

**BANGKOK AIRWAYS****BA TB**

THAILAND / TRANSPORT &amp; LOGISTICS

**BUY**

UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB22.00
CLOSE	THB14.70
UP/DOWNSIDE	+49.7%
PRIOR TP	THB22.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+6.2%

**Samui Airport valuation is hidden**

- Passenger volume of Samui Airport jumped 20% y-y and exceeded pre-Covid by 10% in Jan-24, outperforming other airports.
- Expect 2024 core profit to grow 26% to THB2.3b, driven by higher ticket fares and Samui passengers and lower interest expenses.
- Maintain BUY with a SoTP-based TP of THB22.0/shr.

**Samui pax hit a new post-Covid high in Jan-24**

According to CAAT, Samui passenger volume jumped by more than 50% in Jan-24 vs the average in 4Q23, and should grow by 20% y-y. Samui Airport is also one of the fastest recovering airports whose passenger volume exceeded pre-Covid by 10% in Jan-24, while the passenger volume for the six airports under AOT was still 19% below pre-Covid. Thus, we expect strong core profit growth both q-q and y-y in 1Q24.

**Three growth drivers in 2024**

First, ticket fares should continue to grow by 3-5% in 2024. Last year, strong ticket fares averaging cTHB3,700 (+15% vs pre-Covid) were mainly due to BA's strategy to focus on its Samui route. In fact, ticket fares for Samui Domestic were almost flat compared to the pre-Covid level in 9M23. The fares just picked up in 4Q23 and are likely to continue rising throughout 2024. Second, Samui Airport's revenue should improve from THB1.1b-1.2b in 2023 to THB1.5b in 2024 (conservative compared to THB1.7b in 2019), following strong tourist arrivals to Thailand. Higher revenue should flow directly to BA's bottom line. Third, BA is becoming a net cash company as it has THB11.6b cash on hand vs THB11.9b IBD as of 3Q23. This should give BA the option to prepay its debt to lower interest expenses or invest in new projects. As a result, we forecast core profit to grow by 26% to THB2.3b in 2024.

**Samui Airport valuation has escaped the market's attention**

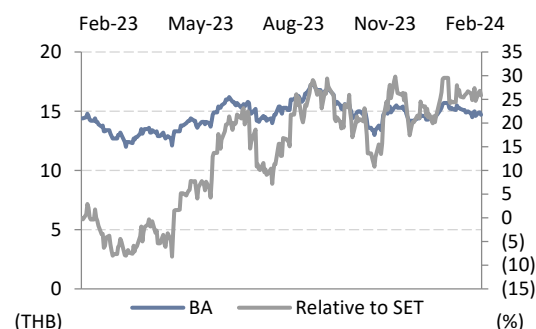
BA is the cheapest Thai tourism stock, trading at only 13x 2024E P/E. We see this as unjustified given that the combined market cap of BA and SPF was THB74b in 2016 when they booked a combined core profit of THB3.7b, while the current market cap of BA and BAREIT is only THB41b with a 2024E combined core profit of THB3.2b, almost reaching 2016's level. Thus, we conclude that BA is mispriced and has a potential upside in terms of market cap of THB20b-30b.

**Weak 4Q23E core profit is an opportunity to BUY**

We maintain our 2024-25E earnings and our SoTP-TP at THB22.0/shr. We estimate a 4Q23 core loss of THB0.2b, hit by a one-off item. This may concern the market and provide an opportunity to accumulate the stock to capture the strong 2024E earnings and its mispriced valuation.

**KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	11,305	19,323	21,609	23,237
Net profit	(2,112)	3,223	2,342	2,502
EPS (THB)	(1.01)	1.53	1.12	1.19
vs Consensus (%)	-	38.7	24.3	24.0
EBITDA	115	3,246	3,677	3,845
Recurring net profit	(1,974)	1,852	2,342	2,502
Core EPS (THB)	(0.94)	0.88	1.12	1.19
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	(14.9)	0.0	0.0
EPS growth (%)	nm	nm	26.5	6.8
Core P/E (x)	(15.6)	16.7	13.2	12.3
Dividend yield (%)	-	3.6	4.6	4.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	501.3	13.8	11.5	10.4
Price/book (x)	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
Net debt/Equity (%)	158.6	77.1	58.8	44.6
ROE (%)	(13.2)	10.6	12.5	12.6



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(6.4)	8.1	0.7
Relative to country (%)	(2.8)	9.5	23.3
Mkt cap (USD m)	870		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	1.3		
Free float (%)	41		
Major shareholder	Prasartong-Osoth Puttipong (25%)		
12m high/low (THB)	17.60/11.80		
Issued shares (m)	2,100.00		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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## Investment thesis

BA has successfully turned its airline business around by focusing on the higher-yielding Samui route (48% of passenger revenue in 2019). BA also plans to reduce its fleet and trim its costs, which should support its earnings visibility in the long run.

BA's non-airline business contributes more than half of its gross profit and should be a key driver for the company, especially the airport business based on Samui Airport and the U-Tapao Airport project, in which BA holds a 45% stake.

Samui Airport is in the process of increasing its flight capacity from 50 to 70 flights/day, and there is a potential for an upgrade to its commercial space. This should improve the airport's long-term profitability.

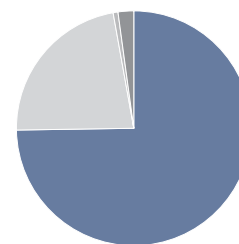
## Company profile

BA offers air transportation services. The company operates flights and airports servicing various resort destinations, including Thailand, CLMV, China and India.

