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# INTERLINK COMMUNICATION

**ILINK TB** 

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#### **TARGET PRICE** THB10.00 **CLOSE THB7.15 UP/DOWNSIDE** +39.9% TP vs CONSENSUS +0.0%

## 3Q23 results at first glance

กำไร 3Q23 สูงเป็นประวัติการณ์ และดีกว่าคาดกว่า 20%

## **Highlights**

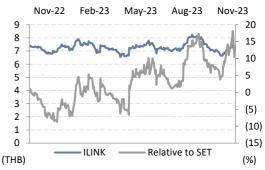
- ILINK สามารถสร้างผลประกอบการได้อย่างประทับใจใน 3Q23 โดยรายได้รวม เติบโต 60% q-q, 19% y-y กำไรสุทธิเติบโต 32% q-q, 84% y-y สูงกว่าคาด 23%
- รายได้ที่เติบโตสูงมาจากธุรกิจหลักของ ILINK คือธุรกิจ Distribution (+54% q-q, +28% y-y) จากความต้องการสูงต่อเนื่องสำหรับกลุ่มสาย LAN, Solar cable นอกเหนือจากการจัดงาน Expo ทกเดือน ม.ค. และ ก.ค. ของทกปี ซึ่งในช่วงที่มี การจัดงาน อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นจะลดลงจากไตรมาสอื่นเล็กน้อย แต่อัตรากำไรขั้นต้น 26.5% ใน 3Q23 ถือเป็นระดับที่ดี
- รายได้จากงานวิศวกรรม (EPC) ไตรมาสนี้สูงเป็นประวัติการณ์ 523 ล้านบาท (+243% q-q, +47% y-y) ซึ่งส่วนใหญ่ 78% (409 ล้านบาท) มาจากการส่งมอบงาน บวกกับงานซื้อสายเคเบิ้ลใต้น้ำ โครงการก่อสร้างสายเคเบิ้ลใต้น้ำไปยังเกาะเต่า ประเภทต่างๆ ของ กฟภ. จำนวน 48 ล้านบาท อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นอยู่ที่ 15.3% สูง ที่สุดในรอบหลายปีเนื่องจากโครงการที่ประมูลได้เป็นโครงการที่มีอัตร<sup>้</sup>ากำไรที่ดี ประกอบกับการบริหารจัดการต้นทุนการรับเหมาที่มีประสิทธิภาพ
- ทั้งนี้ โครงการเกาะเต่าซึ่งเป็นมูลค่าส่วนใหญ่ของ Backlog ปัจจุบันบริษัทส่งมอบ งานไปแล้วประมาณ 1.1 พันล้านบาท มูลค่าที่เหลือเกือบ 700 ล้านบาท เชื่อว่าจะ อยู่ใน 4Q23 เป็นส่วนใหญ่
- ผลประกอบการของธุรกิจโทรคมนาคมซึ่งดำเนินงานภายใต้ ITEL มีพัฒนาการที่ดี ขึ้นจาก 1H23 ซึ่งเป็นไปตามฤดูกาลที่ครึ่งปีหลังมักดีกว่าครึ่งปีแรก

## **Outlook**

- กำไรสุทธิงวด 9M23 เท่ากับ 403 ล้านบาท +54% y-y คิดเป็น 80% ของประมาณ การทั้งปีที่เราคาด 506 ล้านบาท (+32% y-y) ขณะที่แนวโน้ม 4Q23 คาดหวังว่าจะ ยังเป็น high season ของการรับรู้รายได้ของ ITEL และการส่งมอบงานเกาะเต่าของ ILINK น่าจะยังอยู่ในระดับสูงใกล้เคียง 3Q23 ประมาณการปี 2023 ของเราน่าจะมี upside ขณะที่การเติบโตในปี 2024-25 เชื่อว่าจะยังสดใสจากธุรกิจ Distribution และ EPC
- เรายังคงแนะนำซื้อจาก valuation ที่ถูก 2024 P/E ต่ำเพียง 7.2 เท่า คงราคา เป้าหมายปี 2024 ที่ 10 บาท (SoTP) อิงราคาเป้าหมายของ ITEL และใช้ P/E 8.5 เท่าสำหรับ ILINK

## **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 (%)	-	-	-	-
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
EPS growth (%)	6.7	32.0	7.4	4.4
Core P/E (x)	10.1	7.7	7.2	6.9
Dividend yield (%)	2.8	4.6	4.9	5.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.8	6.3	6.1	5.6
Price/book (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9
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 (%)	1.4	(0.7)	(1.4)
Relative to country (%)	6.2	10.0	15.5
Mkt cap (USD m)			108
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



