of EU55m, a new record core profit for 3Q (vs EUR47m in 3Q22 and EUR26m in 3Q19), and would imply a cTHB2.0b profit contribution to MINT.

# Expect MINT 3Q23 core profit to grow 11% y-y to THB2.2b

Thai hotels' RevPAR should jump 25% y-y and reach its pre-Covid level in 3Q23. On a negative note, Maldives hotels' RevPAR should drop 24% y-y, 10% below pre-Covid, due to increased hotel supply. For the food business, we expect the SSSG of its Thai unit to be flat y-y and China to drop 10% y-y due to an economic slowdown. The EBITDA margin of non-NHH hotels should inch down q-q due to lower residential sales, while the EBITDA margin of its food business should improve q-q due to lower raw material costs. Overall, we forecast MINT's 3Q23 core profit to grow to THB2.2b, a new record core profit for 3Q (vs THB2.0b in 3Q22 and THB1.4b in 3Q19).

# Strong cash flow should lead to lower interest expense

We estimate the core profit to jump from THB2.0b in 2022 to THB6.5b in 2023. It should surpass its pre-Covid level of THB7.1b in 2024, driven by RevPAR growth, especially from Thai hotels, and lower interest expenses as MINT gradually repay its debt of THB115b (as of 2Q23) from a strong EBITDA of up to THB10.0b/quarter.

# Trading at cheap valuations compared to historical and peers

We maintain our 2024 DCF-TP of THB43/shr. MINT is trading at undemanding valuations of 25x/22x 2023E/2024E P/E (vs its five-year average of 30x and peers' average of 26x 2024E P/E). Weak share prices during a volatile market are an opportunity to buy the stock to capture a promising outlook in 2024.



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# BUY

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TARGET PRICE	THB43.00
CLOSE	THB28.50
UP/DOWNSIDE	+50.9%
PRIOR TP	THB43.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+5.1%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

**MINT TB** 

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	119,364	142,783	150,610	157,665
Net profit	4,286	6,479	7,357	8,186
EPS (THB)	0.82	1.16	1.28	1.42
vs Consensus (%)	-	15.4	(2.9)	(12.5)
EBITDA	28,886	35,710	37,789	40,226
Recurring net profit	2,017	6,479	7,357	8,186
Core EPS (THB)	0.35	1.13	1.28	1.42
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	nm	221.2	13.6	11.3
Core P/E (x)	81.3	25.3	22.3	20.0
Dividend yield (%)	-	1.4	1.5	1.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.0	9.7	9.7	8.8
Price/book (x)	2.1	1.8	2.4	2.2
Net debt/Equity (%)	222.9	175.0	235.2	202.9
ROE (%)	2.9	8.2	9.5	11.5



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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### **Investment thesis**

MINT's earnings are now in a recovery mode. We expect the core profit to continue to grow in 2023, led by Thai and European hotels and the food business.

NH Hotels should continue to deliver a strong performance. We expect a recovery in business travel and pent-up demand from long-haul travellers to be key growth drivers in 2023. They should offset rising personnel costs and the potential for further interest rate hikes.

We expect MINT's core profit to return to its pre-Covid level by 2024, with a potential upside from an improved EBITDA margin following cost-saving measures which should permanently reduce some expenses.

# **Company profile**

MINT is one of the largest hospitality and leisure companies in the Asia-Pacific region.

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# Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

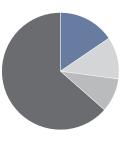
- Hotel & Mixed-use 75.9 %
- Retail revenue 2.1 %

F&B revenue - 22.0 %

Source: Minor International

# Major shareholders

- Minor Holdings (Thai) 15.5 %
- Thai NVDR 11.6 %
- Niti Osathanugrah 9.4 %
- Others 63.5 %



Source: Minor International

#### Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) a faster occupancy rate ramp-up following the global tourism recovery; 2) improving consumption and economic growth resulting in strong SSSG; and 3) the return of Chinese tourists which should drive demand for Thai and Maldives hotels.

# Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) an increased hotel room supply and higher competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.

