#### EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

## THE ERAWAN GROUP

THAILAND / TOURISM & LEISURE

## Solid organic growth in 4Q23E

- Expect core profit of THB183m in 4Q23 (-8% y-y, +23% q-q), pressured by expenses from Japan Hop Inn.
- Despite losses from Japan Hop Inn, we still expect core profit to grow by 8% to THB0.75b in 2024 thanks to strong organic growth.
- Maintain BUY with a DCF-derived TP of THB6.3/shr.

#### Without Japan project, 4Q23E core profit would grow 10-15% y-y

We expect non-Hop Inn RevPAR to grow by 8% y-y and exceed pre-Covid by 29% in 4Q23, driven by the strong performance of its economy hotels. However, the OCC rate of luxury hotels should drop to 81% (vs 86% in 4Q22) due to the high base in 4Q22, but it should be more than offset by higher ADR. Thailand Hop Inn RevPAR should grow 16% y-y and exceed pre-Covid by 25%. RevPAR of Philippines hotels should grow 15% y-y and exceed pre-Covid by 7%. ERW should book expenses related to the Japan project of THB40-50m (THB30-35m pre-operating and THB12-14m depreciation and interest expense). Thus, we forecast 4Q23 core profit to drop by 8% y-y to THB183m. Excluding Japan project expenses, 4Q23E core profit would grow 10-15% y-y to THB220-230m.

#### Expect Japan Hop Inn to deliver positive EBITDA in 2024

We expect organic RevPAR to grow 5% y-y in 2024. For Japan Hop Inn, we estimate an OCC rate of 75% with ADR of THB3,000 and an EBITDA margin of 30-35%. However, it could contribute a loss of THB30-50m in 2024 from depreciation and interest expenses. ERW also plans to open 8 Thailand Hop Inn and 3 Philippine Hop Inn hotels in 2024. We forecast 2024 core profit to grow by 8% to THB0.75b from THB0.69b in 2023

#### Healthy balance sheet to support major investment

Although ERW has large capex in 2023-24 mainly from the THB1.7b Japan Hop Inn project and THB1.6b acquisition of ibis Pattaya and ibis Phuket Patong from ERWPF (subject to ERWPF's shareholder approval on 27 Feb), we estimate its IBD/E to stay at 1.8-1.9x in 2024, lower than its debt covenant of 2.5x. This assumes that ERW uses bank loans for 70% of the total investment. We have no concern about its balance sheet given that it had THB1.4b cash on hand as of 3Q23, in-the-money ERW-W3 with potential proceeds of THB1.1b and strong EBITDA of THB2.4-2.7b in 2024-25E.

#### Revise up core profit; trading at cheaper valuation than historical

We revise up our 2023-24E core profit by 2-7% to reflect the strong 4Q23 operations, and maintain our 2024 DCF-based TP of THB6.3/shr. ERW trades at an attractive valuation of 32X 2024E P/E vs its five-year average of 35x.



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# BUY

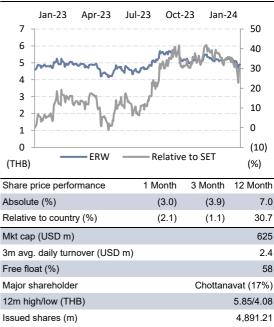
#### UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB6.30
CLOSE	THB4.90
UP/DOWNSIDE	+28.6%
PRIOR TP	THB6.30
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+2.6%

### **KEY STOCK DATA**

**ERW TB** 

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	4,629	6,989	7,864	8,390
Net profit	(224)	712	746	861
EPS (THB)	(0.05)	0.16	0.15	0.18
vs Consensus (%)	-	3.2	(16.2)	(9.1)
EBITDA	969	2,090	2,383	2,693
Recurring net profit	(278)	688	746	861
Core EPS (THB)	(0.06)	0.15	0.15	0.18
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	6.7	2.2	0.0
EPS growth (%)	nm	nm	0.4	15.4
Core P/E (x)	(79.9)	32.3	32.1	27.8
Dividend yield (%)	-	1.2	1.2	1.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	36.0	16.3	15.6	13.7
Price/book (x)	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.8
Net debt/Equity (%)	222.0	185.3	165.1	150.7
ROE (%)	(4.7)	11.4	10.4	10.4



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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#### **Investment thesis**

ERW is an asset-heavy business. It owns all of its hotels and has no asset-light model. Thus, it should be one of the stocks that benefits the most from the recovery of international tourist arrivals.