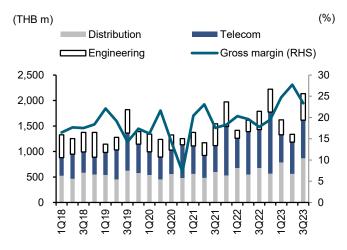
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Exhibit 1: ILINK - 3Q23 results summary

Year to Dec 31	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	Cha	nge	9M23	Change	% of	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(y-y %)	2023E	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Sales	1,788	2,220	1,620	1,335	2,136	59.9	19.4	5,091	5.7	75.8	6,714	(4.6)
Cost of sales	(1,471)	(1,788)	(1,220)	(965)	(1,637)	69.6	11.3	(3,822)	(1.9)	74.9	(5,101)	(10.2)
Gross profit	318	433	400	370	499	34.8	57.1	1,269	37.7	78.7	1,613	19.1
Operating costs	(147)	(161)	(168)	(135)	(207)	53.2	40.6	(427)	7.7	67.3	(634.5)	13.8
Operating profit	170	272	233	235	291	24.2	71.4	842	60.2	82.9	1,015.4	18.8
Operating EBITDA	278	366	337	339	402	18.6	44.7	1,078	27.6	78.2	1,379.0	13.9
Other income	16	1	12	9	12	24.9	(25.6)	33	(42.0)	88.2	36.9	(35.4)
Interest expense	(46)	(46)	(41)	(45)	(47)	3.1	1.6	(132)	9.0	73.3	(180.5)	8.0
Profit before tax	140	227	204	199	257	29.0	83.4	659	43.2	79.0	834.8	21.4
Tax	28	45	44	40	51	26.6	82.5	134	40.4	(80.3)	(167.0)	18.6
Minority interests	(29)	(58)	(31)	(40)	(48)	20.6	68.1	(119)	18.0	75.5	(157.4)	(0.7)
Reported net profit	85	122	127	119	157	32.0	84.0	403	54.2	79.7	506.1	32.0
Core profit	85	122	127	119	157	32.0	84.0	403	54.2	79.7	506.1	32.0
Reported EPS (THB)	0.16	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.29	31.8	83.9	0.74	52.1	79.2	0.93	32.0
Core EPS (THB)	0.16	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.29	32.0	84.0	0.74	52.1	79.2	0.93	32.0
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)		(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin	17.8	19.5	24.7	27.7	23.4	(4.4)	5.6	24.9	5.8		24.0	4.8
Operating margin	10.4	12.3	15.1	18.3	14.2	(4.1)	3.8	15.5	3.5		15.1	3.0
EBITDA margin	15.5	16.5	20.8	25.4	18.8	(6.6)	3.3	21.2	3.6		20.5	3.3
Recurring net margin	4.8	5.5	7.9	8.9	7.3	(1.6)	2.6	7.9	2.5		7.5	2.1
SG&A / Sales	8.2	7.2	10.3	10.1	9.7	(0.4)	1.5	8.4	0.2		9.5	1.5
Revenue structure	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(y-y %)		(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Distribution	675	563	785	561	867	54.4	28.3	2,213	16.5	81.0	2,733	11.0
Telecom	756	1,209	543	621	746	20.0	(1.3)	1,910	(12.4)	73.8	2,588	(23.7)
Engineering	357	448	293	153	523	243.0	46.5	968	31.2	69.5	1,393	17.4
Gross margin by business	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)		(%)	(ppt)
Distribution	24.2	29.7	28.2	31.2	26.4	(4.7)	2.2	28.1	4.1		28.0	2.7
Telecom	17.9	17.4	27.3	28.2	25.4	(2.7)	7.5	27.5	8.0		27.4	8.6
Engineering	5.1	12.3	10.5	13.2	15.3	2.1	10.1	11.1	5.6		10.0	1.9

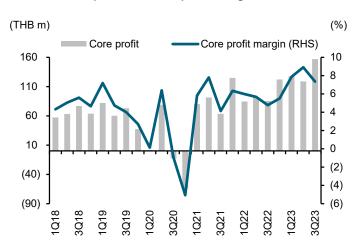
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Exhibit 2: Revenue structure and gross margin



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Exhibit 3: Core profit and core profit margin



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## **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	0	0	0	0	0
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	· · ·	- -	- -	- -	-
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					
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		
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	5.5	5.8	1.1	7.4	7.7
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
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Distribution	2,173	2,462	2,733	3,033	3,306
Telecom	2,462	3,390	2,588	3,273	3,678
Engineering service (EPC)	1,422	1,186	1,393	1,413	1,017