# **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 Nov 2023
 3Q23 results announcement

#### Key assumptions

	2023E	2024E	2025E
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Owned & leased hotels			
- Number of rooms (no.)	55,364	55,364	55,630
- Occupancy rate (OCC)	66	69	70
- RevPAR growth	22	6	4
Food business			
- Number of outlets (no.)	2,658	2,737	2,819
- Same-Store Sales Growth (SSSG)	7	2	2
- Total System Sales Growth (TSSG)	12	5	5

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

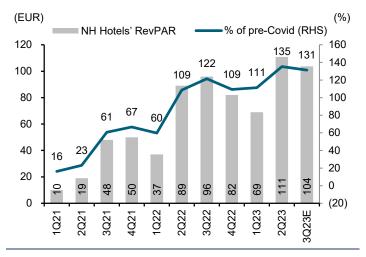
- For every 1% increase in OCC, we project a 2023 profit increase of 5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we project a 2023 profit increase of 1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

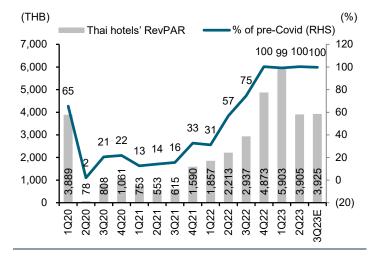


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# Exhibit 1: NHH's RevPAR

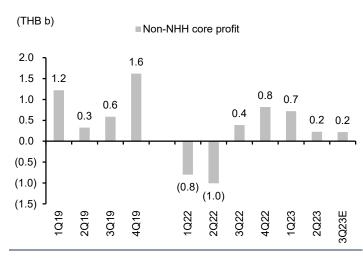


Source: NHH; MINT; FSSIA estimates



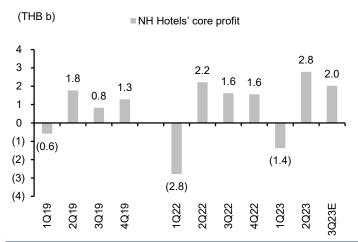
Source: MINT; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 5: Non-NHH core profit



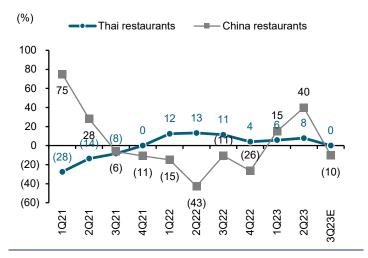
Source: MINT; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 2: NHH's core profit contribution to MINT



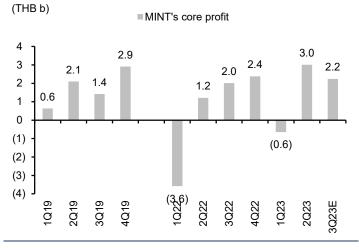
Note: Based on the 94% stake that MINT holds in NHH and 96% stake from 3Q23 onwards Source: NHH; MINT; FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 4: Food business SSSG in Thailand and China



Source: MINT; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 6: MINT's core profit



Source: MINT; FSSIA estimates

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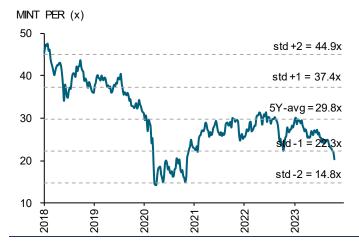
# Exhibit 3: RevPAR at Thai hotels

