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## MK RESTAURANT GROUP

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## 4Q23 results at first glance

## กำไรสุทธิ 4Q23 ดีเกินคาด

## Highlights

- M รายงานกำไรสุทธิ 4Q23 อยู่ที่ 509 ลบ. (+31% q-q, +59% y-y) ดีกว่าที่เราและ ตลาดคาด 26% และ 43% ตามลำดับจากค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารที่ต่ำกว่าคาด
- รายได้รวมใกล้เคียงกับที่เราคาดโดยลดลง 1.3% q-q และ 2.6% y-y จากการบริโภคที่ ฟื้นตัวช้าลง การเติบโตของยอดขายสาขาเดิม (SSSG) พลิกเป็นลบที่ 3.5% y-y จาก Momentum ที่ลดลงในเดือน พ.ย. ก่อนฟื้นตัวในครึ่งหลังของเดือน ธ.ค. นอกจากนี้ บริษัทฯ ยังเปิดสาขาใหม่เพียง 5 แห่งในระหว่างไตรมาส
- เราประทับใจกับอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นที่สูงถึง 67% เพิ่มขึ้นจาก 66.7% ใน 3Q23 และ 65%
   ใน 4Q22 จากราคาหมูที่ลดลง
- ค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารลดลง 8.7% q-q และ 7.9% y-y จากค่าใช้จ่ายบุคลากรที่ ต่ำกว่าคาดโดยอาจจะเกิดจากการกลับรายการค่าใช้จ่ายโบนัสค้างจ่าย และค่าไฟฟ้าที่ ลดลง สัดส่วนค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารต่อยอดขายลดลงเหลือ 53.3% จาก 57.6% ใน 3Q23 และ 56.3% ใน 4Q22
- กำไรสุทธิปี 2023 อยู่ที่ 1.68พัน ลบ. (+17% y-y) บริษัทฯ ประกาศจ่ายเงินปันผล 1 บาทต่อหุ้นสำหรับผลประกอบการในช่วง 2H23 คิดเป็นผลตอบแทนอยู่ที่ 2.7%

### Outlook

- ในขั้นต้นเราคาดว่ากำไรสุทธิ 1Q24 จะเร่งตัวขึ้น y-y จากฐานที่ต่ำใน 1Q23 แต่จะค่อย
   ๆ ฟื้นตัว q-q ส่วนมากจากราคาค่าไฟฟ้าที่สูงขึ้นและ M ไม่ได้เข้าร่วมโครงการ E Receipt
- อย่างไรก็ดีรายได้น่าจะสูงกว่าระดับก่อนโควิดตั้งแต่ปี 2024 เป็นต้นไป เนื่องจากเงิน เพื่อได้ผ่านจุดสูงสุดไปแล้ว เรายังมั่นใจว่าอำนาจในการซื้อจะค่อย ๆ ฟื้นตัวในปี 2024
- เราคงประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี 2024 ที่ 1.76พัน ฉบ. (+4.3% y-y) เราคงคำแนะนำซื้อ ที่ราคาเป้าหมายเดิมที่ 47 บาท (25x ของค่า 2024E P/E)

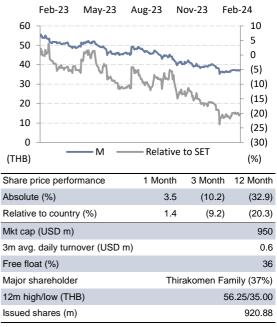
# TARGET PRICE THB47.00 CLOSE THB37.25 UP/DOWNSIDE +26.2% PRIOR TP THB47.00 CHANGE IN TP UNCHANGED TP vs CONSENSUS +0.3%

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## **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	16,661	18,006	18,984	19,810
Net profit	1,682	1,755	1,896	2,024
EPS (THB)	1.83	1.91	2.06	2.20
vs Consensus (%)	-	12.2	9.8	9.3
EBITDA	4,072	4,195	4,367	4,522
Recurring net profit	1,682	1,755	1,896	2,024
Core EPS (THB)	1.83	1.91	2.06	2.20
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	0.0	0.0	nm
EPS growth (%)	16.9	4.3	8.0	6.7
Core P/E (x)	20.4	19.5	18.1	17.0
Dividend yield (%)	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.5
Price/book (x)	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	(41.3)	(39.3)	(38.0)	(34.8)
ROE (%)	12.3	12.6	13.3	13.8



