**EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT** 

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# Earnings recovery in 3Q23E

- We expect 3Q23 net profit to significantly increase q-q to THB507m (+152% q-q but -21% y-y).
- This is due to full-quarter revenue recognition from a hydropower plant in Laos, an oil tank terminal, and new power plants in the US.
- Maintain BUY on BCPG with TP of THB15.10/share

# 3Q23E net profit spikes 152% q-q to THB507m

We estimate 3Q23 net profit to surge to THB507m (+152% q-q, -21% y-y). This is due to full-quarter revenue recognition from 1) a hydropower plant in Laos, which reopened and started selling electricity to EVN on Jun 15, 2023, 2) a tank terminal whose deal was completed on May 31, 2023, and 3) two new combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power plants in the US (total equity capacity of 426MW) whose deal was completed on Jul 12, 2023. Our 3Q23E core profit (excl. FX gain of THB50m) is at THB467m, more than BCPG's 1H23 core profit of THB342m. Our 9M23E net profit is equal to 70% of our full-year forecast.

# 3Q23E revenue significantly improves q-q

Our 3Q23E revenue is at THB1,538m (+40.8% q-q, flat y-y). We expect the q-q increase to be in line with higher electricity generation, especially from the hydropower plant in Laos, and a full-quarter revenue recognition of the tank terminal. Breakdown by country (Exhibit 1), the highest q-q increase should come from Laos (+640% q-q), followed by Thailand (+10% q-q). Although we expect q-q weaker solar revenue in Thailand from seasonality, the anticipated contribution from the tank terminal more than offsets it.

# 4Q23 and 2024 outlook

We believe 4Q23 earnings will slightly improve q-q, mainly from higher contributions from four CCGT power plants in the US due to high seasonal demand and potentially higher gas prices during winter. It should help offset the slower season of hydro and lower Ft in 4Q23. For the 2024 outlook, we expect continued y-y earnings growth despite adder expiration (48MW) during Mar - Apr 24 due to expected contributions from new projects this year and new solar projects in Taiwan and Japan in 2024.

#### Maintain BUY on BCPG with our TP of THB15.10/share

We maintain BUY on BCPG with our DCF-based target price of THB15.10/share. We believe that downside risk to the stock is limited as the valuation is attractive, with share prices trading at a P/E below -1SD. Also, there will be no more share dilutions from warrants going forward. We anticipate a 14.7%-9.4% EPS growth in 2024-2025E.







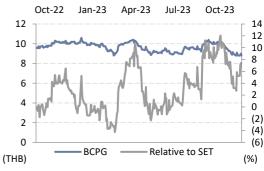


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TARGET PRICE THB15.10
CLOSE THB8.80
UP/DOWNSIDE +71.6%
PRIOR TP THB15.10
CHANGE IN TP UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS +10.7%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	5,406	5,567	6,866	8,197
Net profit	3,196	1,731	1,986	2,172
EPS (THB)	1.10	0.60	0.68	0.75
vs Consensus (%)	-	17.2	10.6	4.2
EBITDA	5,329	4,084	5,101	6,004
Recurring net profit	2,631	1,731	1,986	2,172
Core EPS (THB)	0.90	0.60	0.68	0.75
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	27.3	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	21.6	(34.2)	14.7	9.4
Core P/E (x)	9.7	14.8	12.9	11.8
Dividend yield (%)	4.1	2.7	3.1	3.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.6	11.7	10.8	10.3
Price/book (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Net debt/Equity (%)	14.0	73.4	93.1	109.4
ROE (%)	9.3	5.8	6.5	6.8



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(9.7)	(8.3)	(9.3)
Relative to country (%)	(1.5)	3.2	6.0
Mkt cap (USD m)			704
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			1.3
Free float (%)			30
Major shareholder	Bangchak	Corporation	Plc (57%)
12m high/low (THB)			10.70/8.70
Issued shares (m)			2,907.69

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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# Investment thesis

BCPG, a subsidiary of Bangchak Corporation (BCP TB, BUY), is a low-risk renewable power operator with a proven track record in solar farm development and operations in high-growth renewable power markets, including Thailand, Japan, Laos, the Philippines, and Taiwan. BCPG currently operates solar, wind, and hydro in the region, while its subsidiaries are exploring opportunities in biomass and other new businesses.

