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Short-term pain long-term gain

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- The projected negative growth in 2023 is in line with the industry.
- Maintain BUY with our new TP of THB56.

Our 2023-25 profit projection trimmed by 4-6%

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Slow growth in line with industry

According to our new estimates. MEGA's core profit should decline by 1% y-y in 2023 before growing 7% y-y and 8% y-y in 2024-25, implying a 7% CAGR during 2023-25. The expected negative profit growth in 2023 is in line with most of its local and global peers, who also face high inflation, rising interest rates, exchange rate fluctuation, and high competition.

Long-term outlook still promising

Despite our projection revision, we still like the company as MEGA is a leading brand in the health and wellness industry in 36 developing countries, and its Mega We Care branded products are long-established and well-recognized in Southeast Asia and Africa. Its longer-term outlook is still promising, as the company has hundreds of drugs in the pipeline awaiting registration, and is scheduled to launch roughly 20 new pharmaceuticals, vitamins, and supplements every year. With its plant in Indonesia preparing to register many medicines, management targets sales of USD30m-50m in Indonesia in the next 2-3 years.

Maintain BUY with our new TP of THB56

We have also adjusted some variables in our DCF model and derived our 2024 TP of THB56 (8.2% WACC, 3.5% LTG). This implies 20.2x 2024E P/E, equal to its five-year average. Its current share price is trading on 15.2x 2024E P/E, -1SD of its five-year average P/E, and lower than its local and global peers' average. We maintain our BUY call.

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TARGET PRICE	THB56.00
CLOSE	THB42.00
UP/DOWNSIDE	+33.3%
PRIOR TP	THB65.00
CHANGE IN TP	-13.8%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+6.4%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	15,686	15,447	16,573	17,695
Net profit	2,242	2,063	2,415	2,597
EPS (THB)	2.57	2.37	2.77	2.98
vs Consensus (%)	-	(7.7)	(3.2)	(4.6)
EBITDA	3,033	2,982	3,129	3,350
Recurring net profit	2,380	2,263	2,415	2,597
Core EPS (THB)	2.73	2.60	2.77	2.98
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(5.6)	(4.5)	(3.8)
EPS growth (%)	30.2	(4.9)	6.7	7.6
Core P/E (x)	15.4	16.2	15.2	14.1
Dividend yield (%)	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.3	11.3	10.7	10.0
Price/book (x)	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	(27.0)	(30.0)	(30.0)	(29.3)
ROE (%)	28.4	24.6	24.2	24.1



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(6.1)	0.6	(8.7)
Relative to country (%)	(5.0)	8.6	4.1
Mkt cap (USD m)			1,044
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			3.4
Free float (%)			40
Major shareholder	Un	istretch Co	Ltd (50%)
12m high/low (THB)		5	2.50/34.75
Issued shares (m)			871.87

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

Although demand for nutraceutical products in 2023 may be soft as the panic buying during the pandemic fades, we believe its longer-term outlook is promising. The pharmaceutical drug demand should continue to rise due to the need to treat chronic diseases, while MEGA now has more than 170 drugs in the pipeline awaiting registration. The company has scheduled market launches for roughly more than 20 new pharmaceuticals in 2023. In addition, its manufacturing plant in Indonesia – of which MEGA acquired an 83.3% stake in 2020 – can now register many medicines, including cancer drugs.

Company profile

MEGA is a leading manufacturer and distributor of pharmaceutical, nutraceutical products and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) in developing countries such as Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia. MEGA also develops, manufactures, and sells its nutraceutical products, generic prescription pharmaceutical products, and OTC products under Mega We Care brand through its distribution network and third-party distributors in 36 countries across the world.

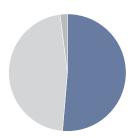
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Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

■ Mega We Care - 51.3 %

Maxxcare - 46.7 %

■OFM - 2 0 %



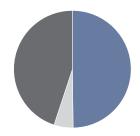
Source: Mega Lifesciences

Major shareholders

Unistretch Co Ltd - 49.8 %

Mr. Vivek Dhawan - 5.3 %

Others - 44.9 %



Source: Mega Lifesciences

Catalysts

Key potential catalysts include 1) expedited medicine registrations and listings; 2) the Covid-19 pandemic; and 3) the success of new products and new markets.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) the delayed registration process in many countries; 2) more intensified competition; 3) failure in introducing new products; and 4) risks associated with doing business in Myanmar.