Sources: Interlink Communication; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	359	383	506	543	567
Depreciation	339	356	364	371	379
Associates & minorities	6	5	4	4	4
Other non-cash items	287	382	(257)	(69)	(160)
Change in working capital	(669)	521	(637)	(194)	63
Cash flow from operations	323	1,647	(20)	656	853
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)	45
Cash flow from investing	(500)	(421)	(187)	(487)	(412)
Dividends paid	(74)	(207)	(177)	(190)	(199)
Equity finance	556	175	38	0	0
Debt finance	(385)	(1,728)	342	20	(208)
Other financing cash flows	170	530	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	267	(1,230)	202	(170)	(407)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	130	136	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	130	136	(4)	(4)	(4)
Movement in cash	221	131	(9)	(5)	31
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(27.51)	1,392.82	(26.81)	343.96	633.06
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(261.95)	163.23	130.04	185.47	229.24
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(0.05)	2.56	(0.05)	0.63	1.16
FCFE per share	(0.48)	0.30	0.24	0.34	0.42
Recurring cash flow per share	1.82	2.07	1.14	1.56	1.45
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	5,852	6,197	6,507	6,832	7,174
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,552)	(1,825)	(1,952)	(2,239)	(2,510)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	4,300	4,372	<b>4,554</b>	4,593	4,664
Intangible fixed assets (net)	279	358	340	346	353
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	76	93	93	93	93
Cash & equivalents	490	621	612	607	638
A/C receivable	1,031	1,966	1,656	1,798	1,754
Inventories	348	432	475	462	475
Other current assets	3,796	2,766	2,736	2,971	3,149
Current assets	5,664	5,785	5,479	5,838	6,015
Other assets	1,026	991	743	760	706
Total assets	11,344	11,599	11,210	11,630	11,831
Common equity	3,402	3,665	3,893	4,147	4,415
Minorities etc.	1,463	1,925	2,106	2,106	2,106
Total shareholders' equity	4,865	5,591	5,999	6,252	6,521
Long term debt	1,358	1,114	903	951	950
Other long-term liabilities	84	737	101	116	120
Long-term liabilities	1,442	1,851	1,003	1,066	1,070
A/C payable	1,657	2,069	1,607	1,733	1,864
Short term debt	3,194	1,898	2,453	2,424	2,217
Other current liabilities	186	186	147	155	159
Current liabilities	5,037	4,153	4,207	4,311	4,240
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	11,344	11,595	11,210	11,630	11,831
Net working capital	3,331	2,909	3,113	3,343	3,354
Invested capital	9,011	8,723	8,844	9,136	9,170
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
		6.74	7.16	7.63	8.12
Book value per share	6 26	0.74	7.10		
Book value per share Tangible book value per share	6.26 5.74		6.54	6 99	/ 4 /
Tangible book value per share	6.26 5.74	6.08	6.54	6.99	7.47
Tangible book value per share Financial strength	5.74	6.08			
Tangible book value per share  Financial strength  Net debt/equity (%)	5.74 83.5	6.08	45.7	44.3	38.8
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Sources: Interlink Communication; FSSIA estimates

# INTERLINK COMMUNICATION (ILINK TB)



## Exhibit 4: FSSIA ESG score implication

37.92 /100

FY 2022

9/3/1 8/100% Yes 5 No No 53/83 8/4 No 4/4

> 100 **3/2**

> 100 **3/2**

100 3.18 65.59 2.38

1,645

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 5: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA		Domestic ratings						Global 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
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	Y	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 6: ESG disclosure from the company's one report

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2022	FY ending Dec 31
Environmental		Governance
Climate change policy	Yes	Board size / Independent directors (ID) / Female
Climate change opportunities discussed		No. of board meetings for the year / % attendance
GHG scope 2 location-based policy	Yes	Company conducts board evaluations
Biodiversity policy		Number of non-executive directors on board
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Director share ownership guidelines
Electricity used	Yes	Board age limit
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	Yes	Age of the youngest / oldest director
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Number of executives / female
Water policy	Yes	Executive share ownership guidelines
Water consumption	Yes	Size of audit committee / ID
Social		Audit committee meetings
Human rights policy	Yes	Audit committee meeting attendance (%)
Policy against child labor	Yes	Size of compensation committee / ID
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Number of compensation committee meetings
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Compensation committee meeting attendance (%)
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Size of nomination committee / ID
Gender pay gap breakout		Number of nomination committee meetings
Pct women in workforce	44.43	Nomination committee meeting attendance (%)
Business ethics policy	Yes	Board compensation (THB m)
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Executive compensation (THB m)
Health and safety policy	Yes	Auditor fee (THB m)
Lost time incident rate - employees	Yes	(Dharmniti Auditing Co., Ltd.)
Training policy	Yes	Total employee (no.)
Fair remuneration policy	Yes	Employee compensation (THB m)
Number of employees - CSR	Yes	
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	Yes	
Social supply chain management	Yes	