ERW recently announced four Hop Inn projects in Japan. It should become a new growth driver for ERW over the next five years.

ERW plans to expand its Hop Inn portfolio from 58 hotels in 2023 to more than 150 hotels by 2030, including 105 in Thailand, 14 in the Philippines,15 in Japan and the remaining from potential countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, South Korea and Australia.

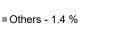
#### **Company profile**

ERW is a hotel operator and developer with a focus on Thailand and ASEAN.

www.theerawan.com

#### Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

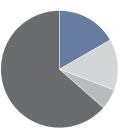
- Non-Hop Inn hotel 77.8 %
- Hop Inn Thailand 14.0 %
- Hop Inn Philippines 6.9 %



Source: The Erawan Group

#### Major shareholders

- Chottanavat 16.7 %
- Mitr Siam Capital Limited 14.1
- Mitr Phol Sugar Corp 5.7 %
- Others 63.5 %



Source: The Erawan Group

#### Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) a faster OCC rampup rate following the global tourism recovery; 2) strong pentup demand from Chinese tourists; and 3) the recovery of domestic business activities.

#### Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.

#### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 Feb 2024
 4Q23 results announcement

#### **Key assumptions**

	2023E	2024E	2025E
Number of hotels (no.)	78	93	99
Number of rooms (no.)	10,188	11,309	11,925
All hotels excl. Hop Inn			
Occupancy rate (OCC %)	82	83	83
RevPAR growth (y-y %)	76	5	3
Thailand Hop Inn			
Occupancy rate (OCC %)	82	82	83
RevPAR growth (y-y %)	21	4	3

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Earnings sensitivity**

- For every 1% increase in OCC, we project a 2024 profit increase of 7%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in EBITDA margin, we project a 2024 profit increase of 9%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