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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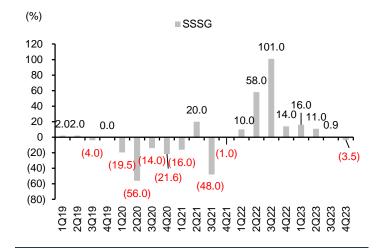
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#### Exhibit 1: M – 4Q23 results summary

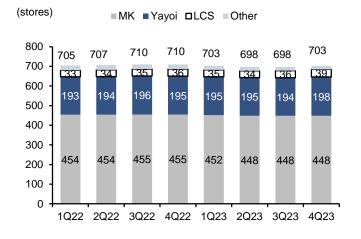
	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	Char	nge	2022	2023	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Sales	4,149	4,089	4,435	4,094	4,042	(1.3)	(2.6)	15,728	16,661	5.9
Cost of sales	1,450	1,426	1,521	1,365	1,336	(2.1)	(7.9)	5,461	5,648	3.4
Gross profit	2,699	2,663	2,914	2,730	2,706	(0.9)	0.3	10,267	11,013	7.3
SG&A	2,337	2,307	2,468	2,360	2,153	(8.7)	(7.9)	8,646	9,288	7.4
-Selling expenses	1,964	1,951	2,090	1,975	1,800	(8.9)	(8.4)	7,347	7,815	6.4
-Admin expenses	373	356	378	385	354	(8.0)	(5.1)	1,298	1,472	13.4
Operating profit	442	424	541	473	653	38.2	47.8	1,870	2,091	11.8
Profit sharing	(9.1)	(7.1)	(3.6)	(0.3)	2.3	nm	nm	(29.1)	(8.8)	nm
Interest expense	23	23	26	20	26	27.2	10.3	87	95	9.7
Tax expense	82	65	47	60	108	81.0	32.2	308	280	(9.0)
Reported net profit	321	325	459	389	509	30.9	58.7	1,439	1,682	16.9
Core profit	321	325	459	389	509	30.9	58.7	1,439	1,682	16.9
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	65.0	65.1	65.7	66.7	67.0	0.3	1.9	65.3	66.1	0.8
SG&A to sales	56.3	56.4	55.6	57.6	53.3	(4.4)	(3.0)	55.0	55.7	0.8
Operating margin	10.7	10.4	12.2	11.5	16.2	4.6	5.5	11.9	12.6	0.7
Net margin	7.7	8.0	10.3	9.5	12.6	3.1	4.9	9.1	10.1	0.9
Norm margin	7.7	8.0	10.3	9.5	12.6	3.1	4.9	9.1	10.1	0.9
Operating statistics										
SSSG (%)	14.0	16.0	11.0	0.9	(3.5)			39.0	5.7	
Total stores (no.)	710	703	698	698	703			710	703	
-MK Brand	455	452	448	448	448			455	448	
-Yayoi Brand	195	195	195	194	198			195	198	
-LCS Brand	36	35	34	36	39			36	39	
-Other Brand	24	21	21	20	18			24	18	

Source: M

## Exhibit 2: Quarterly SSSG



## Exhibit 3: Number of branches – breakdown by brands

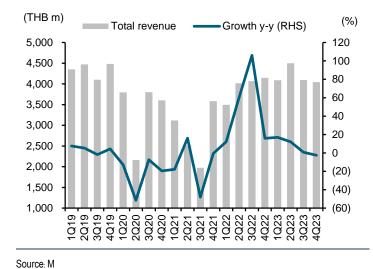


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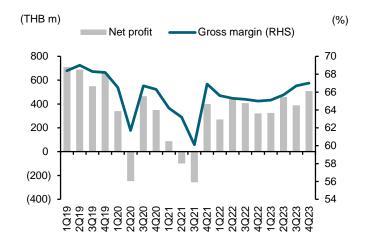
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## Exhibit 4: Total revenue and growth