Event calendar

Date	Event
February 2024	2023 earnings announcement

Key assumptions

(unit)	2023E	2024E	2025E
(THB m)	7,931	8,534	9,097
(%)	(1.5)	7.6	6.6
(%)	65.0	63.2	63.2
(THB m)	7,248	0	8,298
(%)	(1.0)	0.0	7.0
(%)	23.5	22.7	23.0
(%)	27.3	27.0	26.8
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Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 5% change in branded revenue, we project MEGA's 2024 net profit to change by 6%, all else being equal.
- For every 5% change in distribution revenue, we project MEGA's 2024 net profit to change by 1%, all else being equal.
- For every 1% change in overall gross margin, we project MEGA's 2024 net profit to change by 6%, all else being equal.

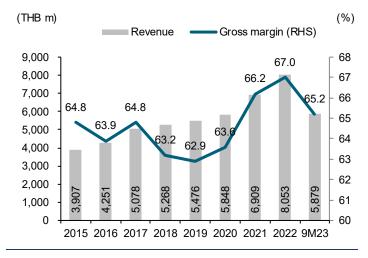
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Exhibit 1: Key changes of assumption

		Current			Previous			Change		
	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)					
Total revenue	15,447	16,573	17,695	16,827	17,939	19,304	(8.2)	(7.6)	(8.3)	
Mega We Care	7,931	8,534	9,097	8,261	8,748	9,361	(4.0)	(2.5)	(2.8)	
Maxxcare	7,208	7,712	8,252	8,218	8,818	9,541	(12.3)	(12.5)	(13.5)	
OEM	308	327	346	348	373	402	(11.5)	(12.3)	(13.9)	
Cost of goods sold	8,538	9,334	9,948	9,642	10,329	11,161	(11.4)	(9.6)	(10.9)	
Gross profit	6,909	7,239	7,748	7,185	7,610	8,143	(3.9)	(4.9)	(4.9)	
EBITDA	2,982	3,129	3,350	3,131	3,297	3,542	(4.8)	(5.1)	(5.4)	
Core profit	2,263	2,415	2,597	2,397	2,529	2,701	(5.6)	(4.5)	(3.8)	
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppt)	
Gross margin	44.7	43.7	43.8	42.7	42.4	42.2	2.0	1.3	1.6	
Mega We Care	64.8	63.2	63.2	67.6	67.5	67.5	(2.8)	(4.3)	(4.3)	
Maxxcare	23.4	22.7	23.0	18.0	17.9	17.7	5.4	4.9	5.3	
SG&A to sales	27.7	27.0	27.0	26.3	26.1	25.8	1.5	0.9	1.2	
EBITDA margin	19.3	18.9	18.9	18.6	18.4	18.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	
Core profit margin	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.2	14.1	14.0	0.4	0.5	0.7	

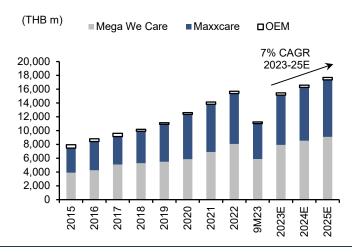
Sources: MEGA, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Revenue and gross margin from brand business



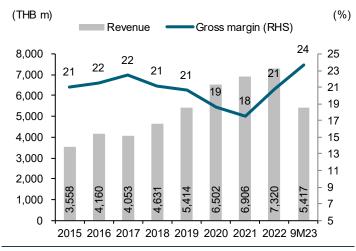
Sources: MEGA, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 4: Revenue breakdown



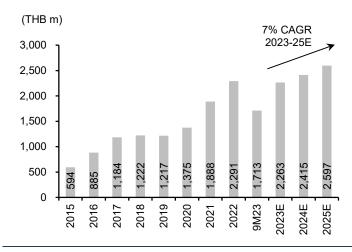
Sources: MEGA, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: Revenue and gross margin from distribution business



