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# I-TAIL CORPORATION

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THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE



**TARGET PRICE** THB30.00 **CLOSE** THB16.90 **UP/DOWNSIDE** +77.5% **TP vs CONSENSUS** +30.5%

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# 3Q23 results at first glance

# 3Q23 profit blows past estimates; further improvement likely in 4Q23

## **Highlights**

- ITC reported a 3Q23 net profit of THB645m (+45% q-q, -56% y-y). Excluding FX loss of THB11.7m and impairment reversal of THB3m, its core profit equaled THB653m (+51% q-q, -47% y-y), blowing past our estimate and the consensus forecast by 30%.
- It was mainly from 1) 14% higher-than-expected revenue, 2) 20-bps higher-than-expected gross margin, and 3) higher-than-expected other income due to interest earned from investing in corporate bonds.
- 3Q23 total revenue recovered by 23% q-q but implied a continued plunge of 35% y-y due to the high base last year. Revenue from cat food and pet treats surged (+27% q-q, +44% y-y) after customers resumed their restocking. Also, other income from non-pet food, such as tuna sales to TU and outsiders, accelerated to THB226m from THB74m in 2Q23, higher than expected. We observed that it fluctuated in each quarter. Even though we exclude the item, 3Q23 revenue growth remained healthy at 18.7% q-q.
- The gross margin increased to 19.2% from 18.4% in 2Q23, still below 25.4% in 3Q22, due to selling price hikes and a higher utilization rate. Meanwhile, tuna costs remained high, while the premium mix was close to the previous quarter.
- ITC controlled its expenses well. In particular, administrative expenses from management fees for a member of the TU Group decreased. Also, revenue recovered q-q. Thus, the SG&A-to-sales ratio plunged to 6.7% from 9.2% in 2Q23 but was still higher than 5.2% in 3Q22.

# **Outlook**

- ITC reported a 9M23 net profit of THB1,515m (-59% y-y), securing 75% of our full-year estimate. In 4Q23, the profit should accelerate to the peak of this year, breaking its seasonal pattern. Since customers only started restocking in 3Q23, we anticipate a continued jump in purchase orders. In this aspect, management expects 4Q23 revenue to reach THB5b. Since it has already secured orders for 75% of its revenue target, 4Q23 profit may come in at THB750-800m, beating our estimate of THB600m.
- In our view, the operation has passed its trough and will gradually recover. We expect 2023-24 net profit of THB2b (-54% y-y) and THB3.5b (+76% y-y), respectively.
- We reaffirm our 2024 TP of THB30 (PE 25x, maintained), Since ITC trades at a 2024 PE of only 14.2x, we retain our BUY rating on ITC.

## **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	21,420	15,395	19,654	21,772
Net profit	4,401	2,020	3,562	4,160
EPS (THB)	2.56	0.67	1.19	1.39
vs Consensus (%)	-	1.4	19.7	18.0
EBITDA	4,928	2,950	4,577	5,286
Recurring net profit	4,226	2,020	3,562	4,160
Core EPS (THB)	2.46	0.67	1.19	1.39
EPS growth (%)	(63.7)	(72.6)	76.3	16.8
Core P/E (x)	6.9	25.1	14.2	12.2
Dividend yield (%)	9.8	3.2	4.9	5.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.6	12.8	8.4	7.1
Price/book (x)	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
Net debt/Equity (%)	(52.8)	(51.4)	(47.9)	(47.9)
ROE (%)	26.5	8.1	14.0	15.6



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(20.3)	(1.2)	n/a
Relative to country (%)	(15.5)	9.9	n/a
Mkt cap (USD m)			1,400
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			4.1
Free float (%)			22
Major shareholder	Th	ai Union Gr	oup (78%)
12m high/low (THB)		3	3.75/15.70
Issued shares (m)			3,000.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



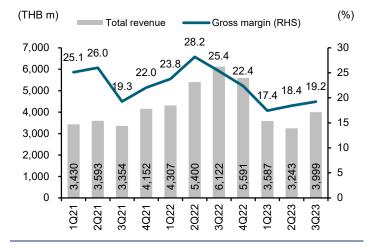
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Exhibit 1: 3Q23 results summary