# Exhibit 7: 3Q23 results preview

	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23E	Chan	ge	2023E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)
Sales	33,567	34,234	31,246	39,634	37,370	(6)	11	142,783
-Hotel & Mixed-use	25,893	26,504	23,357	31,806	29,472	(7)	14	110,549
-Restaurant	7,035	6,989	7,312	7,345	7,387	1	5	29,336
-Retail	639	741	577	483	511	6	(20)	2,899
COGS (incl. depreciation)	(18,240)	(18,349)	(18,483)	(20,828)	(20,049)	(4)	10	(77,809)
Gross profit	15,327	15,884	12,763	18,806	17,321	(8)	13	64,974
SG&A	(11,293)	(10,886)	(11,941)	(12,321)	(12,321)	0	9	(49,525)
Operating profit	4,035	4,999	822	6,486	5,000	(23)	24	15,449
Net other income	986	457	695	487	584	20	(41)	3,090
Dividend income	0	2	0	1	2			0
Interest income	238	302	277	363	363	0	52	459
Interest expense	(2,289)	(2,501)	(2,434)	(2,761)	(2,844)	3	24	(10,027)
Pretax profit	2,969	3,259	(640)	4,575	3,105	(32)	5	8,972
Income Tax	(963)	(724)	(232)	(1,353)	(900)	(33)	(7)	(2,422)
Associates	171	46	261	19	223	1,075	30	579
Minority interest	(168)	(203)	(35)	(235)	(193)	(18)	15	(650)
Core profit	2,010	2,379	(647)	3,006	2,236	(26)	11	6,479
Extraordinaries, GW & FX	2,598	(468)	(329)	249		(100)	(100)	
Reported net profit	4,608	1,911	(976)	3,255	2,236	(31)	(51)	6,479
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Shares out (end Q, m)	5,258	5,259	5,259	5,259	5,259	0	0	5,259
Core EPS	0.4	0.5	(0.1)	0.6	0.4	(26)	11	1.2
EPS	0.9	0.4	(0.2)	0.6	0.4	(31)	(51)	1.2
COGS (excl. depreciation) Depreciation EBITDA	(13,358) (4,882) 10,312	(13,535) (4,814) 10,620	(13,665) (4,818) 6,872	(15,909) (4,919) 12,273	(15,081) (4,968) 11,139	(5) 1 (9)	13 2 8	(57,549) (20,260) 35,710
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Key Ratios Gross margin	<b>(%)</b> 46	<b>(%)</b> 46	<b>(%)</b> 41	<b>(%)</b> 47	<b>(%)</b> 46	(ppt)	<b>(ppt)</b> 1	<b>(%)</b> 46
SG&A/Revenue	34	40 32	38	31	33	(1) 2		40 35
Hotel EBITDA margin	34	32	38 21	33	33		(1)	28
Food EBITDA margin	21	22	21	55 21	21	(2) 0	(2) 0	20
Retail EBITDA margin	21	15	13	10	10	0	(12)	13
Total EBITDA margin	30	30	21	30	29	(1)	(12)	25
Net profit margin	13	5	(3)	8	6	(1)	(7)	4
Operating stat	3Q22	4Q22	(0) 1Q23	2Q23	0	(2)	(7)	-
Owned & leased RevPAR (y-y %)				1410				
Total	96	66	87	28				
Thailand	378	206	218	76				
Maldives	8	(11)	(15)	(23)				
Europe & The Americas (NHH)	100	64	86	25				
SSSG (y-y %)								
Total	17	4	11	8				
Thailand	11	4	6	8				
China	(11)	(26)	15	40				
TSSG (y-y %)	. ,							
Total	41	17	20	18				
Thailand	51	20	20	17				
China	0	(20)	20	99				
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Sources: MINT; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 8: Historical P/E band