Sources: MEGA, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 5: Core profit



Sources: MEGA, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: One-year rolling forward P/E band



Exhibit 7: One-year rolling forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

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Exhibit 8: DCF-based valuation

Cost of equity assumption	(%)	Cost of debt assumption	(%)
Risk free rate	3.0	Pre-tax cost of debt	3.9
Market risk premium	8.5	Tax rate	15.0
Stock beta	0.9		
Cost of equity, Ke	10.9	Cost of debt, Kd	1.1
Weight applied	65.9	Weight applied	34.1
WACC	8.2		
Terminal growth	3.5		
	(THB m)		
Sum of PV of FCF	11,144		
PV of Terminal value	40,266		
Enterprise value	51,410		
Net debt	(2,238)		
Equity value	49,025		
No. of shares (m)	872		
Equity value per share (THB)	56.23		

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 9: Peers comparison

Company	BBG	Market	PE		RO	E	PB	V	EV/EBI	TDA
		Сар	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
		(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand										
Mega lifesciences*	MEGA TB	1,001	14.8	14.0	25.9	24.9	3.7	3.4	10.5	9.9
Interpharma	IP TB	96	27.8	18.7	6.0	8.7	1.6	1.5	20.4	17.1
Thailand average		1,097	21.3	16.4	15.9	16.8	2.6	2.4	15.5	13.5
Regional										
Herbalife nutrition	HLF US	1,259	5.6	4.0	(21.3)	(37.9)	n/a	n/a	6.0	5.0
Abbott laboratories	ABT US	174,057	22.6	21.7	19.8	20.3	4.6	4.5	17.9	16.8
Bellring brands	BRBR US	5,952	34.6	29.0	(30.8)	(39.3)	n/a	n/a	20.5	18.4
Usana health sciences	USNA US	876	15.6	15.0	12.5	11.9	1.8	1.6	4.8	5.1
Natures sunshine	NATR US	328	26.5	23.6	8.6	9.5	n/a	n/a	6.6	6.3
Pfizer	PFE US	168,094	19.0	9.5	7.8	15.5	1.9	1.9	17.0	7.9
Astrazeneca	AZN LN	197,741	17.6	15.5	26.3	29.3	5.2	4.7	13.9	12.1
Bayer AG	BAYN GR	43,527	6.7	6.6	15.9	16.8	1.1	1.0	7.3	6.8
Roche holding	RO SW	217,520	13.6	12.4	45.3	41.1	5.8	4.9	9.4	8.8
Novartis	NOVN SW	214,342	14.2	13.3	22.8	25.0	3.8	3.7	12.6	11.8
JCR pharmaceuticals	4552 JT	1,078	19.9	18.6	14.8	15.7	2.7	2.5	12.9	11.8
China feihe	6186 HK	5,525	8.8	8.0	18.0	18.0	1.5	1.4	5.0	4.6
Health and happiness	1112 HK	903	7.8	6.4	12.7	14.4	1.0	0.9	6.5	6.1
Huadong medicine	000963 CH	10,011	24.7	20.4	14.3	15.0	3.4	3.0	16.6	14.0
Kalbe farma	KLBF IJ	4,861	24.1	20.8	14.5	15.3	3.4	3.1	15.7	14.0
Dr.Reddy's laboratories	DRRD IN	11,218	23.3	18.5	18.9	19.7	4.1	3.4	14.2	11.7
Gloxosmithkline pharmaceuticals	GLXO IN	3,218	43.2	42.3	26.7	34.4	12.8	14.6	30.7	30.9
Regional average		2,121,023	19.3	16.8	13.3	13.2	3.8	3.7	12.8	11.3
Overall average		1,061,609	19.5	16.8	13.6	13.6	3.6	3.5	13.1	11.5

Share price as of 16-Nov-23; Sources: Bloomberg; *FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

