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# **INOUE RUBBER (THAILAND)**

**IRC TB** 

THAILAND / AUTOMOTIVE

TARGET PRICE **CLOSE** THB13.60 **UP/DOWNSIDE** +10.3% PRIOR TP THB15.00 **CHANGE IN TP UNCHANGED** TP vs CONSENSUS +0.0%

# 4QFY23 results at first glance

กำไร 4QFY23 ดีกว่าคาดจากต้นทุนที่ลดลงเร็ว แต่รายได้ต่ำกว่าคาด

### **Highlights**

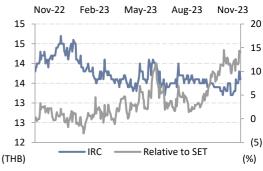
- IRC มีกำไรสุทธิ์ 53 ล้านบาทใน 4QFY23 (ก.ค.-ก.ย. 2023) +80% q-q, +67% yy ดีกว่าเราคาด 25% จากต้นทุนวัตถุดิบที่ลดลงอย่างรวดเร็ว และการบริหาร จัดการวัตถุดิบและค่าใช้จ่ายอื่นที่ดีกว่าคาด แต่รายได้อ่อนแอกว่าคาด
- กำไรที่ฟื้นดีขึ้นในไตรมาสนี้สาเหตุหลักมาจากราคาวัตถุดิบที่ลดลงเร็ว ทำให้อัตรา กำไรขั้นต้นดีขึ้นเป็นลำดับและดีกว่าที่เราคาด เป็น 10.5% จาก 8.9% ใน 3QFY23 และ 6.8% 4QFY22 และเป็นอัตราที่ดีที่สุดในรอบ 9 ไตรมาส ทยอยปรับขึ้นมาใกล้ ระดับปกติที่ 12-13% ในชวงปี 2020-2021 ก่อนจะเผชิญปัญหาต้นทุนวัตถุดิบ (เช่น โพลิเมอร์สซึ่งสัมพันธ์กับราคาน้ำมันดิบ) ที่พุ่งสูง
- อย่างไรก็ตาม รายได้จากการขายใน 4QFY23 ทำได้เพียง 1,255 ล้านบาท -0.2% q-q, -18% y-y และต่ำกว่าคาด จากการลดลงของยอดขายในประเทศตามกำลังซื้อ ที่อ่อนแอจากผลกระทบของอัตราดอกเบี้ยที่สูงและความเข้มในการปล่อยสินเชื่อ ของสถาบันการเงิน และแรงส่งของยอดส่งออกที่ลดลง
- การควบคุมค่าใช้จ่ายในการขายและบริหารที่ดีทำให้ EBITDA margin และอัตรา กำไรสุทธิดีขึ้นเป็น 11.4% และ 4.3% ตามลำดับ
- ภาพรวมทั้งปี FY23 (ต.ค. 2022-ก.ย. 2023) เริ่มฟื้นตัวแต่ยังไม่กลับสู่ระดับปกติ โดยรายได้หดตัว 8% เป็น 5,417 ล้านบาท แต่อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นที่ดีขึ้นจาก 7.5% ในปี FY22 เป็น 9.1% ทำให้กำไรสุทธิเติบโต 45% y-y เป็น 160 ล้านบาท ยังต่ำ กว่าปี 2019-21 ที่มีกำไรเฉลี่ย 240 ล้านบาท
- ประกาศจ่ายเงินปั้นผล 0.4178 บาทต่อหุ้น (Yield 3.1%) XD 8 ก.พ. 2024

#### **Outlook**

- ภาพรวมอุตสาหกรรมยานยนต์ปี 2023 อ่อนแอส่วนหนึ่งตามกำลังซื้อในประเทศ ซึ่งรายได้หลัก (80%) ของ IRC มาจากการขายในประเทศ อีกส่วนหนึ่งจากการถูก แย่งส่วนแบ่งตลาดในประเทศจากรถ EV ซึ่งได้รับการสนับสนุนจากภาครัฐ
- แนวโน้มยอดขายยานยนต์ในประเทศในปี 2024 เชื่อว่าจะดีขึ้นกว่าปีที่ผ่านมาแม้จะ มีความท้าทายอยู่มากโดยเฉพาะความนิยมของรถ EV ที่มีมาตรการสนับสนุนจาก รัฐต่อเนื่อง ขณะที่ลูกค้าหลักของ IRC เป็นค่ายรถสัญชาติญี่ปุ่นซึ่งมีสัดส่วน EV ไม่ มากนัก เรายังคงประมาณการกำไรของ IRC ปี FY24 เติบโต 4% y-y คงราคา เป้าหมาย 15 บาท (2024E P/E 17x เท่ากับค่าเฉลี่ย 5 ปีย้อนหลัง)