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## Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

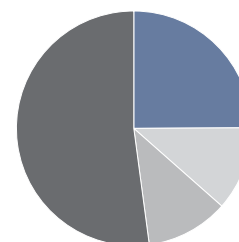
- Air fares - 74.8 %
- Revenue from sales and services - 22.4 %
- Freight - 0.7 %
- Passenger services - 2.2 %



Source: Bangkok Airways

## Major shareholders

- Prasarttong-Osoth Puttipong - 24.9 %
- Prasarttong-Osoth Ariya - 11.6 %
- Prasarttong-Osoth Prasert - 11.4 %
- Others - 52.1 %



Source: Bangkok Airways

## Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) a higher number of passengers carried following a global tourism recovery; 2) lower jet fuel prices; and 3) strong pent-up demand from Chinese tourists.

## Risks to our call

Downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) higher-than-expected fuel expenses following an increase in oil prices; 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 aircraft (no.)	25	25	27
Passengers carried (m)	4.0	4.3	4.4
Load factor (%)	79.6	79.0	79.0
Average ticket fare (THB)	3,694	3,805	3,919
Fuel price net hedging (USD/bbl)	105.0	110.0	110.0
THB/USD	34.9	34.9	34.9

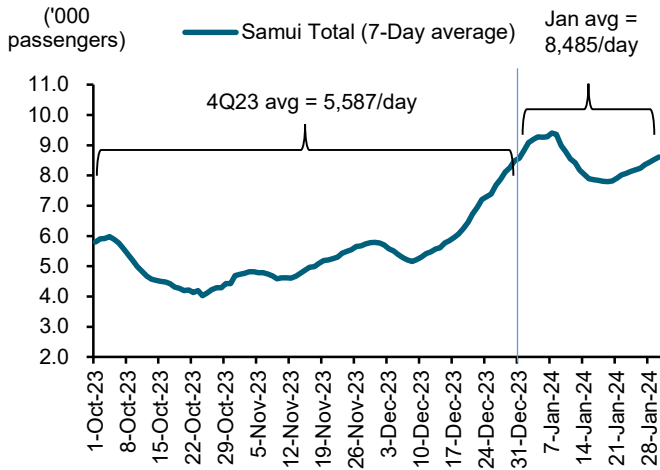
Source: FSSIA estimates

## Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in load factor, we project a 2024 profit increase of 12% and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in average ticket fare, we project a 2024 profit increase of 8% and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in Brent spot price, we project a 2024 profit reduction of 2% and vice versa, all else being equal.

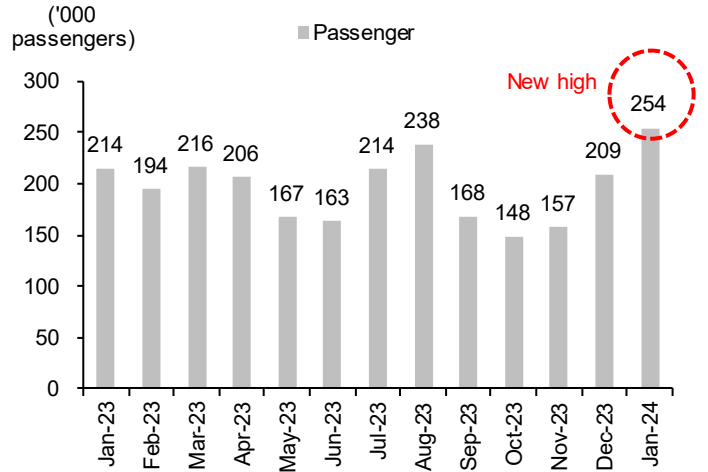
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**Exhibit 1: Samui passenger volume trend**



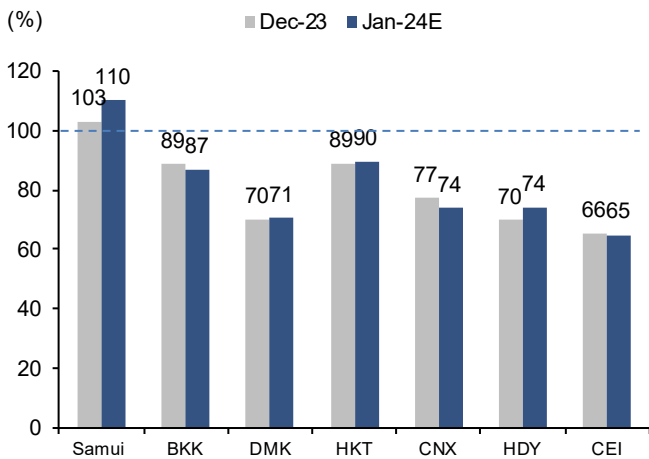
Note: Includes both arrivals and departures  
Source: The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)

**Exhibit 2: Samui passenger volume**



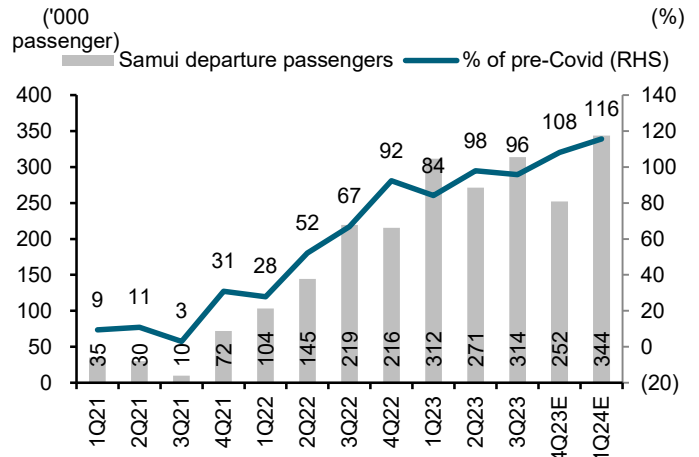
Note: 1) Actual data in 1-30 Jan-24 and estimate for 31 Jan-24; 2) includes both arrivals and departures  
Source: CAAT