Mega Lifesciences

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	14,136	15,686	15,447	16,573	17,695
Cost of goods sold	(8,225)	(8,647)	(8,538)	(9,334)	(9,948)
Gross profit	5,911	7,040	6,909	7,239	7,748
Other operating income	47	80	70	71	76
Operating costs	(3,769)	(4,359)	(4,279)	(4,475)	(4,778)
Operating EBITDA	2,463	3,033	2,982	3,129	3,350
Depreciation	(274)	(272)	(283)	(294)	(304)
Goodwill amortisation	Ó	Ò	Ó	Ó	0
Operating EBIT	2,188	2,761	2,699	2,835	3,046
Net financing costs	(28)	(29)	(36)	(24)	(23)
Associates	(2)	0	(1)	(1)	(1)
Recurring non-operating income	4	2	(2)	(3)	(2)
Non-recurring items	119	(138)	(200)	0	0
Profit before tax	2,283	2,596	2,462	2,808	3,020
Тах	(336)	(355)	(400)	(394)	(423)
Profit after tax	1,947	2,242	2,063	2,415	2,597
Minority interests	-	-,	_,000	_,	_,007
Preferred dividends	_	_	_	_	_
Other items	_	_	_	_	_
Reported net profit	1,947	2,242	2,063	2,415	2,597
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(119)	138	200	0	2,007
Recurring net profit	1,828	2,380	2,263	2,415	2,597
Per share (THB)	,	·	,	,	·
Recurring EPS *	2.10	2.73	2.60	2.77	2.98
Reported EPS	2.23	2.57	2.37	2.77	2.98
DPS	0.86	0.85	0.78	0.91	0.98
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	872	872	872	872	872
Growth					
Revenue (%)	12.3	11.0	(1.5)	7.3	6.8
Operating EBITDA (%)	24.4	23.2	(1.7)	4.9	7.1
Operating EBIT (%)	27.0	26.2	(2.2)	5.0	7.4
Recurring EPS (%)	33.0	30.2	(4.9)	6.7	7.6
Reported EPS (%)	39.8	15.1	(8.0)	17.1	7.6
Operating performance	00.0	10.1	(0.0)	17.1	7.0
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	41.8	44.9	44.7	43.7	43.8
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	43.8	46.6	46.6	45.5	45.5 45.5
	17.4		19.3		
Operating EBITDA margin (%)		19.3		18.9	18.9
Operating EBIT margin (%)	15.5	17.6	17.5	17.1	17.2
Net margin (%)	12.9	15.2	14.6	14.6	14.7
Effective tax rate (%)	14.7	13.7	16.2	14.0	14.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	41.0	31.1	30.1	33.0	33.0
nterest cover (X)	77.5	96.2	76.0	115.9	129.9
Inventory days	167.5	172.8	176.2	157.9	153.4
Debtor days	70.9	72.0	81.0	78.7	78.4
Creditor days	145.1	163.5	174.7	156.8	143.3
Operating ROIC (%)	40.7	52.3	47.1	46.1	(11.1)
ROIC (%)	27.5	34.7	31.8	31.6	(7.9)
ROE (%)	24.4	28.4	24.6	24.2	24.1
ROA (%)	14.9	17.2	15.4	15.8	16.1
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Mega We Care	6,909	8,053	7,931	8,534	9,097
Maxxcare	6,906	7,320	7,208	7,712	8,252
OEM	320	314	308	327	346