# Exhibit 10: Peer comparisons as of 25 Oct 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	\$	Share price	e	Market		PE		ROE		PBV		EV/ E	BITDA
			Current	Target	Upside	сар	23E	24E	25E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand															
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	BUY	3.52	6.80	93	3,116	53.5	30.6	27.5	2.5	4.1	1.3	1.2	31.5	22.9
Minor International	MINT TB	BUY	28.50	43.00	51	4,412	25.3	22.3	20.0	8.2	9.5	1.8	2.4	9.7	9.7
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	BUY	44.50	53.00	19	1,662	43.7	30.4	26.8	7.2	9.6	3.0	2.8	17.5	15.7
Erawan Group	ERW TB	BUY	5.05	6.30	25	633	35.5	33.8	28.7	10.7	10.2	3.6	3.1	16.8	15.4
S Hotels & Resorts	SHR TB	BUY	2.46	4.40	79	245	181.8	21.9	16.3	0.3	2.5	0.6	0.5	8.8	7.1
Dusit Thani	DUSIT TB	BUY	7.65	18.00	135	180	127.2	26.6	2.6	1.2	5.7	1.6	1.5	36.7	28.8
Bound and Beyond	BEYOND TB	BUY	12.00	24.00	100	96	(30.9)	18.2	12.9	(1.9)	3.1	0.6	0.6	14.9	9.1
Thailand average						10,343	62.3	26.3	19.3	4.0	6.4	1.8	1.7	19.4	15.5
Regional															
Btg Hotels Group	600258 CH	n/a	15.75	n/a	n/a	2,403	24.0	17.2	14.2	6.8	8.7	1.6	1.5	10.7	9.7
Sh Jinjiang Intl Hotels	900934 CH	n/a	1.40	n/a	n/a	4,150	8.2	5.8	4.6	7.8	9.9	0.6	0.6	12.2	9.7
Huangshan Tourism Dev.	900942 CH	n/a	0.70	n/a	n/a	950	9.8	8.2	7.3	8.7	9.4	0.8	0.8	7.7	7.1
Genting Bhd	GENT MK	n/a	4.06	n/a	n/a	3,266	15.4	10.3	8.8	3.3	4.6	0.5	0.5	6.5	5.9
Huazhu Group	HTHT US	n/a	36.54	n/a	n/a	11,648	23.9	21.6	17.7	31.2	25.7	7.8	6.0	13.7	12.1
Indian Hotels	IH IN	n/a	389.55	n/a	n/a	6,396	57.8	42.6	35.6	12.6	14.4	6.8	5.9	30.9	25.6
Lemon Tree Hotels	LEMONTRE IN	n/a	107.50	n/a	n/a	1,005	72.6	52.3	31.2	12.3	15.9	9.2	7.8	25.7	20.7
Lippo Karawaci	LPKR IJ	n/a	89.00	n/a	n/a	397	18.3	5.2	4.5	2.3	6.6	0.4	0.3	8.5	8.1
Regional average						30,214	28.8	20.4	15.5	10.6	11.9	3.5	2.9	14.5	12.4
Overall average						40,558	44.4	23.1	17.3	7.5	9.3	2.7	2.4	16.8	13.9

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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# **Financial Statements**

Minor International

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	20255
Revenue	68,251	119,364	142,783	150,610	157,665
Cost of goods sold	(47,417)	(67,753)	(77,809)	(82,166)	(85,816
Gross profit	20,834	51,610	64,974	68,444	71,849
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	
Operating costs	(31,188)	(41,999)	(49,525)	(51,938)	(54,056
Operating EBITDA	9,588	28,886	35,710	37,789	40,220
Depreciation	(19,942)	(19,275)	(20,260)	(21,283)	(22,432
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	
Operating EBIT	(10,354)	9,612	15,449	16,506	17,793
Net financing costs	(7,484)	(8,138)	(9,567)	(9,455)	(9,535
Associates	(209)	136	579	666	700
Recurring non-operating income	5,888	3,133	3,669	3,849	3,978
Non-recurring items	(3,852)	2,269	0	0	(
Profit before tax	(15,802)	6,877	9,551	10,900	12,23
Tax	1,627	(2,354)	(2,422)	(2,763)	(3,115
Profit after tax	(14,175)	4,523	7,129	8,137	9,122
Minority interests	1,009	(236)	(650)	(780)	(936
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	(13,167)	4,286	6,479	7,357	8,18
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	3,852	(2,269)	0	0	
Recurring net profit	(9,315)	2,017	6,479	7,357	8,186
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	(1.79)	0.35	1.13	1.28	1.42
Reported EPS	(2.53)	0.82	1.16	1.28	1.42
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.43	0.4
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	5,214	5,755	5,755	5,755	5,75
Growth					
Revenue (%)	22.2	74.9	19.6	5.5	4.
Operating EBITDA (%)	1,850.7	201.3	23.6	5.8	6.4
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	nm	60.7	6.8	7.8
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	221.2	13.6	11.3
Reported EPS (%)	nm	nm	41.8	10.4	11.3
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	30.5	43.2	45.5	45.4	45.6
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	59.7	59.4	59.7	59.6	59.8
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	14.0	24.2	25.0	25.1	25.5
Operating EBIT margin (%)	(15.2)	8.1	10.8	11.0	11.3
Net margin (%)	(13.6)	1.7	4.5	4.9	5.2
Effective tax rate (%)	13.9	52.6	27.0	27.0	27.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	-	-	35.0	34.0	34.0
Interest cover (X)	(0.6)	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.3
Inventory days	47.6	27.9	26.0	26.5	26.
Debtor days	72.0	48.5	47.2	50.1	49.0
Creditor days	223.9	151.3	135.0	128.1	129.
Operating ROIC (%)	(3.1)	1.6	4.1	4.4	4.8
	(1.2)	1.9	4.6	4.8	5.2
ROE (%)	(13.8)	2.9	8.2	9.5	11.
ROA (%) * Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	(1.1)	1.7	3.9	4.2	4.1
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	20255
Hotel & Mixed-use	45,160	90,644	110,549	116,821	122,247
F&B revenue	20,321	26,213	29,336	30,802	32,343
Retail revenue	2,770	2,507	2,899	2,986	3,076