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	Cha	ange	9M22	9M23	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)						
Sales	4,307	5,400	6,122	5,591	3,587	3,243	3,999	23.3	(34.7)	15,829	10,829	(31.6)
Cost of sales	3,283	3,877	4,570	4,341	2,962	2,645	3,231	22.2	(29.3)	11,730	8,838	(24.7)
Gross profit	1,024	1,522	1,552	1,250	625	598	768	28.5	(50.5)	4,099	1,991	(51.4)
SG&A	265	312	321	341	301	298	266	(10.7)	(17.2)	898	865	(3.7)
Operating profit	807	1,244	1,289	1,017	447	431	685	59.1	(46.9)	3,340	1,563	(53.2)
Other income	48	33	58	107	123	130	183	39.9	215.5	140	436	212.3
Interest expense	8	13	31	30	6	2	2	(6.9)	(94.6)	53	9	(82.2)
Tax expense	(74)	60	17	45	26	(4)	31	nm	78.9	3	52	1503.5
Other gain (loss)	35	179	227	(266)	11	12	(9)	nm	nm	441	15	(96.7)
Reported net profit	908	1,349	1,468	676	425	445	645	44.9	(56.1)	3,726	1,515	(59.4)
Core profit	874	1,170	1,241	941	414	433	653	50.8	(47.4)	3,285	1,500	(54.3)
Key ratios (%)								(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	23.8	28.2	25.4	22.4	17.4	18.4	19.2	0.8	(6.1)	25.9	18.6	(7.2)
SG&A to sales	6.2	5.8	5.2	6.1	8.4	9.2	6.7	(2.5)	1.4	5.7	8.1	2.4
Operating margin	18.7	23.0	21.0	18.2	12.5	13.3	17.1	3.8	(3.9)	21.1	14.6	(6.5)
Net margin	21.1	25.0	24.0	12.1	11.9	13.7	16.1	2.4	(7.9)	23.5	14.2	(9.4)
Core margin	20.3	21.7	20.3	16.8	11.5	13.4	16.3	3.0	(3.9)	20.8	14.0	(6.7)
Operating statistics (THE	3 m)											
THB/USD	33.1	34.4	36.4	36.3	33.9	34.5	35.2	2.0	(3.4)	34.6	34.5	(0.3)
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,717	1,608	1,667	1,660	1,820	2,000	1,850	(7.5)	11.0	1,664	1,890	13.6
Cat food sales	3,015	3,953	4,429	4,160	2,399	2,264	2,885	27.4	(34.9)	11,398	7,549	(33.8)
Dog food sales	496	695	676	694	594	563	399	(29.1)	(41.0)	1,867	1,556	(16.7)
Treat sales	775	728	989	727	499	338	487	44.2	(50.8)	2,492	1,324	(46.9)
Other pet sales	21	24	28	10	2	4	2	(63.6)	(94.3)	72	8	(88.8)
Other non-pet sales	0	0	0	0	92	74	226	206.0	nm	0	393	nm
Americas	2,305	3,016	3,516	3,085	1,805	1,672	1,841	10.2	(47.6)	8,836	5,318	(39.8)
Europe	661	814	927	956	479	258	456	76.6	(50.9)	2,402	1,192	(50.4)
Asia, Oceania, Others	1,342	1,570	1,679	1,551	1,303	1,313	1,703	29.6	1.4	4,591	4,319	(5.9)

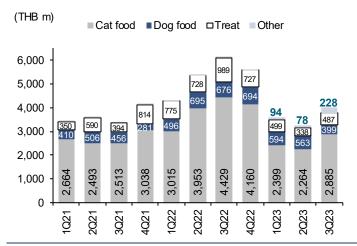
Sources: ITC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Quarterly revenue and gross margin