As the benefit from adders in Thailand fades away in the coming years, BCPG is now looking to invest in new greenfield projects where it can generate revenue once the transaction is completed. This includes the recent acquisition of combined cycle gas turbines in the US and a tank terminal in Thailand. We believe the contribution from its pipeline projects and potential new investments should help offset the market concerns over the adder expirations and Ft downtrend.

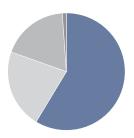
# Company profile

BCPG is the flagship of the Bangchak Group, operating renewable power plants including solar, wind, and hydro, and investing in gas-fired power plants in the US. Currently, it has business footprints in seven countries, with more than half of the contributions from Thailand.

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# Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

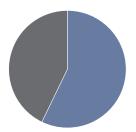
- Revenue from sale of electricity -Thailand - 58.6 %
- Revenue from sale of electricity Thailand 21.8 %
- Revenue from sale of electricity Thailand 18.4 %
- Other income 1.1 %



Source: BCPG

# **Major shareholders**

- Bangchak Corporation Plc 57.2 %
- Others 42.8 %



Source: BCPG

# **Catalysts**

Key potential catalysts are 1) higher Ft; 2) contributions from combined cycle gas turbine power plants in the US; and 3) new M&A.

#### Risks to our call

The downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected demand for electricity in Thailand and the Philippines; and 2) government intervention by way of electricity tariff subsidies; 3) lower-than-expected gas prices for gas-fired plants in the US and; 4) abnormal solar and wind factors.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
7 Nov 2023	3Q23 financial results announcement
Mid Nov 2023	3Q23 analyst meeting

# **Key assumptions**

	2023E	2024E	2025E
	(THB/kWh)	(THB/kWh)	(THB/kWh)
Ft	0.89	0.50	0.20
Capacity factor	(%)	(%)	(%)
Solar - TH	18	18	18
Solar - Japan	18	18	18
Wind - PH	40	40	40

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every THB0.1/kWh increase in Ft, we estimate 2023 earnings would increase by THB25-30m, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in interest expense, we estimate 2023 earnings would decline 1.5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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# **Focus charts**

Exhibit 1: BCPG's 3Q23 results preview

	3Q22	2Q23	3Q23E		2023E	% of 23E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(%)
Revenue	1,544	1,093	1,538	40.8	(0.3)	5,567.2	66%
Operating costs	(350)	(314)	(397)	26.5	13.3	(556.7)	
EBITDA	1,193	779	1,141	46.5	(4.3)	4,084.0	66%
EBITDA margin (%)	77.3	71.3	74.2	nm	nm	73.4	
Depn & amort.	(398)	(422)	(464)	10.0	16.6	(1,974.6)	
EBIT	795	357	678	89.6	(14.8)	2,109.5	67%
Interest expense	(251)	(248)	(329)	32.8	31.0	(1,075.3)	
Interest & invt inc	31	98	98	-	222.6	162.7	
Other income	4	4	4	(3.2)	(11.0)	-	
Associates' contrib	(17)	(31)	134	(533.9)	(879.8)	672.4	
Exceptionals	164	91	50	(45.0)	(69.4)	-	
Pretax profit	726	272	635	133.3	(12.6)	1,869.3	81%
Tax	(84)	(70)	(127)	81.6	50.4	(119.7)	
Tax rate (%)	12	26	20	nm	nm	6.4	
Minority interests	(0)	(1)	(1)	nm	nm	(18.4)	
Net profit	641	201	507	151.9	(20.9)	1,731.2	70%
non-recurring	(15)	(19)	(40)	116.0	174.7	-	
Core net profit	626	183	467	155.6	(25.5)	1,731.2	47%
EPS (THB)	0.22	0.07	0.17	151.9	(20.9)	0.6	
Core EPS (THB)	0.22	0.06	0.16	155.6	(25.5)	0.6	
Quarterly revenue from sales of electric	ity breakdown by countr	y and other inco	me				
Thailand	715	692	758	9.5	6.0		
Laos	500	57	419	639.8	(16.0)		
Japan	317	319	337	5.4	6.4		
Other income	12	24	24	-	96.8		
Total	1,544	1,093	1,538	40.8	(0.3)		