## Exhibit 5: Net profit and gross margin



Source: M

## **Financial Statements**

MK Restaurant Group

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Revenue	15,728	16,661	18,006	18,984	19,81
Cost of goods sold	(5,461)	(5,648)	(6,086)	(6,379)	(6,617
Gross profit	10,267	11,013	11,920	12,606	13,19
Other operating income	249	365	360	380	39
Operating costs	(8,646)	(9,288)	(10,084)	(10,631)	(11,094
Operating EBITDA	3,867	4,072	4,195	4,367	4,52
Depreciation	(1,997)	(1,980)	(1,998)	(2,013)	(2,025
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	(_,===
Operating EBIT	1,870	2,091	2,197	2,354	2,49
Net financing costs	(87)	(95)	(92)	(92)	(93
Associates	(29)	(9)	(5)	(02)	(00
Recurring non-operating income	(29)	(9)	(5)	4	1:
Non-recurring items	0	0	(3)	0	
Profit before tax	1,755	1,987	2,100	2,265	2,41
Tax	(308)	(280)	(336)	(362)	(386
Profit after tax	1,447	1,707	1,764	1,903	2,02
Minority interests	(8)	(25)	(9)	(7)	(5
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	1,439	1,682	1,755	1,896	2,02
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	
Recurring net profit	1,439	1,682	1,755	1,896	2,02
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.56	1.83	1.91	2.06	2.2
Reported EPS	1.56	1.83	1.91	2.06	2.2
DPS	1.40	1.60	1.62	1.65	1.7
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	921	921	921	921	92
Growth					
Revenue (%)	40.7	5.9	8.1	5.4	4.
Operating EBITDA (%)	74.7	5.3	3.0	4.1	3.
Operating EBIT (%)	816.8	11.8	5.1	7.2	6.0
Recurring EPS (%)	998.5	16.9	4.3	8.0	6.1
Reported EPS (%)	998.5	16.9	4.3	8.0	6. <sup>-</sup>
Operating performance	990.0	10.9	4.3	0.0	0.
	6E 0	66.4	66.0	66.4	66.
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	65.3	66.1	66.2	66.4	66.
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	78.0	78.0	77.3	77.0	76.
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	24.6	24.4	23.3	23.0	22.
Operating EBIT margin (%)	11.9	12.6	12.2	12.4	12.
Net margin (%)	9.1	10.1	9.7	10.0	10.3
Effective tax rate (%)	17.5	14.1	16.0	16.0	16.
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	89.6	87.6	85.0	80.0	80.
nterest cover (X)	21.2	21.9	23.9	25.5	27.
Inventory days	42.5	40.1	39.8	42.8	42.
Debtor days	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.
Creditor days	147.7	154.0	140.5	128.5	127
Operating ROIC (%)	230.6	450.4	346.2	247.5	247.
ROIC (%)	16.1	17.9	18.2	18.7	18.
ROE (%)	10.8	12.3	12.6	13.3	13.
ROA (%)	7.7	8.9	9.0	9.5	9.
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	1.1	0.3	3.0	3.5	9.
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Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
МК	11,639	12,455	13,202	13,862	14,41
Yayoi	2,831	2,999	3,462	3,679	3,89
LCS	944	1,000	1,125	1,215	1,25
203	544	1,000	1,120	1,210	.,=0

Sources: MK Restaurant Group; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