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Sep (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	5,417	5,728	6,129	6,552
Net profit	160	166	205	207
EPS (THB)	0.83	0.86	1.06	1.08
vs Consensus (%)	-	11.7	16.5	(3.6)
EBITDA	513	545	587	611
Recurring net profit	160	166	205	207
Core EPS (THB)	0.83	0.86	1.06	1.08
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	(4.6)	(4.6)	nm
EPS growth (%)	51.2	3.9	23.2	1.0
Core P/E (x)	16.4	15.7	12.8	12.6
Dividend yield (%)	3.1	3.2	3.9	4.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.7
Price/book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	(29.2)	(24.1)	(23.8)	(23.1)
ROE (%)	4.1	4.2	5.0	5.0



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	3.0	(0.7)	0.7
Relative to country (%)	2.6	10.6	17.1
Mkt cap (USD m)			74
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.0
Free float (%)			24
Major shareholder	Inoue	Rubber Co	Ltd (34%)
12m high/low (THB)		1	7.00/13.10
Issued shares (m)			192.21

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



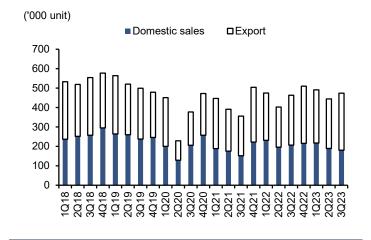
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Exhibit 1: 4QFY23/FY2023 results summary

Year to Sep 30	4QFY22	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	Cha	nge	FY22	FY23	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Sales	1,525	1,464	1,441	1,258	1,255	(0.2)	(17.7)	5,883	5,417	(7.9)
Cost of sales	(1,421)	(1,361)	(1,298)	(1,145)	(1,123)	(2.0)	(21.0)	(5,443)	(4,927)	(9.5)
Gross profit	104	102	144	112	132	17.5	27.0	440	491	11.4
Operating costs	(94)	(88)	(97)	(98)	(94)	(4.2)	(0.6)	(386)	(380)	(1.5)
Operating profit	10	15	47	15	39	162.1	291.1	54	110	102.7
Operating EBITDA	124	105	146	119	143	20.1	15.8	483	513	6.2
Other income	17	11	19	12	17	36.4	1.6	68	60	(12.0)
Interest expense	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	1.3	(22.1)	(0)	(0)	(21.3)
Profit before tax	33	17	65	31	57	82.4	72.3	122	170	39.0
Tax	(1)	(1)	(4)	(1)	(3)	142.3	273.3	(12)	6	(144.9)
Associates	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	nm
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	(0)	0.0	0.0	0	0	nm
Reported net profit	32	16	61	30	53	79.6	66.6	110	77	(30.3)
Core profit	32	16	61	30	53	79.6	66.6	110	77	(30.3)
Reported EPS (THB)	0.16	0.08	0.30	0.15	0.27	78.0	66.6	0.57	0.38	(33.0)
Core EPS (THB)	0.16	0.08	0.30	0.15	0.27	79.6	66.6	0.55	0.38	(30.3)
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin	6.8	7.0	10.0	8.9	10.5	1.6	3.7	7.5	9.1	1.6
Operating margin	2.2	1.2	4.5	2.5	4.5	2.1	2.4	2.1	3.1	1.1
EBITDA margin	8.1	7.1	10.1	9.5	11.4	1.9	3.3	8.2	9.5	1.3
Recurring net margin	2.1	1.1	4.2	2.4	4.3	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.9	1.1
SG&A / Sales	5.7	6.6	6.8	7.4	7.3	(0.1)	1.6	6.6	7.0	0.5