**Exhibit 3: Passenger recovery (% of pre-Covid) for major airports**



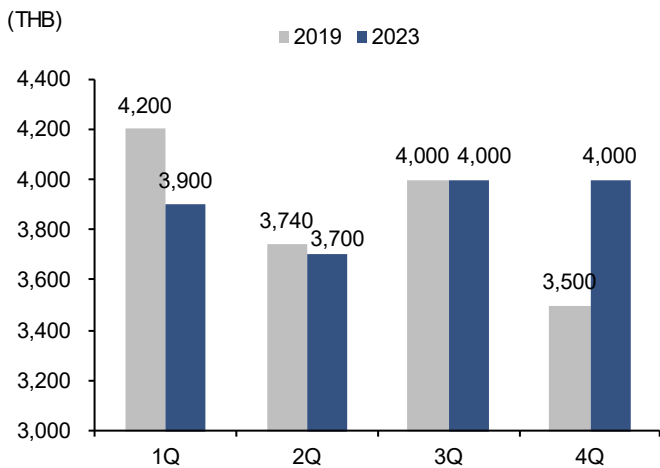
Sources: AOT; CAAT

**Exhibit 4: Samui passenger volume quarterly**



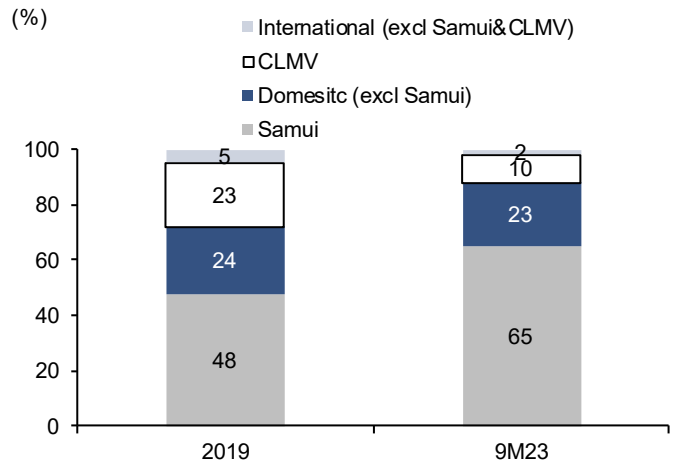
Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 5: Samui domestic ticket fares**



Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 6: Revenue breakdown by route**



Source: BA

## Potential re-rating upside from Samui Airport

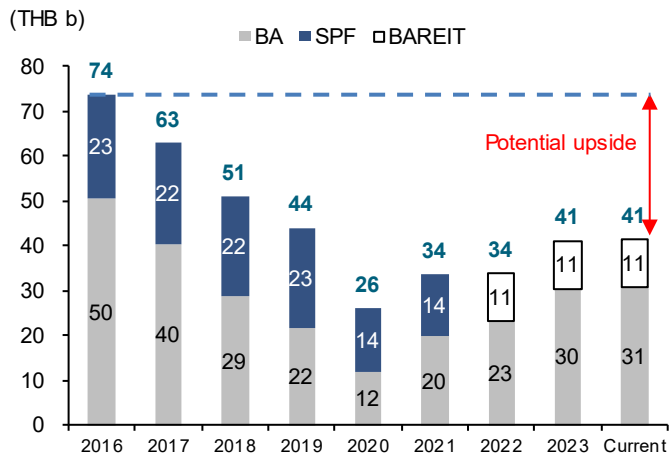
BA and SPF had a combined market cap of THB74b in 2016 when their combined profit peaked at THB3.7b. Due to high competition in the airline industry, the market cap of BA declined over 2017-2019 and hit the bottom during the Covid pandemic. Meanwhile, the market cap of SPF stayed at THB22b-23b over 2017-2019, and also plunged to THB14b during the Covid pandemic.

During the Covid pandemic, BA terminated its leasehold contracts with SPF and set up BAREIT instead. The structure was changed. BA pays a fixed amount to BAREIT of around THB1.1b-1.2b/year, compared to the THB1.4b-1.6b variable rate paid to SPF during 2016-2019.

With the Covid pandemic subsided, the combined core profit of BA and BAREIT should increase to THB3.2b in 2024, converting to its peak of THB3.7b in 2016. However, the current combined market cap of BA and BAREIT is now only THB41b, far from its peak of THB74b.

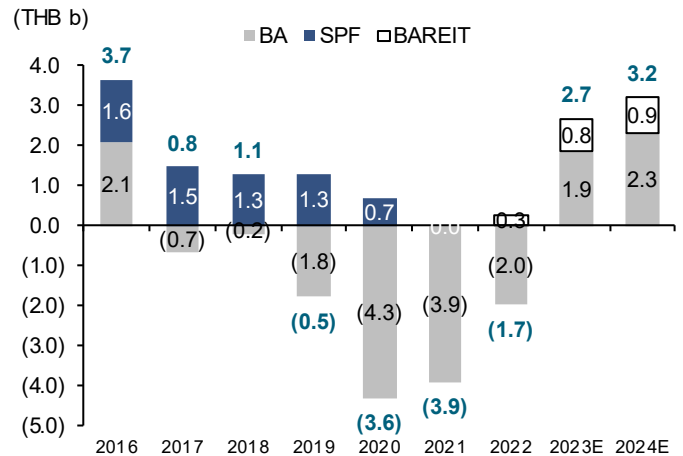
Thus, we expect that the gap of THB33b should narrow when Samui Airport fully recovers, likely by 2025. This would imply a higher market cap for BA over the next two years, given that BAREIT's market cap is likely to be capped due to the fixed payment structure.