Sources: BCPG, FSSIA's estimates

Exhibit 2: Electricity generation breakdown by power plant type

Electricity generation	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23		
	(GWh)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)						
Thailand - solar	84	86	76	82	85	84	77	-8%	2%
Thailand - wind	3	2	3	2	3	2	4	82%	18%
Laos - hydro	77	101	208	118	0	25	183	647%	-12%
Japan - solar	15	36	33	22	25	35	37	5%	11%

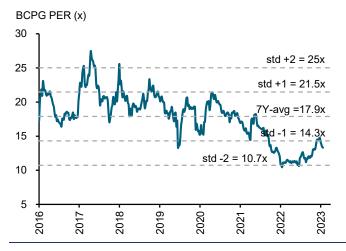
Source: BCPG

Exhibit 3: BCPG's expansion plan to fill earnings gap from adder expiration



Source: BCPG

# Exhibit 4: BCPG's P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA's estimates

# Exhibit 5: BCPG's EV/EBITDA band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA's estimates

# **Financial Statements**

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	4,669	5,406	5,567	6,866	8,197
Cost of goods sold	(1,608)	(1,978)	(2,531)	(3,636)	(4,419)
Gross profit	3,061	3,428	3,036	3,230	3,778
Other operating income	23	1,236	20	20	20
Operating costs	(655)	(840)	(946)	(1,099)	(1,394)
Operating EBITDA	3,609	5,329	4,084	5,101	6,004
Depreciation	(1,180)	(1,504)	(1,975)	(2,950)	(3,600)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	Ó	0
Operating EBIT	2,429	3,824	2,109	2,151	2,404
Net financing costs	(812)	(744)	(913)	(1,271)	(1,485)
Associates	600	130	672	1,248	1,424
Recurring non-operating income	600	130	672	1,248	1,424
Non-recurring items	(273)	565	0	0	0
Profit before tax	1,944	3,774	1,869	2,128	2,344
Tax	(64)	(577)	(120)	(132)	(162)
Profit after tax	1,880	3,198	1,750	1,996	2,182
Minority interests	0	(2)	(18)	(10)	(10)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	(10)
Other items	-	-	-	-	_
Reported net profit	1,880	3,196	1,731	1,986	2,172
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	273	(565)	0	0	2,172
Recurring net profit	2,153	2,631	1,731	1,986	2,172
Per share (THB)	2,100	2,001	1,701	1,300	2,172
Recurring EPS *	0.74	0.90	0.60	0.68	0.75
Reported EPS	0.65	1.10	0.60	0.68	0.75
DPS	0.33	0.36	0.24	0.27	0.30
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	2,894	2,908	2,908	2,908	2,908
Growth	2,001	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Revenue (%)	10.4	15.8	3.0	23.3	19.4
Operating EBITDA (%)	8.1	47.7	(23.4)	24.9	17.7
Operating EBIT (%)	7.5	57.5	(44.8)	2.0	11.8
Recurring EPS (%)	2.7	21.6	(34.2)	14.7	9.4
Reported EPS (%)	(8.0)	69.1	(45.8)	14.7	9.4
Operating performance	(0.0)	03.1	(40.0)	17.7	5.4
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	65.6	63.4	54.5	47.0	46.1
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	90.8	91.2	90.0	90.0	90.0
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	77.3	98.6	73.4	74.3	73.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	52.0	70.7	37.9	31.3	29.3
Net margin (%)	46.1	48.7	31.1	28.9	26.5
Effective tax rate (%)	4.3	18.7	10.0	15.0	17.6
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	44.4	39.8	40.0	39.6	40.0
Interest cover (X)	3.7	5.3	3.0	2.7	2.6
Inventory days	3.1	0.0	3.0	2.1	2.0
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Debtor days Creditor days	378.9	611.9	152.1 500.0	489.1	496.3
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Operating ROIC (%) ROIC (%)	5.6	16.3	6.0 5.0	4.1 4.7	(1.0)
• •		7.8		4.7 6.5	(1.2)
ROE (%)	8.7	9.3	5.8	6.5	6.8
ROA (%) * Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	5.1	5.6	3.9	4.1	2.4
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Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue from sale of electricity - Thailand	3,252	3,170			
Revenue from sale of electricity - Thailand	1,125	1,178			
Revenue from sale of electricity - Thailand	246	996			
Other income	46	61			