Sources: Minor International; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Minor International

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	(9,315)	2,017	6,479	7,357	8,186
Depreciation	19,942	19,275	20,260	21,283	22,432
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
Other non-cash items	(5,186)	(1,997)	650	780	936
Change in working capital	6,605	2,644	(8,805)	(551)	717
Cash flow from operations	12,046	21,939	18,584	28,869	32,271
Capex - maintenance	(27,042)	(5,900)	(17,000)	(20,000)	(17,000)
Capex - new investment Net acquisitions & disposals	- (197)	- (1)	- 0	-	(
Other investments (net)	(137)	(1)	-	-	
Cash flow from investing	(27,238)	(5,902)	(17,000)	(20,000)	(17,000)
Dividends paid	0	0	0	(2,203)	(2,501)
Equity finance	(453)	(514)	9,276	(23,932)	C
Debt finance	(5,883)	(17,932)	(5,000)	(3,000)	(10,000)
Other financing cash flows	20,436	278	0	0	C
Cash flow from financing	14,101	(18,168)	4,276	(29,135)	(12,501)
Non-recurring cash flows Dther adjustments	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	C
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Novement in cash	(1,092)	(2,130)	5,860	(20,266)	2,769
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(7,074.20)	25,040.43	11,610.44	18,900.53	24,976.94
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(638.87)	(1,616.77)	(3,416.23)	5,869.24	5,270.65
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(1.23)	4.35	2.02	3.28	4.34
FCFE per share	(0.11)	(0.28)	(0.59)	3.20 1.02	4.34
Recurring cash flow per share	1.04	3.68	4.90	5.11	5.48
Salance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Fangible fixed assets (gross) _ess: Accumulated depreciation	392,452 (104,820)	381,640 (107,248)	398,640 (127,508)	418,640 (148,791)	435,640 (171,224)
Fangible fixed assets (net)	287,632	274,392	271,132	269,848	264,416
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	200,040	(
_ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	16,249	16,250	16,250	16,250	16,250
Cash & equivalents	25,097	22,966	28,826	8,560	11,330
A/C receivable	14,638	17,052	19,908	21,414	21,414
nventories	3,490	3,909	4,290	4,539	4,725
Other current assets	5,602	6,369	6,711	7,079	7,410
Current assets	48,827	50,296	59,735	41,592	44,879
Other assets	16,926	17,272	17,272	17,272	17,272
<b>Fotal assets</b> Common equity	<b>369,633</b> 68,023	<b>358,210</b> 71,059	<b>364,388</b> 86,814	<b>344,962</b> 68,036	<b>342,817</b> 73,720
Vinorities etc.	11,470	11,550	12,200	12,980	13,916
Fotal shareholders' equity	79,492	82,609	99,014	81,016	87,636
_ong term debt	224,576	207,126	202,126	199,126	189,126
Other long-term liabilities	38,610	35,759	35,759	35,759	35,759
Long-term liabilities	263,187	242,885	237,885	234,885	224,885
A/C payable	18,394	21,807	20,768	21,971	22,873
Short term debt	482	0	0	0	(
Other current liabilities	8,079	10,910	6,722	7,091	7,423
Current liabilities	26,954	32,716	27,490	29,061	30,296
Fotal liabilities and shareholders' equity	<b>369,633</b> (2,742)	358,210	364,388	344,962	342,817
Net working capital nvested capital	318,064	(5,386) 302,527	3,419 308,073	3,970 307,340	3,253 301,191
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be		562,521	000,070	007,040	001,10
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	13.05	13.54	15.52	11.82	12.81
Fangible book value per share	13.05	13.54	15.52	11.82	12.8
Financial strength					
Vet debt/equity (%)	251.5	222.9	175.0	235.2	202.9
Net debt/total assets (%)	54.1	51.4	47.6	55.2	51.9
Current ratio (x)	1.8	1.5	2.2	1.4	1.5
CF interest cover (x)	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.6	1.6
/aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring P/E (x) *	(16.0)	81.3	25.3	22.3	20.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	(24.1)	122.7	38.2	33.6	30.2
Reported P/E (x)	(11.3)	34.9	24.6	22.3	20.0
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	1.4	1.5	1.7
	2.2	2.1	1.8	2.4 2.4	2.2
		<b>~</b> 4			2.2
Price/tangible book (x)	2.2	2.1 12.0	1.8		
Price/tangible book (x) EV/EBITDA (x) **	2.2 37.6	12.0	9.7	9.7	8.8
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x) EV/EBITDA (x) ** EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	2.2				8.8 10.9 1.2