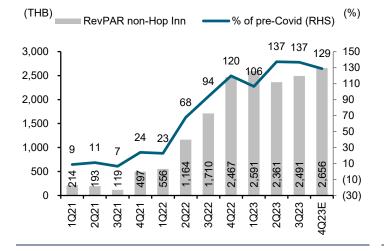
#### Exhibit 1: 4Q23 results preview

	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23E	Chan	ge	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Sales	1,733	1,753	1,623	1,736	1,872	8	8	6,989	51
- Thailand non-Hop Inn	1,411	1,409	1,282	1,378	1,495	8	6		
- Hop Inn Thailand	190	211	208	210	226	8	19		
- Hop Inn Phil	116	117	117	123	121	(2)	4		
- Rental	16	17	17	25	30	20	88		
COGS (Incl. depreciation)	(973)	(993)	(948)	(990)	(1,029)	4	6	(3,968)	26
Gross Profit	759	760	675	746	842	13	11	3,020	(105)
SG&A	(450)	(434)	(441)	(454)	(507)	12	13	(1,838)	33
Operating Profit	309	326	234	292	335	15	8	1,182	(1,117)
Other income	14	21	18	7	16	117	10	64	62
Interest	(122)	(135)	(143)	(150)	(154)	3	26	(577)	26
Pretax profit	201	213	109	149	196	32	(3)	670	309
Income Tax	6	6	5	3	0	(100)	(100)	12	(53)
Associates	13	3	21	3	3	0	(75)	31	8
Minority interest	(21)	1	(2)	(7)	(17)	143	(19)	(25)	125
Core profit	200	224	133	148	183	23	(8)	688	347
Extraordinaries, GW & FX	40	15	9	0		(100)	(100)	24	
Reported net profit	240	239	142	148	183	23	(24)	712	418
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Shares out (end Q, m)	4,532	4,532	4,532	4,532	4,532	0	0	4,532	0
Core EPS	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	23	(8)	0.15	347
EPS	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	23	(24)	0.16	418
COGS (Excl. depreciation)	(750)	(775)	(727)	(757)	(794)	5	6	(3,061)	34
Depreciation	(223)	(218)	(222)	(233)	(235)	1	5	(907)	4
EBITDA	547	566	474	532	585	10	7	2,154	114
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin	44	43	42	43	45.0	2	1	43	11
SG&A/Revenue	26	25	27	26	27	1	1	26	(3)
EBITDA margin	31	32	29	31	31	0	(0)	30	9
Net profit margin	14	14	9	9	10	1	(4)	10	15
Operating stats									
Non-Hop Inn									
OCC (%)	82	84	80	82	83				
OCC growth (y-y %)	52	53	25	15	1				
RevPAR (THB)	2,467	2,591	2,361	2,491	2,656				
RevPAR growth (y-y %)	396	366	103	46	8				
Thailand Hop Inn									
OCC (%)	78	81	81	81	83				
OCC growth (y-y %)	19	14	8	7	5				
RevPAR (THB)	499	531	533	534	581				
RevPAR growth (y-y %)	37	30	18	16	16				
Philippines Hop Inn									
OCC (%)	74	74	74	79	80				
OCC growth (y-y %)	25	23	16	20	6				
RevPAR (THB)	794								
	794	810	811	896	912				

Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates

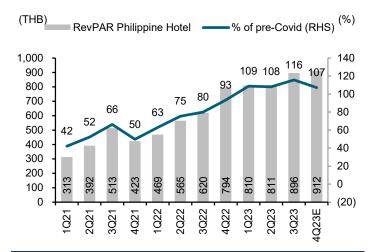


#### Exhibit 2: RevPAR non-Hop Inn hotels, quarterly



Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates





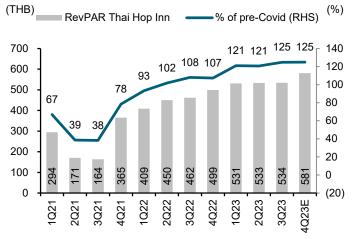
Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates

#### **Exhibit 6: Forecast revisions**

		Current			Previous		Change (%)			
	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	
All hotels excl. Hop Inn - OCC (%)	82.2	82.7	83.2	82.0	83.1	83.6	0.2	(0.4)	(0.4)	
All hotels excl. Hop Inn - RevPAR (THB)	2,536	2,654	2,724	2,510	2,544	2,611	1.1	4.3	4.3	
Thailand Hop Inn - OCC (%)	82.0	82.0	82.5	81.0	81.5	82.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	
Thailand Hop Inn - RevPAR (THB)	551	573	588	539	548	562	2.2	4.6	4.6	
Revenue (THB b)	6.99	7.86	8.39	6.96	7.76	8.29	0.4	1.4	1.2	
EBITDA margin (%)	29.9	30.3	32.1	29.9	30.7	32.2	0.0	(0.4)	(0.1)	
Core earnings (THB m)	688	746	861	645	730	860	6.7	2.2	0.0	

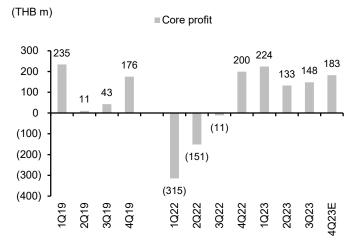
Note: Change of items in percentage terms is represented in ppt change. Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 3: RevPAR Thai Hop Inn hotels, quarterly