MK Restaurant Group

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
ecurring net profit	1,439	1,682	1,755	1,896	2,024
epreciation	1,997	1,980	1,998	2,013	2,025
ssociates & minorities	37	37	6	2	(7)
her non-cash items	0	0	0	0	C
nange in working capital	295	214	(185)	62	50
ash flow from operations	3,768	3,914	3,574	3,972	4,093
apex - maintenance	(1,653)	(1,982)	(2,289)	(2,600)	(2,900)
apex - new investment	-	-	-	-	
et acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
ther investments (net)	(691)	(449)	19	(41)	(25)
ash flow from investing	(2,344)	(2,431)	(2,270)	(2,641)	(2,925)
ividends paid	(1,197)	(1,270)	(1,492)	(1,517)	(1,619)
quity finance	0	0	0	0	(1,010)
ebt finance	(187)	(10)	(99)	177	227
ther financing cash flows	51	(18)	23	59	50
ash flow from financing	(1,333)	(1,397)	(1,568)	(1,281)	(1,342)
on-recurring cash flows	(1,000)	(1,557)	(1,500)	(1,201)	(1,542)
	- 0	0	-	0	
ther adjustments			0		0
et other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
lovement in cash	91	85	(264)	50	(175)
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	1,510.24	1,577.48	1,395.86	1,423.69	1,260.45
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,287.71	1,355.18	1,228.05	1,567.02	1,444.04
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	1.64	1.71	1.52	1.55	1.37
CFE per share	1.40	1.47	1.33	1.70	1.57
ecurring cash flow per share	3.77	4.02	4.08	4.25	4.39
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
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angible fixed assets (gross)	11,913	12,203	12,553	12,853	13,103
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(9,167)	(9,405)	(9,499)	(9,594)	(9,689)
angible fixed assets (net)	2,747	2,798	3,054	3,259	3,413
tangible fixed assets (net)	5,533	5,434	5,480	5,862	6,582
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	2,366	2,840	2,840	2,840	2,840
ash & equivalents	7,779	7,865	7,601	7,651	7,476
/C receivable	121	110	148	156	163
ventories	414	391	500	524	544
ther current assets	111	76	90	95	99
urrent assets	8,426	8,441	8,339	8,427	8,282
ther assets	830	834	810	854	891
otal assets	19,901	20,347	20,523	21,242	22,009
common equity	13,443	13,843	14,118	14,497	14,902
linorities etc.	322	351	352	357	362
otal shareholders' equity	13,765	14,194	14,470	14,854	15,264
ong term debt	2,023	2,008	1,908	2,008	2,158
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ther long-term liabilities	1,175	1,058	1,080	1,139	1,189
ong-term liabilities	3,198	3,065	2,988	3,147	3,347
/C payable	1,449	1,646	1,501	1,573	1,631
hort term debt	0	0	0	0	(
ther current liabilities	1,489	1,441	1,564	1,668	1,767
urrent liabilities	2,938	3,087	3,065	3,240	3,398
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	19,901	20,347	20,523	21,242	22,009
et working capital	(2,291)	(2,511)	(2,327)	(2,465)	(2,593)
vested capital	9,184	9,395	9,857	10,350	11,134
ncludes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	ing treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	14.60	15.03	15.33	15.74	16.18
angible book value per share	8.59	9.13	9.38	9.38	9.03
nancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	(41.8)	(41.3)	(39.3)	(38.0)	(34.8)
et debt/total assets (%)	(28.9)	(28.8)	(27.7)	(26.6)	(24.2
urrent ratio (x)	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4
F interest cover (x)	15.9	15.2	14.4	18.0	16.5
aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
ecurring P/E (x) *	23.8	20.4	19.5	18.1	17.0
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	30.1	25.7	24.7	22.8	21.4
eported P/E (x)	23.8	20.4	19.5	18.1	17.0
ividend yield (%)	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.7
ice/book (x)	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
ice/tangible book (x)	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1
//EBITDA (x) **	7.5	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.5
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	9.8	9.3	9.0	8.7	8.5
V/invested capital (x)	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.6
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Sources: MK Restaurant Group; FSSIA estimates



## **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	у			Rating					
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Sustainability Investment List ( <u>THSI</u> ) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand ( <u>SET</u> )	managing bu Candidates r 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	usiness with tran must pass the p ar trading of the shareholders, a ome key disqua pendent directo related to CG, s	y in Environmental and So asparency in Governance, reemptive criteria, with tw board members and exec and combined holding mu lifying criteria include: 1) i rs and free float violation; ocial & environmental imp mings in red for > 3 years	, updated annually. to crucial conditions: cutives; and 2) free st be >15% of paid- CG score of below 3) executives pacts; 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 a maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.					
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by t Thailand (SE	the Thai IOD, wi	in sustainable developme ith support from the Stock are from the perspective	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%).					
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Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 05-Jan-2023

59.00

12-Oct-2023

BUY

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

22-Mar-2023

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
MK Restaurant Group	МТВ	THB 37.25	BUY	Downside risks to our TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery and more intense competition; 2) slower-than-expected decreases in raw material costs; 3) a lower-than-expected new store expansion; and 4) a minimum wage increase and labor shortages.

BUY

54.00

Source: FSSIA estimates

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#### **Stock ratings**

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

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

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**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.

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