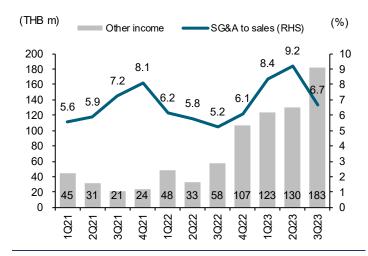
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Exhibit 3: Quarterly revenue breakdown by segment



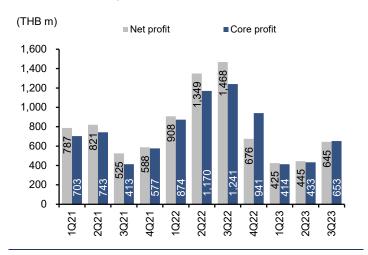
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Exhibit 4: Other income and SG&A to sales



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Exhibit 5: Quarterly net profit and core profit



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# **Financial Statements**

i-Tail Corporation

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	14,529	21,420	15,395	19,654	21,772
Cost of goods sold	(11,173)	(16,071)	(12,470)	(15,232)	(16,656)
Gross profit	3,356	5,349	2,925	4,422	5,117
Other operating income	121	247	377	491	544
Operating costs	(982)	(1,239)	(1,193)	(1,278)	(1,415)
Operating EBITDA	3,031	4,928	2,950	4,577	5,286
Depreciation	(536)	(571)	(841)	(941)	(1,041)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	2,495	4,357	2,109	3,636	4,246
Net financing costs	(32)	(83)	(20)	(15)	(16)
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	285	175	0	0	0
Non-recurring items  Profit before tax	2,749	4,450	2,089	3,621	4,230
Tax	(28)	(48)	(63)	(54)	(63)
Profit after tax	2,721	4,401	2,026	3,567	4,167
Minority interests	0	0	(6)	(5)	(7)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	_	_	_	-	_
Reported net profit	2,721	4,401	2,020	3,562	4,160
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(285)	(175)	0	0	
Recurring net profit	2,435	4,226	2,020	3,562	4,160
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	6.77	2.46	0.67	1.19	1.39
Reported EPS	7.56	2.56	0.67	1.19	1.39
DPS .	4.00	1.66	0.54	0.83	0.97
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	360	1,720	3,000	3,000	3,000
Growth					
Revenue (%)	18.9	47.4	(28.1)	27.7	10.8
Operating EBITDA (%)	(1.9)	62.6	(40.1)	55.2	15.5
Operating EBIT (%)	(4.4)	74.6	(51.6)	72.4	16.8
Recurring EPS (%)	(4.3)	(63.7)	(72.6)	76.3	16.8
Reported EPS (%)	6.8	(66.1)	(73.7)	76.3	16.8
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	23.1	25.0	19.0	22.5	23.5
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	26.8	27.6	24.5	27.3	28.3
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	20.9	23.0	19.2	23.3	24.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	17.2	20.3	13.7	18.5	19.5
Net margin (%)	16.8	19.7	13.1	18.1	19.1
Effective tax rate (%)	1.0	1.1	3.0	1.5	1.5
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	59.1	67.6	80.0	70.0	70.0
nterest cover (X)	78.5	52.8	104.4	249.0	273.9
nventory days	98.3	93.6	123.5	96.9	102.1
Debtor days	54.3	48.8	71.7	53.5	57.1
Creditor days	47.0	46.3	63.7	48.5	51.1
Operating ROIC (%)	24.9	33.7	14.2	23.4	25.4
ROIC (%)	24.2	32.5	13.7	22.5	24.2
ROE (%)	39.3	26.5	8.1	14.0	15.6
ROA (%)  Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	22.1	21.6	7.4	13.0	14.4
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Pet Food	12,361	18,073	12,996	16,624	18,436
Treats	2,148	3,219	2,115	2,723	3,014
Other	19	128	284	307	322