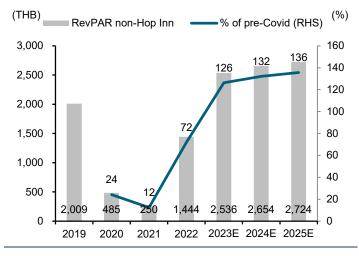
Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 5: Core profit, quarterly



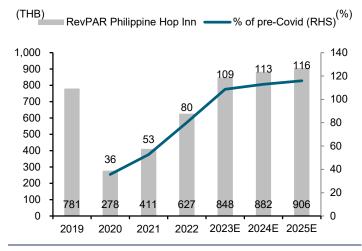
Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 7: RevPAR non-Hop Inn hotels, yearly



Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 9: RevPAR Philippine Hop Inn hotels, yearly



Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates

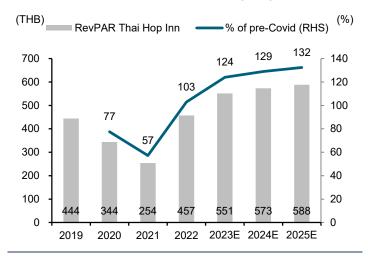
#### Exhibit 11: DCF valuation

Cost of equity assumptions	(%)	Cost of debt assumptions	(%)
Risk-free rate	3.0	Pre-tax cost of debt	3.5
Market risk premium	8.0	Marginal tax rate	20.0
Stock beta	1.2		
Cost of equity, Ke	12.6	Net cost of debt, Kd	3.2
Weight applied	55.0	Weight applied	45.0
WACC	8.2		

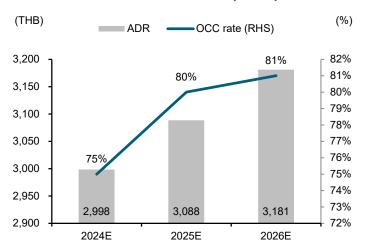
DCF valuation estimate	(THB b)	(THB/share)	Comments
NPV	13.3	2.7	WACC 8.2%, risk-free rate 3%, risk premium 8%
Terminal value	27.5	5.6	Terminal growth 2.5%
Cash & liquid assets	4.8	1.0	At end-2024E
Investments	0.1	0.0	At end-2024E
Debt	(14.8)	(3.0)	At end-2024E
Minorities	(0.0)	(0.0)	At end-2024E
Residual ordinary equity	30.9	6.3	

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 8: RevPAR Thai Hop Inn hotels, yearly



Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates



#### Exhibit 10: OCC rate and RevPAR of Japan Hop Inn

Sources: ERW; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 12: Historical P/E band