Sources: BCPG; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	2,153	2,631	1,731	1,986	2,172
Depreciation	1,180	1,504	1,975	2,950	3,600
Associates & minorities	600	130	672	1,248	1,424
Other non-cash items	-	-	-	-	, -
Change in working capital	(797)	(67)	(1,008)	(1,316)	(1,580)
Cash flow from operations	3,136	4,198	3,370	4,868	5,615
Capex - maintenance	(1,180)	(1,504)	(1,299)	(1,923)	(3,686)
Capex - new investment	(2,704)	(358)	(18,701)	(8,077)	(6,314)
let acquisitions & disposals	(1,763)	12,144	Ó	0	Ó
Other investments (net)	(1,227)	630	672	1,248	1,424
Cash flow from investing	(6,874)	10,911	(19,328)	(8,752)	(8,576)
Dividends paid	(955)	(1,047)	(811)	(740)	(828)
Equity finance	Ò	Ó	0	0	0
Debt finance	2,433	(4,682)	12,606	5,364	(1,118)
Other financing cash flows	2,219	290	(1,326)	(2,486)	(2,839)
Cash flow from financing	3,697	(5,438)	10,468	2,138	(4,784)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	131	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	131	(565)	0	0	0
Movement in cash	89	9,105	(5,489)	(1,745)	(7,745)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(2,842.90)	15,990.84	(14,881.93)	(2,494.04)	(1,371.11)
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,044.49	10,151.88	(4,677.54)	(1,005.87)	(6,917.18)
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(0.98)	5.50	(5.12)	(0.86)	(0.47)
FCFE per share	0.36	3.49	(1.61)	(0.35)	(2.38)
Recurring cash flow per share	1.36	1.47	1.51	2.13	2.47
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
angible fixed assets (gross)	21,017	21,389	41,389	51,389	61,389
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(3,645)	(4,375)	(6,350)	(9,299)	(12,899)
angible fixed assets (net)	17,372	17,014	35,039	42,090	48,490
ntangible fixed assets (net)	11,810	11,412	11,412	11,412	11,412
Long-term financial assets	-				
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	13,486	1,342	1,342	1,342	1,342
Cash & equivalents	11,228	20,333	14,844	13,098	5,354
VC receivable	2,317	1,762	2,876	4,249	5,889
nventories	0	0	0	0	0
Other current assets	389	783	806	994	1,187
Current assets	13,933	22,878	18,526	18,342	12,430
Other assets	2,121	3,514	3,514	3,514	3,514
Total assets	58,721	56,160	69,834	76,700	77,188
Common equity	27,160	29,225	30,145	31,391	32,736
Minorities etc.	69	51	70	80	89
Total shareholders' equity	27,228	29,276	30,214	31,471	32,825
ong term debt	25,574	21,880	34,233	39,317	37,892
Other long-term liabilities	1,241	1,542	1,542	1,542	1,542
Long-term liabilities	26,815	23,422	35,774	40,859	39,434
A/C payable	888	701	824	1,016	1,213
Short term debt	3,527	2,538	2,792	3,072	3,379
Other current liabilities	263	222	229	283	337
Current liabilities	4,678	3,462	3,845	4,370	4,929
Fotal liabilities and shareholders' equity	58,721	56,160	69,834	76,700	77,188
let working capital	1,554	1,622	2,629	3,945	5,525
nvested capital	46,343	34,904	53,937	62,303	70,284
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	ing treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	9.38	10.05	10.37	10.80	11.26
angible book value per share	5.30	6.13	6.44	6.87	7.33
Financial strength					
Vet debt/equity (%)	65.6	14.0	73.4	93.1	109.4
let debt/total assets (%)	30.4	7.3	31.8	38.2	46.5
Current ratio (x)	3.0	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.5
CF interest cover (x)	5.6	15.1	16.4	6.6	0.6
/aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring P/E (x) *	11.8	9.7	14.8	12.9	11.8
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	20.3	16.7	25.4	22.1	20.2
Reported P/E (x)	13.5	8.0	14.8	12.9	11.8
Dividend yield (%)	3.8	4.1	2.7	3.1	3.4
Price/book (x)	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Price/tangible book (x)	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2
EV/EBITDA (x) **	12.0	5.6	11.7	10.8	10.3
	17.1	9.0	16.2	14.4	13.3
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EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9