Sources: i-Tail Corporation; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring net profit	2,435	4,226	2,020	3,562	4,16
Depreciation	536	571	841	941	1,04
Associates & minorities	0	16	(1)	4	
Other non-cash items Change in working capital	(608)	(2,972)	2.032	- (1,279)	(643
Cash flow from operations	2,363	(2,972) <b>1,841</b>	4,892	3,228	4,56
Capex - maintenance	(1,238)	(817)	(3,154)	(1,000)	(1,000
Capex - new investment	(1,200)	0	(0,104)	(1,000)	(1,000
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
Other investments (net)	(72)	(222)	31	(128)	(64
Cash flow from investing	(1,310)	(1,039)	(3,123)	(1,128)	(1,064
Dividends paid	(1,257)	(7,471)	(1,616)	(2,493)	(2,912
Equity finance	0	20,795	0	0	( )-
Debt finance	(860)	(1,559)	(14)	(5)	(5
Other financing cash flows	(344)	(16)	(511)	21	1
Cash flow from financing	(2,462)	11,749	(2,141)	(2,477)	(2,906
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Movement in cash	(1,409)	12,551	(373)	(377)	59
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	1,084.90	884.37	1,788.70	2,115.12	3,511.9
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(151.76)	(773.10)	1,243.67	2,116.82	3,502.0
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.36	0.29	0.60	0.71	1.1
FCFE per share	(0.05)	(0.26)	0.41	0.71	1.1
Recurring cash flow per share	8.25	`2.8Ó	0.95	1.50	1.7
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	6,749	7,583	9,548	9,718	9,79
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,546)	(2,648)	(2,754)	(2,864)	(2,979
Tangible fixed assets (net)	4,203 0	4,935 0	6,794 0	6,853 0	6,81
Intangible fixed assets (net)	U	U	U	U	
Long-term financial assets Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	
Cash & equivalents	703	13,254	12,881	12,504	13,09
A/C receivable	2,207	3,517	2,531	3,231	3,57
Inventories	3,498	4,454	3,416	4,173	4,56
Other current assets	627	1,526	770	983	1,08
Current assets	7,035	22,750	19,598	20,891	22,32
Other assets	270	493	462	590	65
Total assets	11,508	28,178	26,854	28,334	29,79
Common equity	6,818	25,029	24,979	26,047	27,29
Minorities etc.	0	16	15	20	2
Total shareholders' equity	6,818	25,045	24,994	26,067	27,31
Long term debt	22	29	24	19	1
Other long-term liabilities	604	588	77	98	10
Long-term liabilities	626	617	100	117	12
A/C payable	1,576	2,353	1,708	2,087	2,28
Short term debt	2,310	14	5	5	
Other current liabilities	179	150	46	59	6
Current liabilities	4,065	2,517	1,759	2,151	2,35
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	11,508	28,178	26,854	28,334	29,79
Net working capital	4,577	6,994	4,962	6,241	6,88
nvested capital	9,051	12,421	12,218	13,684	14,35
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	ing treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	18.94	8.34	8.33	8.68	9.1
Tangible book value per share	18.94	8.34	8.33	8.68	9.1
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	23.9	(52.8)	(51.4)	(47.9)	(47.9
Net debt/total assets (%)	14.2	(46.9)	(47.9)	(44.0)	(43.9
Current ratio (x)	1.7	9.0	11.1	9.7	9.
CF interest cover (x)	(3.8)	(8.4)	62.6	146.0	226
Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring P/E (x) *	2.5	6.9	25.1	14.2	12
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	4.4	12.2	44.5	25.3	21.
Reported P/E (x)	2.2	6.6	25.1	14.2	12
Dividend yield (%)	23.7	9.8	3.2	4.9	5
Price/book (x)	0.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1
Price/tangible book (x)	0.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1
EV/EBITDA (x) **	2.5	7.6	12.8	8.4	7
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	4.1	15.6	26.2	16.9	14
EV/invested capital (x)	0.9	3.0	3.1	2.8	2

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# **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	у			Rating					
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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.									
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Source: FSSIA's compilation

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
i-Tail Corporation	ITC TB	THB 16.90	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a stronger-than-expected THB against USD; 2) the high volatility of raw material prices; 3) labour shortages; and 4) changing consumer demand and lifestyles.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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## 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.

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Overweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months.

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**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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