## Exhibit 13: Historical EV/EBITDA band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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#### Exhibit 14: Peer comparisons as of 19 Jan 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	\$	Share pric	e	Market		PE		R0	DE	P	BV	EV/ EB	ITDA
			Current	Target	Upside	сар	23E	24E	25E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(X)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand															
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	BUY	3.84	5.50	43	3,460	113.1	44.4	41.8	1.3	3.1	1.4	1.3	39.6	27.6
Minor International	MINT TB	BUY	27.50	43.00	56	4,333	24.4	21.5	19.3	8.2	9.5	1.8	2.3	9.5	9.6
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	BUY	41.75	50.00	20	1,587	47.4	36.8	29.4	6.2	7.6	2.9	2.7	18.1	16.6
Erawan Group	ERW TB	BUY	4.90	6.30	29	625	32.3	32.1	27.8	11.4	10.4	3.5	3.0	16.3	15.6
S Hotels & Resorts	SHR TB	BUY	2.30	4.40	91	233	170.0	20.5	15.2	0.3	2.5	0.5	0.5	8.6	6.9
Dusit Thani	DUSIT TB	BUY	8.40	15.00	79	201	(13.5)	133.6	6.5	(13.6)	1.5	2.0	1.9	(358.1)	43.9
Bound and Beyond	BEYOND TB	BUY	12.40	22.00	77	101	(25.9)	25.5	16.0	(2.4)	2.3	0.6	0.6	15.4	9.6
Thailand average						10,541	49.7	44.9	22.3	1.6	5.3	1.8	1.8	(35.8)	18.5
Regional															
Btg Hotels Group	600258 CH	n/a	15.25	n/a	n/a	2,367	21.6	17.0	14.3	7.2	8.5	1.5	1.4	9.0	8.2
Sh Jinjiang Intl Hotels	900934 CH	n/a	1.35	n/a	n/a	3,860	8.6	6.0	4.8	7.0	9.1	0.6	0.5	12.7	10.7
Huangshan Tourism Dev.	900942 CH	n/a	0.73	n/a	n/a	1,025	10.4	8.8	8.1	8.1	9.3	0.9	0.8	10.6	8.8
Genting Bhd	GENT MK	n/a	4.64	n/a	n/a	3,786	14.7	10.4	9.2	3.7	4.9	0.6	0.5	6.5	5.9
Huazhu Group	HTHT US	n/a	31.42	n/a	n/a	10,097	18.6	16.9	14.6	34.1	27.6	5.5	4.4	11.2	10.1
Indian Hotels	IH IN	n/a	482.20	n/a	n/a	8,260	74.4	54.9	44.6	12.6	14.4	8.7	7.5	39.6	32.8
Lemon Tree Hotels	LEMONTRE IN	n/a	134.50	n/a	n/a	1,282	92.5	65.2	38.8	12.3	16.0	11.7	10.7	31.5	25.2
Lippo Karawaci	LPKR IJ	n/a	82.00	n/a	n/a	373	14.3	13.0	11.6	2.6	2.8	0.4	0.4	8.9	8.4
Regional average						31,050	31.9	24.0	18.2	11.0	11.6	3.7	3.3	16.3	13.8
Overall average						41,592	40.2	33.8	20.1	6.6	8.6	2.8	2.6	(8.0)	16.0

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

#### **Financial Statements**

The Erawan Group

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	1,485	4,629	6,989	7,864	8,390
Cost of goods sold	(2,220)	(3,154)	(3,968)	(4,406)	(4,664)
Gross profit	(734)	1,475	3,020	3,458	3,726
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	(915)	(1,377)	(1,838)	(2,052)	(2,114)
Operating EBITDA	(713)	969	2,090	2,383	2,693
Depreciation	(936)	(872)	(907)	(977)	(1,082)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	(1,649)	97	1,182	1,405	1,611
Net financing costs	(518)	(455)	(573)	(632)	(636)
Associates	9	29	31	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	67	66	92	61	62
Non-recurring items	(10)	54	24	0	0
Profit before tax	(2,109)	(239)	725	834	1,038
Tax	(46)	26	12	(58)	(144)
Profit after tax	(2,155)	(213)	737	776	894
Minority interests	105	(11)	(25)	(30)	(33)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	(2,050)	(224)	712	746	861
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	10	(54)	(24)	0	0
Recurring net profit	(2,040)	(278)	688	746	861
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	(0.45)	(0.06)	0.15	0.15	0.18
Reported EPS	(0.45)	(0.05)	0.16	0.15	0.18
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.07
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	4,532	4,532	4,532	4,891	4,891
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(35.6)	211.6	51.0	12.5	6.7
Operating EBITDA (%)	nm	nm	115.7	14.0	13.0
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	nm	1,117.4	18.9	14.7
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	nm	0.4	15.4
Reported EPS (%)	nm	nm	nm	(2.9)	15.4
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	(49.4)	31.9	43.2	44.0	44.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	13.6	50.7	56.2	56.4	57.3
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	(48.0)	20.9	29.9	30.3	32.1
Operating EBIT margin (%)	(111.0)	2.1	16.9	17.9	19.2
Net margin (%)	(137.4)	(6.0)	9.8	9.5	10.3
Effective tax rate (%)	(2.2)	8.0	0.0	7.0	13.9
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	-		40.0	40.0	40.0
Interest cover (X)	(3.1)	0.4	2.2	2.3	2.6
Inventory days	12.2	6.6	6.1	6.6	6.8
Debtor days	21.7	10.2	8.3	7.4	7.0
Creditor days	40.8	30.2	32.7	35.5	36.7
Operating ROIC (%)	(8.7)	0.5	6.3	6.5	6.4
ROIC (%)	(8.2)	0.8	6.6	6.6	6.5
ROE (%)	(41.5)	(4.7)	11.4	10.4	10.4
ROA (%)	(7.4)	0.7	5.6	5.2	5.2
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	()	0	0.0	0.2	5.2
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Non-Hop Inn hotel	921	3,600	5,571	5,872	6,026
Hop Inn Thailand	339	646	870	970	1,098
Hop Inn Philippines	154	318	455	552	697
Others	71	65	93	469	569