**Exhibit 7: Market cap of combined BA and SPF/BAREIT**



Note: Used average share prices for each year to calculate  
Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 8: Core profit of combined BA and SPF/BAREIT**



Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

## 4Q23 results preview: hit by one-off expense

We expect the 4Q23 passenger volume to grow 1% y-y to 0.95m, equivalent to 65% of the pre-Covid level, but it should drop from 1.0m in 3Q23 due to Samui's low tourism season. 4Q23 ticket fares should grow by 9% y-y to an average of cTHB3,800, exceeding pre-Covid by 27%. We expect the 4Q23 passenger yield to remain above the pre-Covid level at THB6.2/passenger-km (vs THB4.0 in 4Q19) due to a strong load factor of 76% (vs 64% in 4Q19).

As a result, passenger revenue should grow by 10% y-y and reach 83% of the pre-Covid level in 4Q23. Airport and airport-related revenue should recover to 90% of pre-Covid, led by a higher Samui passenger volume, which should exceed the pre-Covid level by 8%.

On a negative note, we expect BA to book a one-off item consisting of additional bonus expenses to staff of around THB300m. This should lead BA to book a core loss of THB0.2b in 4Q23. Excluding the one-off item, we expect that BA would book a core profit of THB0.1b.

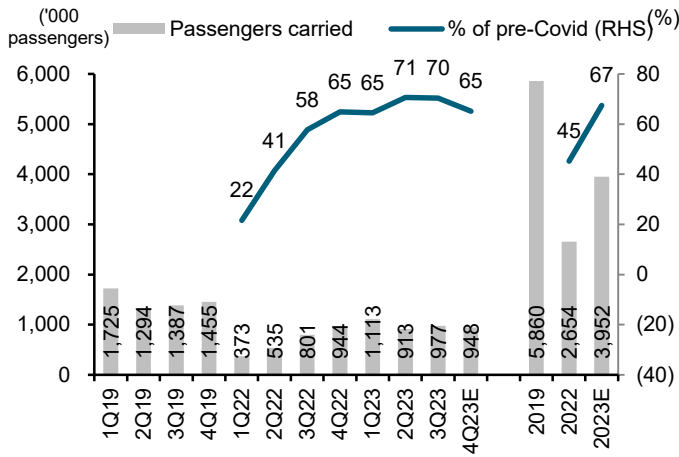
We are not concerned about the loss in 4Q23 given that BA has normally booked a loss in 4Q since 2016 due to the low season in Samui.

### Exhibit 9: 4Q23 results preview

	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23E	Change		2023E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)
Sales	4,221	5,273	4,357	4,978	4,747	(5)	12	19,323
- Passenger revenue	3,277	4,123	3,267	3,742	3,601	(4)	10	14,600
- Other revenue	943	1,151	1,089	1,236	1,146	(7)	21	4,723
Expense	(4,309)	(4,468)	(4,172)	(4,451)	(4,900)	10	14	(17,875)
- Fuel and oil	(890)	(816)	(649)	(861)	(878)	2	(1)	(3,211)
- Non-fuel operating expenses	(3,420)	(3,652)	(3,523)	(3,590)	(4,022)	12	18	(14,664)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>(153)</b>	<b>(129)</b>	<b>(72)</b>	<b>1,448</b>
Dividend income	0	0	310	340	0	(100)	(100)	648
Net other income	391	426	297	294	264	(10)	(32)	1,269
Interest income	11	12	24	34	34	0	207	44
Interest expense	(533)	(543)	(546)	(543)	(543)	0	2	(2,160)
<b>Pretax profit</b>	<b>(219)</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>(398)</b>	<b>(161)</b>	<b>(81)</b>	<b>1,249</b>
Income Tax	(93)	13	(0)	0	0			0
Associates	159	122	170	157	163	4	3	617
Minority interest	2	(4)	3	1	2	187	10	(14)
<b>Core profit</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>(233)</b>	<b>(129)</b>	<b>(54)</b>	<b>1,852</b>
Extraordinaries	302	44	227	1,100	0			1,371
- FX	302	44	(3)	14	0			55
- Derivative	0	0	0	0	0			0
- Others	0	0	230	1,086	0			1,316
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>(233)</b>	<b>(112)</b>	<b>(255)</b>	<b>3,223</b>
Shares out (end Q, m)	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0	2,100
<b>Pre-ex EPS</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>	<b>(129)</b>	<b>(54)</b>	<b>0.88</b>
<b>EPS</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>	<b>(112)</b>	<b>(255)</b>	<b>1.53</b>
Depreciation	(574)	(494)	(438)	(436)	(436)	0	(24)	(1,798)
EBITDA	486	1,299	623	964	283	(71)	(42)	3,246
<b>Key ratios</b>						<b>(ppt)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>	
Operating profit margin (%)	(2)	15	4	11	(3)	(14)	(1)	7
EBITDA margin (%)	12	25	14	19	6	(13)	(6)	17
Net profit margin (%)	4	17	15	38	(5)	(43)	(8)	17
<b>Operating stats</b>								
Passenger carried (m)	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9			
Load factor (%)	79	87	75	78	76			
RPK (m seats-km)	616	706	560	595	579			
ASK (m seats-km)	776	811	744	764	762			
Average fare (THB)	3,471	3,734	3,531	3,803	3,800			
RASK (THB)	5.0	5.8	5.0	5.5	0.0			
CASK (THB)	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.9	0.0			
CASK ex-fuel (THB)	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.8	0.0			