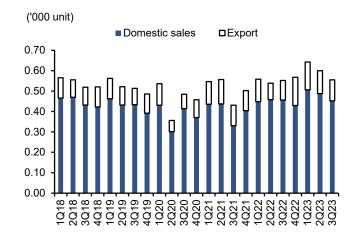
Sources: IRC, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 2: Car domestic sales and exports



Source: The Federation of Thai Industries

Exhibit 3: Motorcycle domestic sales and exports



Source: The Federation of Thai Industries

# **Financial Statements**

Inoue Rubber (Thailand)

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Sep	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	5,883	5,417	5,728	6,129	6,552
Cost of goods sold	(5,804)	(5,269)	(5,574)	(5,905)	(6,275)
Gross profit	80	148	154	224	276
Other operating income	429	402	405	403	401
Operating costs	(386)	(380)	(371)	(395)	(419)
Operating EBITDA	483	513	545	587	611
Depreciation	(361)	(343)	(357)	(354)	(352)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	122	170	189	232	258
Net financing costs	0	0	0	0	0
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	122	170	189	232	258
Tax	(12)	(10)	(23)	(28)	(52)
Profit after tax	110	160	166	205	207
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	110	160	166	205	207
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	110	160	166	205	207
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.55	0.83	0.86	1.06	1.08
Reported EPS	0.55	0.83	0.86	1.06	1.08
DPS	0.29	0.42	0.43	0.53	0.54
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	200	192	192	192	192
Growth	44.4	(7.0)	<i></i>	7.0	0.0
Revenue (%)	11.1	(7.9)	5.7	7.0	6.9
Operating EBITDA (%)	(38.2)	6.2	6.3	7.6	4.1
Operating EBIT (%)	(70.9)	39.0	10.9	23.2	11.1
Recurring EPS (%)	(67.7)	51.2	3.9	23.2	1.0
Reported EPS (%)	(67.7)	51.2	3.9	23.2	1.0
Operating performance	4.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	4.0
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	1.4	2.7	2.7	3.7	4.2
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	7.5	9.1	8.9	9.4	9.6
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	8.2	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	2.1	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.9
Net margin (%)	1.9	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.2
Effective tax rate (%)	10.1 52.9	6.1	12.0	12.0	20.0 50.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	2,461.9	50.3	50.0	50.0	
Interest cover (X)		4,349.5 54.8	4,823.8 51.4	5,943.5 55.8	6,604.9
Inventory days Debtor days	54.6 59.9	54.8 64.4	51.4 60.5	63.3	54.7 62.4
Creditor days	72.9	72.0	61.8	65.0	62.4
Operating ROIC (%)	4.2	5.9	6.5	7.5	(2.0)
ROIC (%)	3.0	5.9 4.3	6.5 4.7	7.5 5.6	(2.0)
ROE (%)	2.8	4.1	4.7	5.0	5.0
ROA (%)	2.1	3.1	3.2	3.9	3.8
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	2.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.0
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Motorcycle tires and tubes	2,586	2,381	2,548	2,726	2,944
Industrial elastomer parts	3,297	3,036	3,180	3,403	3,607