Sources: The Erawan Group; FSSIA estimates

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ash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	20255
ecurring net profit	(2,040)	(278)	688	746	86
epreciation	936	872	907	977	1,082
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
ther non-cash items	701	193	38	19	22
hange in working capital	(1,056)	1,207	261	103	50
ash flow from operations	(1,460)	1,994	1,894	1,845	2,02
apex - maintenance	(1,588)	(722)	(1,089)	(3,879)	(1,389
apex - new investment	-	-	-	-	
et acquisitions & disposals	0	(15)	0	0	(
ther investments (net)	-	-	-	-	(4.000
ash flow from investing	(1,588)	(737)	(1,089)	(3,879)	(1,389
ividends paid	0	0	0	(275)	(298
quity finance	2,014	0	0	1,079	(0,000
ebt finance	(1,538)	(692)	1,450	2,303	(2,000
ther financing cash flows	2,192	(274)	(25)	(30)	(33
ash flow from financing	2,667	(967)	1,425	3,077	(2,331
on-recurring cash flows	-	- 0	- 0	- 0	(
ther adjustments	0 <b>0</b>	0	0	0	(
et other adjustments					-
ovement in cash	(380)	290	2,230	1,043	(1,699
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(2,526.87)	1,714.43	1,381.57	(1,393.43)	1,277.98
ee cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(2,394.52)	289.75	2,230.28	239.65	(1,400.81
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(0.52)	0.35	0.28	(0.28)	0.26
CFE per share	(0.49)	0.06	0.46	0.05	(0.29
ecurring cash flow per share	(0.09)	0.17	0.36	0.36	0.40
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
angible fixed assets (gross)	25,682	26,373	27,473	31,363	32,76
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(6,274)	(7,089)	(7,996)	(8,973)	(10,055
angible fixed assets (net)	(0,274) <b>19,409</b>	(7,089) <b>19,285</b>	(7,990) <b>19,478</b>	(8,973) <b>22,390</b>	22,70
		-	19,478	22,390	-
tangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	U	U	
ong-term financial assets	- 48	63	- 63	- 63	6
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	40 1,242		3,762		3,10
ash & equivalents		1,532		4,806	
C receivable	100	160	160	160	16
	39	43	58	65	6
ther current assets	1,274	291	440	495	52
urrent assets	2,655	2,026	4,420	5,525	3,86
ther assets	338	338	338	338	33
otal assets	22,450	21,712	24,298	28,316	26,97
ommon equity	6,012	5,698	6,410	7,960	8,52
inorities etc.	11	23	23	24	2.
otal shareholders' equity	6,023	5,722	6,434	7,984	8,54
ong term debt	14,237	13,935	14,935	17,238	15,23
ther long-term liabilities	880	846	846	846	84
ong-term liabilities	15,117	14,781	15,781	18,084	16,08
′C payable	143	235	315	352	36
nort term debt	690	300	750	750	75
ther current liabilities	478	675	1,019	1,146	1,22
urrent liabilities	1,311	1,209	2,083	2,248	2,34
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	22,450	21,712	24,298	28,316	26,97
et working capital	793	(415)	(675)	(778)	(835
vested capital	20,587	19,271	19,203	22,012	22,27
ncludes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	ng treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	1.33	1.26	1.41	1.63	1.7
angible book value per share	1.33	1.26	1.41	1.63	1.7
nancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	227.2	222.0	185.3	165.1	150.
et debt/total assets (%)	61.0	58.5	49.1	46.6	47.
urrent ratio (x)	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.5	1.
= interest cover (x)	(3.6)	1.6	4.9	1.4	(1.2
luation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	(10.9)	(79.9)	32.3	32.1	27.
	(14.0)	(102.7)	41.5	41.3	35.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	(10.8)	(99.0)	31.2	32.1	27.
eported P/E (x)		-	1.2	1.2	1.4
eported P/E (x) vidend yield (%)	-	-			
eported P/E (x) vidend yield (%) ice/book (x)	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.0	
eported P/E (x) vidend yield (%) ice/book (x) ice/tangible book (x)	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.
eported P/E (x) vidend yield (%) ice/book (x) ice/tangible book (x)					2. 13.
eported P/E (x) vidend yield (%) ice/book (x)	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.) 2.) 13. 16.)