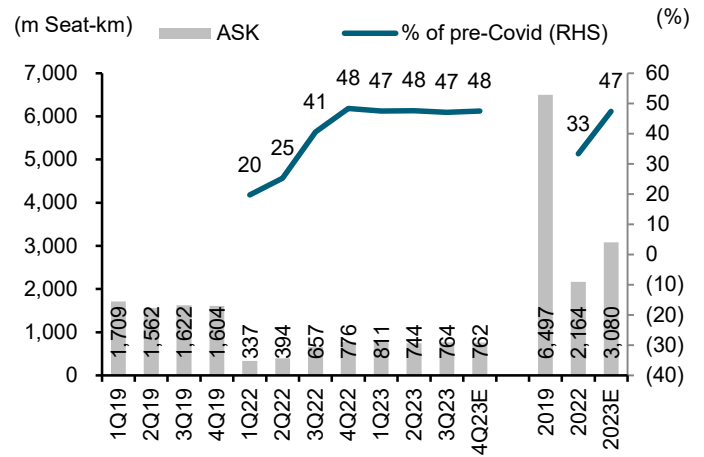
Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 10: Passengers carried**



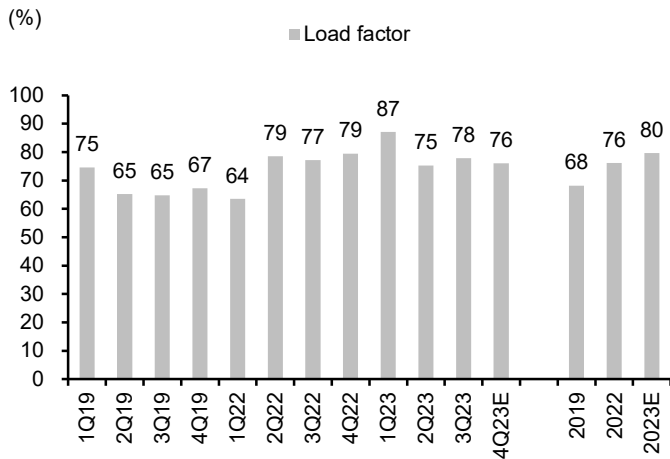
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**Exhibit 11: ASK**



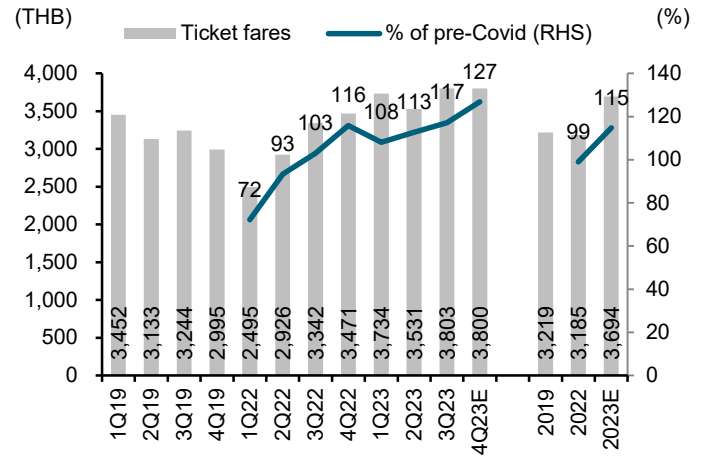
\* ASK = available seat kilometres  
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**Exhibit 12: Load factor**



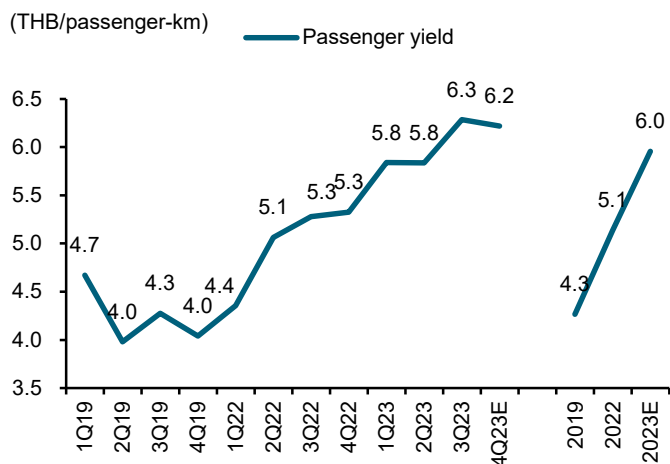
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**Exhibit 13: Ticket fares**



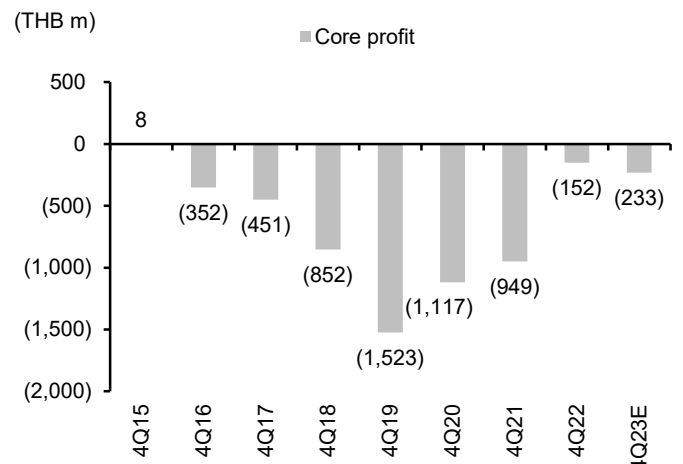
Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 14: Passenger yield**



Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 15: 4Q core profit, 2015-2023**



Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 16: Forecast revisions

	Current			Previous			Change (%)		
	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Passengers carried (m)	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.7	(3.9)	(6.8)	(5.2)
Load factor (%)	80	79	79	79	77	78	0.3	2.0	1.0
Average ticket fare (THB)	3,694	3,805	3,919	3,662	3,772	3,886	0.9	0.9	0.9
Fuel price net hedging (USD/bbl)	105	110	110	105	110	110	0.0	0.0	0.0
Revenue (THB m)	19,323	21,609	23,237	19,813	22,833	23,794	(2.5)	(5.4)	(2.3)
EBITDA (THB m)	3,246	3,677	3,845	3,420	3,529	3,691	(5.1)	4.2	4.2
Core profit (THB m)	1,852	2,342	2,502	2,188	2,342	2,502	(15.4)	0.0	(0.0)
Net profit (THB m)	3,223	2,342	2,502	3,500	2,342	2,502	(7.9)	0.0	(0.0)

Note: Change of items in percentage terms are represented in ppt change

Sources: BA; FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 17: SoTP valuation

SoTP Base case	(THB b)	(THB/share)	Comments
BDMS	21.0	10.0	Fair price at our TP of THB35.0/shr with 20% holding discount
BAFS	1.6	0.7	Fair price at consensus TP of THB30.5/shr with 20% holding discount
BAREIT	2.3	1.1	Fair price at consensus TP of THB11.3/shr with 20% holding discount
Airport and airport related business	17.0	8.1	2024E net profit (excluding BAREIT lease payment) of THB1.2b and pegged at 14x P/E multiple
BAREIT lease liabilities	(13.5)	(6.4)	At end 2024E
Airline business	9.2	4.4	2024E net profit of THB1.1b and pegged at 8x P/E multiple
Cargo business	2.8	1.3	Share income of THB0.4b and pegged at 7x P/E multiple
Interest bearing debt	(8.4)	(4.0)	At end 2024E
Cash	14.2	6.7	At end 2024E
<b>Total value</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>22.0</b>	

Source: FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 18: Peer comparisons, airline sector as of 31 Jan 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	Share price			Market Cap (USD m)	PE			PBV		EV/EBITDA	
			Current (LCY)	Target (LCY)	Upside (%)		23E (x)	24E (x)	25E (x)	23E (x)	24E (x)	23E (x)	24E (x)
<b>Thailand</b>													
Bangkok Airways	BA TB	BUY	14.70	22.00	49.7	887	16.7	13.2	12.3	1.7	1.6	13.8	11.5
Asia Aviation	AAV TB	BUY	2.22	2.80	26.1	804	(145.3)	19.8	16.1	3.7	3.1	10.4	7.2
<b>Thailand average</b>						<b>1,691</b>	<b>(64.3)</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Regional</b>													
Spring Airlines Co Ltd-A	601021 CH	n/a	52.78	n/a	n/a	7,189	19.9	14.4	14.4	3.2	2.7	12.7	9.6
Interglobe Aviation	INDIGO IN	n/a	2,961.35	n/a	n/a	14,033	n/a	19.7	19.7	n/a	n/a	20.6	9.1
Cebu Air Inc	CEB PM	n/a	32.45	n/a	n/a	361	5.2	3.3	3.3	8.9	2.2	6.1	4.8
Singapore Airlines	SIA SP	n/a	6.68	n/a	n/a	14,943	10.1	7.3	7.3	1.3	1.3	5.0	4.7
Japan Airlines	9201 JP	n/a	2,867.00	n/a	n/a	8,526	44.0	13.8	13.8	1.5	1.4	6.7	5.0
Ana Holdings	9202 JP	n/a	3,309.00	n/a	n/a	10,902	26.1	13.4	13.4	1.8	1.6	7.2	5.7
Cathay Pacific Airways	293 HK	n/a	7.97	n/a	n/a	6,563	6.0	7.7	7.7	0.9	0.8	4.8	5.5
Vietjet Aviation	VJC VN	n/a	104,600	n/a	n/a	2,332	200.2	24.8	24.8	3.7	3.2	40.0	15.9
<b>Regional average</b>						<b>64,848</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Global</b>													
Eva Airways	2618 TT	n/a	32.05	n/a	n/a	5,524	7.9	11.3	11.3	1.7	1.5	2.9	3.5
Air New Zealand	AIR NZ	n/a	0.64	n/a	n/a	1,315	5.0	9.7	9.7	1.0	1.0	2.5	3.3
Air Arabia	AIRARABIA UH	n/a	2.98	n/a	n/a	3,761	8.5	9.1	9.1	1.9	1.7	5.6	5.6
Easyjet (UK)	EZJ LN	n/a	556.20	n/a	n/a	5,332	11.8	9.2	9.2	1.5	1.3	3.7	3.1
Gol Linhas Aereas Intel. (Brazil)	GOLL4 BS	n/a	2.83	n/a	n/a	240	n/a	5.0	5.0	n/a	n/a	4.5	4.1
JetBlue Airways (US, Latin AM)	JBLU	n/a	5.31	n/a	n/a	1,770	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.6	9.1	8.5
Norwegian Air Shuttle (Norway)	NWARF US	n/a	1.15	n/a	n/a	1,180	8.7	8.0	8.0	2.0	1.6	3.0	2.7
Southwest Airlines (US)	LUV US	n/a	29.89	n/a	n/a	17,818	22.3	18.0	18.0	1.6	1.3	6.4	5.7
<b>Global average</b>						<b>36,939</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Overall average</b>						<b>103,478</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates



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### Bangkok Airways

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	2,717	11,305	19,323	21,609	23,237
Cost of goods sold	(6,115)	(11,524)	(15,169)	(16,700)	(17,988)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>(3,398)</b>	<b>(219)</b>	<b>4,154</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>5,249</b>
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	(1,551)	(2,097)	(2,705)	(3,069)	(3,300)
<b>Operating EBITDA</b>	<b>(2,607)</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>3,246</b>	<b>3,677</b>	<b>3,845</b>
Depreciation	(2,342)	(2,431)	(1,798)	(1,836)	(1,895)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating EBIT</b>	<b>(4,949)</b>	<b>(2,316)</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>1,949</b>
Net financing costs	(1,258)	(1,475)	(2,116)	(1,872)	(1,739)
Associates	453	489	617	652	664
Recurring non-operating income	2,142	1,916	2,534	2,527	2,638
Non-recurring items	(5,180)	(137)	1,371	0	0
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>(9,246)</b>	<b>(2,013)</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>2,848</b>
Tax	117	(114)	0	(138)	(328)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>(9,129)</b>	<b>(2,127)</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>2,521</b>
Minority interests	50	16	(14)	(16)	(18)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Reported net profit</b>	<b>(9,079)</b>	<b>(2,112)</b>	<b>3,223</b>	<b>2,342</b>	<b>2,502</b>
<b>Non-recurring items &amp; goodwill (net)</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>(1,371)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Recurring net profit</b>	<b>(3,899)</b>	<b>(1,974)</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>2,342</b>	<b>2,502</b>
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Recurring EPS *	(1.86)	(0.94)	0.88	1.12	1.19
Reported EPS	(4.32)	(1.01)	1.53	1.12	1.19
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.53	0.67	0.71
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
<b>Growth</b>					
Revenue (%)	(64.6)	316.1	70.9	11.8	7.5
Operating EBITDA (%)	nm	nm	2,734.5	13.3	4.5
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	nm	nm	27.1	5.9
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	nm	26.5	6.8
Reported EPS (%)	nm	nm	nm	(27.3)	6.8
<b>Operating performance</b>					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	(125.1)	(1.9)	21.5	22.7	22.6
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	(38.9)	19.6	30.8	31.2	30.7
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	(96.0)	1.0	16.8	17.0	16.5
Operating EBIT margin (%)	(182.2)	(20.5)	7.5	8.5	8.4
Net margin (%)	(143.5)	(17.5)	9.6	10.8	10.8
Effective tax rate (%)	2.6	(4.8)	7.0	7.5	15.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	-	-	60.0	60.0	60.0
Interest cover (X)	(2.2)	(0.3)	1.9	2.3	2.6
Inventory days	44.3	18.1	10.8	8.5	8.6
Debtor days	51.9	25.1	29.7	36.7	39.4
Creditor days	100.9	50.7	40.8	38.5	40.4
Operating ROIC (%)	(32.6)	(19.2)	14.8	25.0	29.7
ROIC (%)	(6.2)	(0.9)	8.3	10.6	10.6
ROE (%)	(23.8)	(13.2)	10.6	12.5	12.6
ROA (%)	(5.5)	(0.8)	6.2	6.7	6.6
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
<b>Revenue by Division (THB m)</b>					
Air fares	1,191	8,451	14,600	16,361	17,347
Revenue from sales and services	1,477	2,534	4,203	4,605	5,072
Freight	6	76	58	115	173
Passenger services	43	244	462	529	644

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### Bangkok Airways

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	(3,899)	(1,974)	1,852	2,342	2,502
Depreciation	2,342	2,431	1,798	1,836	1,895
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	(4,921)	1,005	15,980	16	18
Change in working capital	(1,232)	1,573	1,879	566	416
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>(7,709)</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>21,509</b>	<b>4,761</b>	<b>4,831</b>
Capex - maintenance	(722)	(184)	(386)	(1,080)	(1,162)
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	-
Net acquisitions & disposals	114	(9,209)	8,000	0	0
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash flow from investing</b>	<b>(608)</b>	<b>(9,393)</b>	<b>7,614</b>	<b>(1,080)</b>	<b>(1,162)</b>
Dividends paid	0	0	0	(1,111)	(1,405)
Equity finance	0	(101)	(9,219)	0	0
Debt finance	6,094	5,804	(4,400)	(3,277)	(3,238)
Other financing cash flows	2,168	5,177	(7,272)	0	0
<b>Cash flow from financing</b>	<b>8,262</b>	<b>10,880</b>	<b>(20,891)</b>	<b>(4,388)</b>	<b>(4,644)</b>
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net other adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Movement in cash</b>	<b>(55)</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>8,231</b>	<b>(708)</b>	<b>(974)</b>
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(7,052.04)	(4,869.16)	31,282.41	5,650.14	5,501.77
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(55.35)	4,622.05	17,450.06	403.47	431.45

#### Per share (THB)

FCFF per share	(3.36)	(2.32)	14.90	2.69	2.62
FCFE per share	(0.03)	2.20	8.31	0.19	0.21
Recurring cash flow per share	(3.08)	0.70	9.35	2.00	2.10

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	27,064	24,954	25,341	26,421	27,583
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(10,424)	(10,561)	(12,359)	(14,195)	(16,090)
<b>Tangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>16,640</b>	<b>14,393</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>12,226</b>	<b>11,493</b>
<b>Intangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	28,191	37,401	29,401	29,401	29,401
Cash & equivalents	2,126	6,647	14,878	14,171	13,197
A/C receivable	373	1,185	1,958	2,390	2,622
Inventories	438	465	326	362	392
Other current assets	169	312	533	596	640
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>8,608</b>	<b>17,695</b>	<b>17,519</b>	<b>16,852</b>
Other assets	1,002	1,844	1,844	1,844	1,844
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>48,939</b>	<b>62,246</b>	<b>61,921</b>	<b>60,989</b>	<b>59,589</b>
Common equity	13,198	16,818	18,145	19,376	20,473
Minorities etc.	(36)	(55)	(40)	(24)	(6)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>13,162</b>	<b>16,764</b>	<b>18,105</b>	<b>19,352</b>	<b>20,467</b>
Long term debt	26,515	32,468	28,481	25,204	21,966
Other long-term liabilities	5,305	6,651	6,651	6,651	6,651
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>31,820</b>	<b>39,120</b>	<b>35,133</b>	<b>31,856</b>	<b>28,617</b>
A/C payable	967	1,558	1,429	1,710	1,852
Short term debt	917	768	355	355	355
Other current liabilities	2,073	4,037	6,900	7,716	8,298
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>3,957</b>	<b>6,362</b>	<b>8,684</b>	<b>9,782</b>	<b>10,504</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>48,939</b>	<b>62,246</b>	<b>61,921</b>	<b>60,989</b>	<b>59,589</b>
Net working capital	(2,060)	(3,633)	(5,512)	(6,079)	(6,494)
Invested capital	43,773	50,004	38,714	37,392	36,243

\* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt

#### Per share (THB)

Book value per share	6.28	8.01	8.64	9.23	9.75
Tangible book value per share	6.28	8.01	8.64	9.23	9.75

#### Financial strength

Net debt/equity (%)	192.3	158.6	77.1	58.8	44.6
Net debt/total assets (%)	51.7	42.7	22.5	18.7	15.3
Current ratio (x)	0.8	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.6
CF interest cover (x)	1.0	4.1	9.2	1.2	1.2

Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
<b>Recurring P/E (x) *</b>	<b>(7.9)</b>	<b>(15.6)</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.3</b>
<b>Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *</b>	<b>(11.8)</b>	<b>(23.4)</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>
Reported P/E (x)	(3.4)	(14.6)	9.6	13.2	12.3
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	3.6	4.6	4.9
Price/book (x)	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
Price/tangible book (x)	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x) **	(21.5)	501.3	13.8	11.5	10.4
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	(27.4)	635.1	18.5	15.7	14.4
EV/invested capital (x)	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1

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CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	An indicator of CG strength in sustainable development, measured annually by the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations.	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	It quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and information is transparent and sufficiently disclosed. All form important elements of two out of five the CG components to be evaluated annually. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). <i>(The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&amp;A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.)</i>	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.																											
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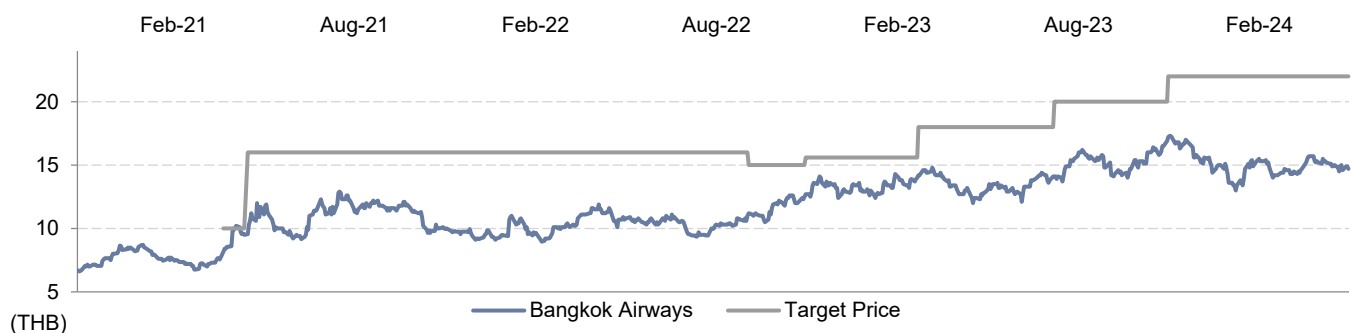
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### History of change in investment rating and/or target price

#### Bangkok Airways (BA TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
04-Jun-2021	BUY	10.00	20-Oct-2022	BUY	15.60	28-Aug-2023	BUY	22.00
25-Jun-2021	BUY	16.00	25-Jan-2023	BUY	18.00			
01-Sep-2022	BUY	15.00	22-May-2023	BUY	20.00			

Teerapol Udomvej, CFA started covering this stock from 04-Jun-2021

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Asia Aviation (AAV TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
29-Mar-2021	BUY	3.80	21-Oct-2021	BUY	3.50	01-Nov-2023	BUY	2.80
18-May-2021	BUY	3.40	07-Jun-2022	BUY	3.40			
16-Aug-2021	BUY	3.20	31-Oct-2022	BUY	3.70			

Teerapol Udomvej, CFA started covering this stock from 21-Dec-2020

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Bangkok Airways	BA TB	THB 14.70	BUY	Downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) higher-than-expected fuel expenses following an increase in oil prices; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
Asia Aviation	AAV TB	THB 2.22	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E multiple target price include 1) extraordinary events such as political turmoil and natural disasters; 2) higher-than-expected fuel expenses following an increase in oil prices; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Additional Disclosures

Target price history, stock price charts, valuation and risk details, and equity rating histories applicable to each company rated in this report is available in our most recently published reports. You can contact the analyst named on the front of this note or your representative at Finansia Syrus Securities Public Company Limited.

All share prices are as at market close on 31-Jan-2024 unless otherwise stated.

## RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE

### Stock ratings

Stock ratings are based on absolute upside or downside, which we define as  $(\text{target price}^* - \text{current price}) / \text{current price}$ .

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

HOLD (H). The upside or downside is less than 10%.

REDUCE (R). The downside is 10% or more.

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.

### Industry Recommendations

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

**Neutral.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months.

**Underweight.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be negative over the next 12 months.

### Country (Strategy) Recommendations

**Overweight (O).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

**Neutral (N).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on one of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

**Underweight (U).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.