Sources: Minor International; FSSIA estimates



# **Minor International PCL (MINT TB)**



84.43 /100

# Exhibit 11: FSSIA ESG score implication

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.
$\star \star \star$	>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 12: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA			Domes	stic ratings	;				Glo	bal ratings			Bloomberg		
	ESG score	DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar ESG risk	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score	
SET100	69.20	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	67.12	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	
BEYOND	24.98				5.00	5.00	Certified		39.83							
CENTEL	62.78		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	57.54			71.56	48.00	2.93	54.19	
DUSIT	24.81				5.00	4.00	Certified		46.50							
ERW	39.65				4.00	4.00	Certified		54.22			51.15	21.00	3.90		
MINT	84.43	Y	Y	Y	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	57.57	AA	37.00	91.18	69.00	5.00		
SHR	25.00		Y	Y	5.00	5.00										

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

# Exhibit 13: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	5.47	5.72	5.75	5.65	5.68	4.89	5.01	5.00
BESG environmental pillar score	6.63	6.70	6.73	6.81	7.12	6.89	7.03	-
BESG social pillar score	6.36	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.14	3.70	3.78	_
BESG governance pillar score	3.35	3.95	4.01	3.62	3.61	3.73	3.87	_
ESG disclosure score	52.30	52.19	55.26	58.45	60.14	60.79	65.48	-
Environmental disclosure score	49.56	52.40	54.12	59.56	59.56	68.11	68.11	_
Social disclosure score	26.12	22.94	30.44	34.61	37.18	30.56	38.36	—
Governance disclosure score	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	83.59	83.59	89.86	_
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes							
Climate change policy	Yes							
Climate change opportunities discussed	No							
Risks of climate change discussed	Yes							
GHG scope 1	—	47	70	86	74	108	145	244
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	161	159	228	260	199	205	257
GHG Scope 3	—	—	—	27	29	26	490	811
Carbon per unit of production	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	_
Biodiversity policy	Yes							
Energy efficiency policy	Yes							
Total energy consumption	450	460	480	661	666	937	1,142	1,446
Renewable energy use	—	_	_	_	_	107	135	_
Electricity used	257	274	303	479	543	366	456	585
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_	_	587,813	722,758	861,737