Sources: The Erawan Group; FSSIA estimates



## The Erawan Group PCL (ERW TB)



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39.65 /100

#### Exhibit 15: FSSIA ESG score implication

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 16: 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	
BEYOND	24.98				5.00	5.00	Certified		39.83							
CENTEL	62.78		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	57.54			71.56	48.00	2.93	54.19	
DUSIT	24.81				5.00	4.00	Certified		46.50							
ERW	39.65				4.00	4.00	Certified		54.22			51.15	21.00	3.90		
MINT	84.43	Y	Y	Y	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	57.57	AA	37.00	91.18	69.00	5.00		
SHR	25.00		Y	Y	5.00	5.00										

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

#### Exhibit 17: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	-	—	3.67	3.90
BESG environmental pillar score	_	—	3.30	—
BESG social pillar score	—	_	3.36	—
BESG governance pillar score	—	_	4.54	_
ESG disclosure score	—	—	43.34	—
Environmental disclosure score	_	—	16.40	—
Social disclosure score	—	_	29.87	_
Governance disclosure score	—	_	83.59	_
Environmental				
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	No	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	—	_	8	10
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	_	34	32
GHG Scope 3	—	_	0	_
Carbon per unit of production	—	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	—	_	56,530	_
Renewable energy use	—	_	_	_
Electricity used	—	—	56,530	—
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 18: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	—	_	-	0
Total waste	—	_	-	0
Waste recycled	—	_	_	_
Waste sent to landfills	—	_	_	0
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	No
Water policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	—	_	_	1,187
Social				
Human rights policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	No
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	No
Equal opportunity policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	No
Pct women in workforce	—	_	56	56
Pct disabled in workforce	—	_	4	11
Business ethics policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	_	_	_	_
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	0	_
Training policy	No	No	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No
Number of employees – CSR	_	_	3,000	3,721
Employee turnover pct	_	_	25	
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	_	_	88,371	101,024
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	Yes
Governance				
Board size	_	11	11	11
No. of independent directors (ID)	_	4	4	4
No. of women on board	_	2	2	2
No. of non-executive directors on board	_	9	9	9
Company conducts board evaluations	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	_	11	12	13
Board meeting attendance pct		100	98	95
Board duration (years)	_	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director		38	39	40
Age of the oldest director	_	68	69	70
No. of executives / company managers		7	6	6
No. of female executives		2	2	2
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No
Size of audit committee	110	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	—	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
	—		6	8
Audit committee meetings		4 100	100	8 100
Audit meeting attendance %	—			
Size of compensation committee	—	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	—	1	1	1
No. of compensation committee meetings	—	2	3	3
Compensation meeting attendance %	—	100	89	89
Size of nomination committee	—	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	-	2	2	2
Nomination meeting attendance %	—	100	100	100
Sustainability governance				
Verification type	No	No	No	No