Source: 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 ann	ed on the com ual S&P Glob	transparent, rules-based npanies' Total Sustainabi pal Corporate Sustainabil panies within each industr	lity Scores resulting ity Assessment (CSA).	scoring company are disqualified. The constituents of the DJSI indices a selected from the Eligible Universe.					
Sustainability nvestment List (THSI) List	managing bu Candidates r 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	usiness with tr must pass the ar trading of the shareholders ome key disquenced pendent direct related to CG	ility in Environmental and cansparency in Governant e preemptive criteria, with ne board members and e s, and combined holding ualifying criteria include: ctors and free float violati , social & environmental earnings in red for > 3 years	nce, updated annually. I two crucial conditions: Executives; and 2) free must be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' impacts; 4) equity in	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 y Thai nstitute of Directors association Thai IOD)	annually by t Thailand (SE	he Thai IOD,	th in sustainable develop with support from the Sto ts are from the perspecti s.	ock Exchange of	Good (80-89) and not rated equitable trea	, 3 for Good ( for scores be tment of sha (25%); 4) dis	egories: 5 for E (70-79), 2 for F elow 50. Weigh reholders (weig closure & trans	air (60-69), 1 itings include ght 25% com	for Pass (60-6 : 1) the rights; bined); 3) the r	69), 2) an role o
AGM level By Thai nivestors 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	e incorporated and sufficiently e CG compon criteria cover date (45%), a ation of sufficien exercised. The se and verifiability; a	d into business operation y disclosed. All form impu- nents to be evaluated and AGM procedures before and after the meeting (10 <sup>th</sup> tinformation for voting; and econd assesses 1) the ease and 3) openness for Q&A. Tr	hareholders' rights and equitable usiness operations and information is seed. All form important elements of two be evaluated annually. The procedures before the meeting (45%), at ar the meeting (10%). (The first assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) penness for Q&A. The third involves the iscussion issues, resolutions and voting						
Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption CAC)	establishmer policies. The (Companies de Declaration of Certification, in managers and	nt of key control Certification eciding to becon Intent to kick off cluding risk ass employees, est	Checklist include corrupt rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. The a CAC certified member of an 18-month deadline to suit eassment, in place of policy a tablishment of whistleblowing all stakeholders.)	and developing of start by submitting a bmit the CAC Checklist for nd control, training of	of passed Checklist will move for granting certification by the CAC C approvals whose members are twelve highly respected individuals professionalism and ethical achievements.					ıncil
Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unmar	assessment of aged. Sources	isk rating provides an ove of how much of a compa s to be reviewed include corp	ny's exposure to ESG porate publications and			ng score is the he higher ESG			ne
	information, co		her media, NGO reports/web k, ESG controversies, issuer riews.		<b>NEGL</b> 0-10	<b>Low</b> 10-20	Medium 20-30	<b>High</b> 30-40	Severe 40+	
SG Book	positioned to the principle helps explair over-weighti	outperform o of financial m future risk-a	sustainable companies the some the long term. The materiality including inform djusted performance. Matith higher materiality and prly basis.	nethodology considers nation that significantly ateriality is applied by	scores using	materiality-ba	culated as a wased weights. To indicating bet	The score is s	caled betweer	
<u>MSCI</u>			measure a company's m nd laggards according to							ogy to
	AAA	8.571-10.00	0 Leader:	leading its industry in r	nanaging the most	significant ESC	3 risks and oppor	tunities		
	AA	7.143-8.570	0		5 -5 5 500	5 250	<b>5</b> ppoi			
	A	5.714-7.142		a mixed or unexception	nal track record of r	nanaging the n	nost significant E	SG risks and o	oportunities relati	ive to
	BBB BB	4.286-5.713 2.857-4.285	•	industry peers			-	'		
	В	1.429-2.856								
	ccc	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry bas	ed on its high expo	sure and failur	e to manage sigr	nificant ESG ris	ks	
oody's ESG olutions	believes that	a company ir	gree to which companies ntegrating ESG factors in or shareholders over the	ito its business model ar						
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Jitra Amornthum started covering this stock from 09-May-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Interlink Communication	ILINK TB	THB 7.15	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.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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