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

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# Exhibit 14: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No							
Waste reduction policy	Yes							
Hazardous waste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total waste	1	1	4	2	1	1	5	6
Waste recycled	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Waste sent to landfills	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Environmental supply chain management	Yes							
Water policy	Yes							
Water consumption	_	-	-	-	-	1,218	2,423	7,122
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes							
Policy against child labor	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	Yes							
Equal opportunity policy	Yes							
Gender pay gap breakout	No							
Pct women in workforce	50	48	50	49	52	51	52	51
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Business ethics policy	Yes							
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes							
Health and safety policy	Yes							
Lost time incident rate - employees	—	_	—	-	—	-	1	-
Total recordable incident rate - employees	—	_	—	-	—	-	1	-
Training policy	Yes							
Fair remuneration policy	No							
Number of employees – CSR	56,301	64,115	66,016	67,691	79,700	66,451	64,389	75,297
Employee turnover pct	—	_	_	—	46	58	51	_
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	4,053,670	6,796,190	6,931,680	6,972,170	9,165,500	1,727,730	1,738,500	2,560,100
Social supply chain management	Yes							
Governance								
Board size	8	9	10	11	11	11	11	10
No. of independent directors (ID)	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
No. of women on board	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of non-executive directors on board	4	5	6	7	7	8	8	7
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes							
No. of board meetings for the year	6	8	8	10	8	9	5	6
Board meeting attendance pct	87	87	91	96	98	98	95	93
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No							
Age of the youngest director	44	45	46	45	46	47	48	48
Age of the oldest director	70	71	72	73	74	74	75	73
No. of executives / company managers	8	8	7	7	8	8	10	9
No. of female executives	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	4
Executive share ownership guidelines	No							
Size of audit committee	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Audit meeting attendance %	83	92	93	92	100	100	100	100
Size of compensation committee	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	4
No. of ID on compensation committee	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of compensation committee meetings	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Compensation meeting attendance %	63	100	89	100	100	87	90	90
Size of nomination committee	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	3	3	3	4	3	2	2	3
Nomination meeting attendance %	78	100	91	100	100	88	88	83
Sustainability governance								
			No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

# Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating							
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ( <u>DJSI</u> ) By S&P Global	process base from the anni Only the top- inclusion.	ed on the com ual S&P Glob ranked compa	transparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabili al Corporate Sustainabilit anies within each industry	ity Scores resulting y Assessment (CSA). are selected for	Be a member and invited to the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) for DJSI. Companies with an S&P Globa ESG Score of less than 45% of the S&P Global ESG Score of the highest scoring company are disqualified. The constituents of the DJSI indices are selected from the Eligible Universe.							
Sustainability Investment List ( <u>THSI</u> ) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand ( <u>SET</u> )	managing bu Candidates n conditions: 1 and 2) free fl >15% of paid score of belo executives' w	siness with tra nust pass the ) no irregular to oat of >150 sh I-up capital. S w 70%; 2) ind vrongdoing rel	lity in Environmental and ansparency in Governanc preemptive criteria, with trading of the board mem nareholders, and combine ome key disqualifying crit lependent directors and fn lated to CG, social & envi and 5) earnings in red fo	ce, updated annually. two crucial bers and executives; ed holding must be teria include: 1) CG ree float violation; 3) ronmental impacts; 4)	To be eligible for <u>THSI inclusion</u> , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. <u>SETTHSI Index</u> is extended from the THSI companies whose 1) market capitalization > 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.							
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association ( <u>Thai IOD</u> )	annually by tl Thailand (SE	he Thai IOD, v	h in sustainable developn with support from the Sto s are from the perspectiv s.	ck Exchange of	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) am 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 a out of five the assessment of the meeting of advance circula rights can be ex- transparency a	e incorporated and sufficiently e CG compon- criteria cover . date (45%), au ation of sufficien xercised. The se nd verifiability; a	which shareholders' rights into business operations y disclosed. All form impo ents to be evaluated annu AGM procedures before t and after the meeting (10% t information for voting; and 2 econd assesses 1) the ease o and 3) openness for Q&A. The optimin discussion issues, reso	and information is rtant elements of two ually. The the meeting (45%), at b). (The first assesses 1) c) (The first assesses 1) facilitating how voting f attending meetings; 2) third involves the	The scores are classified into four categories: 5 for Excellent (100), 4 for Very Good (90-99), 3 for Fair (80-89), and not rated for scores below 79.							
Thai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)	establishmen policies. The (Companies de Declaration of I Certification, in managers and	t of key contro Certification i ciding to becom Intent to kick off cluding risk asso	Checklist include corruptic ols, and the monitoring ar s good for three years. he a CAC certified member sta an 18-month deadline to subl sesment, in place of policy an ablishment of whistleblowing of 1 stakeholders.)	nd developing of art by submitting a mit the CAC Checklist for d control, training of	The document will be reviewed by a committee of nine professionals. A passed Checklist will move for granting certification by the CAC Council approvals whose members are twelve highly respected individuals in professionalism and ethical achievements.							
<u>Morningstar</u> Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unman	assessment o aged. Sources	sk rating provides an over of how much of a compan s to be reviewed include corpo	y's exposure to ESG brate publications and	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.							
	information, col		ner media, NGO reports/webs k, ESG controversies, issuer f		0-10	Low 10-20	<b>Medium</b> 20-30	High 30-40	40+			
<u>ESG Book</u>	The ESG sco positioned to the principle helps explain over-weightir	ore identifies s outperform o of financial ma future risk-ac	sustainable companies tha ver the long term. The me ateriality including informa djusted performance. Mat th higher materiality and r	ethodology considers ation that significantly eriality is applied by	The total ESG score is calculated as a weighted sum of the features scores using materiality-based weights. The score is scaled between 0 and 100 with higher scores indicating better performance.							
<u>MSCI</u>	MSCI ESG ratings aim to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. It uses a rules-based methodology to identiindustry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers.											
	AAA	8.571-10.000										
	AA	7.143-8.570		localing to industry in t	ading its industry in managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities							
	A BBB	5.714-7.142 4.286-5.713			nal track record of r	nanaging the i	nost significant E	SG risks and o	opportunities relative to			
	BB	2.857-4.285		industry peers								
	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry bas	ed on its high expo	sure and failu	re to manage sig	nificant ESG ri	sks			
<u>Moody's ESG</u> solutions	Moody's assesses the degree to which companies take into account ESG objectives in the definition and implementation of their strategy policies. It believes that a company integrating ESG factors into its business model and relatively outperforming its peers is better positioned to mitigate risks and create sustainable value for shareholders over the medium to long term.											
Refinitiv ESG rating	Designed to transparently and objectively measure a company's relative ESG performance, commitment and effectiveness across 10 main themes, based on publicly available and auditable data. The score ranges from 0 to 100 on relative ESG performance and insufficient degree of transparency in reporting material ESG data publicly. (Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 = satisfactory; >50 to 75 = good; and >75 to 100 = excellent.)											
<u>S&amp;P Global</u>			re is a relative score mea in the same industry class				ent of ESG risk	s, opportunit	ies, and impacts			
Bloomberg	compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.         ESG Score       Bloomberg score evaluating the company's aggregated Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance. The score is based on Bloomberg's view of ESG financial materiality. The score is a weighted generalized mean (power mean) of Pillar Scores, where the weights are determined by the pillar priority ranking. Values range from 0 to 10; 10 is the best.											
	ESG Disclosure Score Disclosure of a company's ESG used for Bloomberg ESG score. The score ranges from 0 for none to 100 for disclosure of every data point, measuring the amount of ESG data reported publicly, and not the performance on any data point.											

Source: FSSIA's compilation

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks		
Minor International	MINT TB	THB 28.50	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply and higher competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than- expected recovery of international tourist numbers.		
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	THB 3.52	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.		
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	THB 44.50	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply and higher competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.		
The Erawan Group	Erawan Group ERW TB THB 5.05		BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result i price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.		
S Hotels and Resorts	SHR TB	THB 2.46	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.		
Dusit Thani	DUSIT TB	THB 7.65	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.		
Bound and Beyond	BEYOND TB	THB 12.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.		

Source: FSSIA estimates

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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.

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**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.

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