Sources: BCPG; FSSIA estimates

# **BCPG PCL (BCPG TB)**

# FSSIA ESG rating ★ ★ ★ ★

# Exhibit 6: FSSIA ESG score implication

60.77 / 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 7: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA			Domes	tic ratings				Global ratings				Bloomberg		
	ESG score	DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	\GM 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
BCPG	60.77		Y	Υ	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	53.04	Α		57.81	38.00		54.74
BGRIM	66.87		Y	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	High	47.55	BBB		63.32	84.00	3.58	68.21
GULF	61.25		Y	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	High	57.10	В		53.85	74.00	2.92	53.27
GPSC	69.86		Y	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	63.22	В		60.43	88.00	4.77	
GUNKUL	61.52		Y	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	68.79			73.33	27.00	2.75	58.25

 $Sources: \underline{\textbf{SETTRADE.com}}; \ \textbf{FSSIA's compilation}$ 

# Exhibit 8: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	_	_
BESG environmental pillar score	_	_
BESG social pillar score	_	_
BESG governance pillar score	4.05	4.04
ESG disclosure score	42.85	54.74
Environmental disclosure score	23.92	47.69
Social disclosure score	23.40	35.34
Governance disclosure score	81.10	81.10
Environmental		
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	0	0
GHG scope 2 location-based	1	2
GHG Scope 3	_	0
Carbon per unit of production	0.00	0.01
Biodiversity policy	No	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	_	7
Renewable energy use	_	_
Electricity used	_	3
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

**BCPG** 

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2021	FY 202
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	Ne
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Ye
Hazardous waste	_	_
Total waste	_	
Waste recycled	_	_
Waste sent to landfills	_	-
Environmental supply chain management	Yes	Ye
Water policy	No	Ye
Water consumption	<del>-</del>	-
Social		
Human rights policy	Yes	Ye
Policy against child labor	Yes	Ye
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Ye
Consumer data protection policy	No	Ye
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Ye
Gender pay gap breakout	No	N
Pct women in workforce	_	-
Pct disabled in workforce	_	-
Business ethics policy	Yes	Ye
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Υe
Health and safety policy	No	Υe
Lost time incident rate - employees	0.00	0.0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	0.00	-
Training policy	Yes	Ye
Fair remuneration policy	No	Ye
Number of employees – CSR	119.00	150.0
Employee turnover pct	_	22.0
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	4,046.00	5,100.0
Social supply chain management	Yes	Ye
Governance		
Board size	11	1
No. of independent directors (ID)	7	
No. of women on board	1	
No. of non-executive directors on board	10	1
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Υe
No. of board meetings for the year	13	1
Board meeting attendance pct	99	9
Board duration (years)	3	
Director share ownership guidelines	No	N
Age of the youngest director	55	5
Age of the oldest director	74	7
No. of executives / company managers	6	
No. of female executives	2	
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	٨
Size of audit committee	4	
No. of ID on audit committee	4	
Audit committee meetings	12	1
Audit meeting attendance %	100	9
Size of compensation committee	2	
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	
No. of compensation committee meetings	5	
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	10
Size of nomination committee	2	
No. of nomination committee meetings	5	
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	10
Sustainability governance		
Verification type	No	N