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

#### **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	IY .			Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ( <u>DJSI</u> ) By S&P Global	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					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 ( <u>THSI</u> ) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand ( <u>SET</u> )	managing bu Candidates 1 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	usiness with tr must pass the ar trading of th shareholders ome key disq pendent direc related to CG	ility in Environmental and ransparency in Governan a preemptive criteria, with he board members and e s, and combined holding jualifying criteria include: ctors and free float violati i, social & environmental earnings in red for > 3 yes	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.						
<b>CG Score</b> by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by	th in sustainable develop with support from the St Its are from the perspecti Is.	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 ar transparent a out of five th criteria cove date (45%), <i>circulation of s</i> <i>exercised. The</i> <i>and verifiability</i>	e incorporated and sufficientl e CG compor r AGM procec and after the i ufficient informat e second assess r; and 3) openne	which shareholders' right d into business operation ly disclosed. All form imp- nents to be evaluated anr dures before the meeting meeting (10%). (The first a stion for voting; and 2) facilita ses 1) the ease of attending n ess for Q&A. The third involve ues, resolutions and voting re	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, ir managers and	nt of key contr certification eciding to becom Intent to kick of including risk ass employees, est	Checklist include corrupt rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. me a CAC certified member s f an 18-month deadline to sul sessment, in place of policy a tablishment of whistleblowing all 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.						
<u>Morningstar</u> Sustainalytics			A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.							
			feedback on draft ESG	0-10	Low 10-20	<b>Medium</b> 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+		
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explain over-weighti	o outperform o of financial m n future risk-a	sustainable companies the over the long term. The meateriality including inform idjusted performance. Ma it h higher materiality and erly basis.	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.				features		
MSCI				anagement of financially their exposure to ESG ris					nethodology to	
	AAA AA	8.571-10.00 7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in m	anaging the most sig	nificant ESG ris	ks and opportunities	6		
	A	5.714-7.142								
	BBB	4.286-5.713		a mixed or unexception industry peers	al track record of ma	naging the mos	significant ESG risl	ks and opportur	nities relative to	
	BB	2.857-4.28	5	.,,						
	B CCC	1.429-2.850 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high exposu	re and failure to	manage significant	ESG risks		
Moody's ESG				take into account ESG o	bjectives in the de	finition and in	nplementation of	their strateov	policies. It	
solutions	believes that	t a company ii		to its business model and						
<u>Refinitiv ESG</u> rating	based on pu	blicly availabl	e and auditable data. The	e a company's relative ES e score ranges from 0 to are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50	100 on relative ES	SG performan	ce and insufficier	nt degree of t		
<u>S&amp;P Global</u>				asuring a company's perf ssification. The score ran			of ESG risks, opp	ortunities, an	d impacts	
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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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
The Erawan Group	ERW TB	THB 4.90	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	THB 3.84	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Minor International	MINT TB	THB 27.50	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply and higher competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	THB 41.75	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply and higher competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
S Hotels and Resorts	SHR TB	THB 2.30	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Dusit Thani	DUSIT TB	THB 8.40	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Bound and Beyond	BEYOND TB	THB 12.40	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) a higher hotel room supply, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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#### Stock ratings

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BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

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Unless otherwise specified, these recommendations are set with a 12-month horizon. Thus, it is possible that future price volatility may cause a temporary mismatch between upside/downside for a stock based on market price and the formal recommendation.

\* In most cases, the target price will equal the analyst's assessment of the current fair value of the stock. However, if the analyst doesn't think the market will reassess the stock over the specified time horizon due to a lack of events or catalysts, then the target price may differ from fair value. In most cases, therefore, our recommendation is an assessment of the mismatch between current market price and our assessment of current fair value.

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