Sources: Inoue Rubber (Thailand); FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Sep	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	110	160	166	205	207
Depreciation	361	343	357	354	352
Associates & minorities	0	0	0	0	0
ther non-cash items	12	15	0	0	0
hange in working capital	(142)	19	(419)	(268)	(264)
ash flow from operations	340	536	103	291	295
apex - maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
apex - new investment	(292)	(227)	(235)	(218)	(218)
et acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	16	(4)	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(276)	(231)	(235)	(218)	(218)
Dividends paid	(170)	(56)	(83)	(102)	(103)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	0	0	0	0	0
Other financing cash flows	- (470)	- (EG)	(02)	(402)	(403)
Cash flow from financing	(170)	(56)	(83)	(102)	(103)
lon-recurring cash flows Other adjustments	0	0	39	42	19
Net other adjustments	0	0	39	42 42	19
Novement in cash	(106)	249	(176)	13	(7)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	64.17	305.01	(131.39)	73.33	76.68
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	64.12	304.97	(92.88)	115.32	96.00
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Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.33	1.59	(0.68)	0.38	0.40
FCFE per share	0.33 2.41	1.59	(0.48)	0.60	0.50
Recurring cash flow per share	2.41	2.69	2.72	2.91	2.91
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Sep	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Fangible fixed assets (gross)	6,928	6,474	6,136	5,800	5,465
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,294)	(4,951)	(4,595)	(4,240)	(3,888)
Fangible fixed assets (net)	1,634	1,523	1,541	1,559	1,577
ntangible fixed assets (net)	49	40	42	42	42
Long-term financial assets	444	566	566	566	566
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	235	108	108	108	108
Cash & equivalents	897	1,146	970	983	976
A/C receivable	1,047	863	1,036	1,092	1,149
nventories	838	642	829	867	909
Other current assets	8	6	11	12	13
Current assets	2,791	2,657	2,847	2,954	3,047
Other assets	119	139	126	130	135
Total assets	5,272	5,032	5,230	5,359	5,474
Common equity	3,832	3,929	4,015	4,121	4,228
Minorities etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Total shareholders' equity	3,832	3,929	4,015	4,121	4,228
ong term debt	1	0	0	0	0
Other long-term liabilities	287	298	235	227	216
ong-term liabilities	287	299	235	227	217
A/C payable	1,147	795	972	1,004	1,022
Short term debt	0	0	0	0	C
Other current liabilities	6	9	7	8	8
Current liabilities	1,153	804	979	1,011	1,031
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	5,272	5,032	5,230	5,359	5,475
Net working capital	741	707	897	959	1,040
nvested capital	3,222	3,082	3,281	3,365	3,468
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is beir	ig treated as dept				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	19.16	20.44	20.89	21.44	22.00
Гangible book value per share	18.91	20.24	20.67	21.22	21.78
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	(23.4)	(29.2)	(24.1)	(23.8)	(23.1)
Net debt/total assets (%)	(17.0)	(22.8)	(18.5)	(18.3)	(17.8)
Current ratio (x)	2.4	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.0
CF interest cover (x)	7,163.6	13,610.5	3,625.8	8,522.3	8,028.3
/aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	24.7	16.4	15.7	12.8	12.6
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	<b>27.3</b>	18.0	<b>17.4</b>	14.1	14.0
Reported P/E (x)	24.7	16.4	15.7	12.8	12.6
Dividend yield (%)	2.1	3.1	3.2	3.9	4.0
Price/book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Price/tangible book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA (x) **	3.8	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.7
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	4.4	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.1
EV/invested capital (x)	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

Sources: Inoue Rubber (Thailand); FSSIA estimates

# **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodology				Rating					
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ESG Book	positioned to on the principle of helps explain f	utperform over financial mat uture risk-adju features with	stainable companies ther the long term. The meriality including informated performance. Mat higher materiality and by basis.	ethodology considers ation that significantly eriality is applied by	scores using	materiality-ba	culated as a we ased weights. T s indicating bet	he score is	scaled betwee	
<u>MSCI</u>			easure a company's ma I laggards according to							ogy to
	AAA	8.571-10.000	Leader:	leading its industry in n	nanaging the most	significant ES0	G risks and oppor	tunities		
	AA	7.143-8.570		- ,		-	• •			
	A	5.714-7.142	A	a mixed or unexception	nal track record of	managing the r	nost significant E	SG risks and o	pportunities relat	ive to
	BBB BB	4.286-5.713 2.857-4.285	Average:	industry peers			-			
	В	1.429-2.856								
	ccc	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry bas	ed on its high exp	osure and failu	re to manage sign	ificant ESG ris	ks	
Moody's ESG olutions	believes that a	company inte	ee to which companies to egrating ESG factors into shareholders over the r	o its business model an						
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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
01-Feb-2023	HOLD	15.50	17-Apr-2023	HOLD	14.00	21-Sep-2023	BUY	15.00

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Inoue Rubber (Thailand)	IRC TB	THB 13.60	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) weaker demand from the automotive industry; 2) a sharp rise in the price of crude oil; and 3) chip supply shortages.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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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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