 $Sources: Bloomberg; \ FSSIA's \ compilation$ 

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# **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ( <u>DJSI</u> ) By S&P Global	The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection process based on the companies' Total Sustainability Scores resulting from the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Only the top-ranked companies within each industry are selected for inclusion.				Be a member and invited to the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) for DJSI. Companies with an S&P Global 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 (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing bu Candidates r conditions: 1 and 2) free fl >15% of paid score of belo executives' v	ility in Environmental ansparency in Gove preemptive criteria, trading of the board hareholders, and cor iome key disqualifyind dependent directors lated to CG, social & and 5) earnings in r	To be eligible for THSI inclusion, 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.  SETTHSI Index 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.							
oy Thai nstitute of Directors Association Thai IOD)	An indicator annually by the Thailand (SE an evaluation	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 a out of five the assessment the meeting advance circularights can be e transparency a	which shareholders' r d into business opera y disclosed. All form ents to be evaluated AGM procedures be nd after the meeting at information for voting; econd assesses 1) the e and 3) openness for Q& ontain discussion issues	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)	establishmer policies. The (Companies de Declaration of Certification, in managers and	Checklist include cor ols, and the monitori is good for three yea he a CAC certified mem an 18-month deadline t essment, in place of pol ablishment of whistleblo Il stakeholders.)	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.							
Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unmar regulatory filing	sk rating provides ar of how much of a col s to be reviewed include her media, NGO reports k, ESG controversies, is	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.    NEGL   Low   Medium   High   Severe							
ESG Book	The ESG sco positioned to the principle helps explair over-weightin	ore identifies so outperform of financial manding future risk-ad	sustainable companioner the long term. The ateriality including in digital performance the higher materiality.	es that are better ne methodology considers formation that significantly . Materiality is applied by and rebalancing these	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.					
MSCI				's management of financially						gy to
	identiindustry AAA	y leaders and 8.571-10.00		to their exposure to ESG risl	ks and how well t	ney manage	tnose risks rel	ative to peei	S.	
	AAA	7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in i	managing the most	significant ES0	G risks and opport	unities		
	A	5.714-7.142								
	BBB	4.286-5.713	Average:	a mixed or unexceptio industry peers	nal track record of r	nanaging the n	nost significant ES	SG risks and o	pportunities relative	e to
	ВВ	2.857-4.285		•						
	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry ba	sed on its high expo	sure and failur	e to manage sign	ificant ESG ris	sks	
Moody's ESG solutions	Moody's ass believes that	esses the deg	gree to which compar ntegrating ESG facto	nies take into account ESG rs into its business model ar 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.)									
S&P Global	The S&P Global ESG Score is a relative score measuring a company's performance on and management of ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.									
Bloomberg	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.									
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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
18-Feb-2021 13-Jul-2021	BUY BUY	17.40 23.00	31-Aug-2021 10-Nov-2022	BUY BUY	17.00 13.00	07-Jun-2023	BUY	15.10

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
BCPG	BCPG TB	THB 8.80	BUY	The downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected demand for electricity in Thailand and the Philippines; and 2) government intervention by way of electricity tariff subsidies; 3) lower-than-expected gas prices for gas-fired plants in the US and; 4) abnormal solar and wind factors.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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