Sources: Mega Lifesciences; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

Mega Lifesciences

Mega Lifesciences					
Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	1,828	2,380	2,263	2,415	2,597
Depreciation	274	2,300	283	294	304
Associates & minorities	2	0	1	1	1
Other non-cash items	461	474	(186)	(458)	(505)
Change in working capital	74	(989)	(283)	(890)	(987)
Cash flow from operations	2,639	2,136	2,077	1,360	1,410
Capex - maintenance	-,	-,	-,	-	-
Capex - new investment	(151)	(305)	(623)	(310)	(380)
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	. ,	. ,	-	` -
Other investments (net)	(113)	24	(21)	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(265)	(281)	(644)	(310)	(380)
Dividends paid	(923)	(1,406)	(681)	(797)	(857)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(363)	2	(157)	(13)	19
Other financing cash flows	(28)	(30)	(36)	(24)	(23)
Cash flow from financing	(1,314)	(1,433)	(873)	(834)	(861)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	253	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	253	(165)	(200)	0	0
Movement in cash	1,314	257	360	216	168
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	2,402.87	1,884.18	1,468.41	1,074.81	1,053.05
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	2,236.65	1,662.78	1,040.23	1,012.97	1,025.23
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	2.76	2.16	1.68	1.23	1.21
FCFE per share	2.57	1.91	1.19	1.16	1.18
Recurring cash flow per share	2.94	3.58	2.71	2.58	2.75
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Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	3,845	4,062	4,685	4,995	5,375
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,008)	(2,161)	(2,444)	(2,738)	(3,042)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	1,837	1,901	2,242	2,257	2,333
Intangible fixed assets (net)	1,353	1,329	1,381	1,413	1,405
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	0
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	215	223	244	244	244
Cash & equivalents	2,531	2,789	3,148	3,365	3,533
A/C receivable	2,808	3,382	3,470	3,678	3,927
Inventories	3,823	4,109	3,860	3,964	4,143
Other current assets	139	310	176	189	202
Current assets	9,301	10,590	10,655	11,195	11,804
Other assets	566	603	615	608	617
Total assets	13,272	14,646	15,135	15,718	16,403
Common equity	8,003	8,777	9,603	10,365	11,151
Minorities etc.	22	0	0	0	0
Total shareholders' equity	8,025	8,777	9,603	10,365	11,151
Long term debt	132	109	116	105	126
Other long-term liabilities	261	223	216	166	159
Long-term liabilities	393	332	332	271	285
A/C payable Short term debt	3,533	3,972	3,930	3,836	3,734
	224	312	148	146	144
Other current liabilities Current liabilities	1,096	1,254 5 538	1,123 5 201	1,100 5,081	1,090 4,968
Current liabilities Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	4,853 13,272	5,538 14,646	5,201 15,135	5,081 15,718	4,968 16,404
	2,141	2,575	2,453	2,895	3,447
Net working capital			4.700	2,000	5,447
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Invested capital	6,111	6,632	6,934	7,417	8,047
Invested capital * Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	6,111			7,417	8,047
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Sources: Mega Lifesciences; FSSIA estimates

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FSSIA ESG rating

Exhibit 10: FSSIA ESG score implication

54.48 /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.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 11: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA	A 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
COM7	61.78		Υ	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	47.75			52.68	21.00	4.40	43.59
MEGA	54.48		Υ	Υ	4.00	4.00	Declared	Medium	66.56			58.59	24.00	2.39	
BJC	71.33	Υ	Y	Υ	4.00	4.00		Medium	55.09	Α		65.19	89.00	2.16	
CRC	64.49		Y	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium		BBB		60.98	73.00	2.90	47.27

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

Exhibit 12: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	_	2.29	_
BESG environmental pillar score	_	1.86	_
BESG social pillar score	_	1.06	_
BESG governance pillar score	_	4.54	_
ESG disclosure score	44.34	53.36	_
Environmental disclosure score	29.84	44.22	_
Social disclosure score	19.44	32.16	_
Governance disclosure score	83.59	83.59	_
Environmental			
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	Yes	Yes	No
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No
GHG scope 1	_	_	633
GHG scope 2 location-based	_	_	6
GHG Scope 3	_	_	0
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	24	24	23
Renewable energy use	1	1	1
Electricity used	12	13	12
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	914

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 13: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 202
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	N
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Hazardous waste	_	_	(
Total waste	1	1	
Waste recycled	0	0	_
Waste sent to landfills	_	_	_
Environmental supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Ne
Water policy	No	Yes	Ye
Water consumption	_	_	
Social			
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Policy against child labor	Yes	Yes	Ye
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	Yes	Ye
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	N
Pct women in workforce	56	56	5
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	N
Lost time incident rate - employees	0	0	-
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	-
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Υe
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	N
Number of employees – CSR	5,714	6,021	5,76
Employee turnover pct	_	19	_
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	70,551	79,892	70,82
Social supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Ye
Governance			
Board size	10	10	1
No. of independent directors (ID)	4	4	
No. of women on board	1	1	
No. of non-executive directors on board	8	8	
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Υe
No. of board meetings for the year	6	5	
Board meeting attendance pct	100	96	g
Board duration (years)	3	3	·
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	N
Age of the youngest director	32	33	3
Age of the oldest director	80	81	8
No. of executives / company managers	6	6	
No. of female executives	1	1	
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	١
Size of audit committee	3	3	
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	
Audit committee meetings	4	4	
Audit committee meetings Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	10
Size of compensation committee	3	3	10
No. of ID on compensation committee	1	1	
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No. of compensation committee meetings	2	2	
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	10
Size of nomination committee	3 2	3	
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No. of nomination committee meetings			
No. of nomination committee meetings Nomination meeting attendance % Sustainability governance	100	100	10

 $Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's \ compilation$

Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodology				Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability ndices (<u>DJSI</u>) By S&P Global	process based from the annu Only the top-rainclusion.	d on the comp al S&P Globa anked compa	ransparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabili al Corporate Sustainabilit inies within each industry	ity Scores resulting y Assessment (CSA). y 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 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 nvestment List (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand SET)	managing bus Candidates m 1) no irregular float of >150 s up capital. So 70%; 2) indep wrongdoing re	iness with tra ust pass the p trading of the hareholders, me key disqua endent directe lated to CG, s	ity in Environmental and unsparency in Governance preemptive criteria, with a e board members and ex and combined holding in alifying criteria include: 1 ors and free float violation social & environmental in arnings in red for > 3 year	ce, updated annually. two crucial conditions: tecutives; and 2) free nust be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below in; 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 by Thai institute of Directors association Thai IOD)	annually by th	e Thai IOD, w). The results	in sustainable developn with support from the Sto s are from the perspectiv	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) 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 nvestors Association TIA) with support from he SEC	treatment are transparent ar out of five the assessment c the meeting d. advance circulat rights can be ex- transparency an	incorporated and sufficiently CG compone riteria cover A ate (45%), anion of sufficient ercised. The sed verifiability; ar	hich shareholders' rights into business operations disclosed. All form impo ents to be evaluated anni AGM procedures before tid after the meeting (10% information for voting; and 2 cond assesses 1) the ease of the discussion issues, resonant of the discussion o	and information is utant elements of two ually. The the meeting (45%), at a condition of the first assesses 1); facilitating how voting of attending meetings; 2) to 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)	The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. The Certification is good for three years. (Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start by submitting a Declaration of Intent to kick off an 18-month deadline to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification, including risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of managers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.)							the CAC Cou	ıncil	
Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an a risk is unmana	issessment of aged. <i>Sources</i> :	k rating provides an ove f how much of a compan to be reviewed include corpo	y's exposure to ESG prate 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.					
		pany feedback,	er media, NGO reports/webs , ESG controversies, issuer t ews.		NEGL 0-10	Low 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+	
ESG Book	The ESG score identifies sustainable companies that are better positioned to outperform over the long term. The methodology considers the principle of financial materiality including information that significantly helps explain future risk-adjusted performance. Materiality is applied by over-weighting features with higher materiality and rebalancing these weights on a rolling quarterly basis.							scaled between		
<u>MSCI</u>			neasure a company's ma d laggards according to t							ogy to
	AAA	8.571-10.000	Leader:	leading its industry in n	nanaging the most	significant FS0	G risks and oppor	tunities		
	AA	7.143-8.570		.gaasa j 11111	5 .55500	5 200	oppor			
	Α	5.714-7.142	_	a mixed or unexception	nal track record of	managing the r	nost significant F	SG risks and o	oportunities relat	ive to
	BBB BB	4.286-5.713 2.857-4.285	Average:	industry peers		3 3 11	5 -			
	В	1.429-2.856								
	CCC	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry bas	sed on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks					
Moody's ESG olutions	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 ating	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.									
Bloomberg	ESG Disclosu	re Score	Disclosure of a compan	v's ESG used for Bloom	bera ESG score	e. The score	ranges from 0	for none to 1	00 for disclosu	ire of

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Mega Lifesciences	MEGA TB	THB 42.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) the delayed registration process in many countries; 2) more intensified competition; 3) failure in introducing new products; and 4) risks associated with doing business in Myanmar.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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