

# I-TAIL CORPORATION

## THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE

# ITC TB

# BUY

**UNCHANGED**

TARGET PRICE	THB27.00
CLOSE	THB19.50
UP/DOWNSIDE	+38.5%
PRIOR TP	THB27.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+13.7%

## 1Q24 outlook remains in line

- Expect 1Q24 profit to jump by 60% y-y, but drop q-q in line with the high base last quarter.
- We see three positive factors to drive solid growth in 2024.
- Currently, ITC's share price is trading at a lower valuation than Chinese competitors.

### Expect 1Q24 profit to jump y-y

We project a 1Q24 net profit of THB681m (-11% q-q, +60% y-y). The q-q decrease is due to the high order levels when customers restocked in 4Q23. Revenue for 1Q24 should decline 13% q-q but grow 14.8% y-y from a low base last year when customers began destocking. We expect ITC's 1Q24 gross margin to be flat q-q at 22%; up from 17.4% in 1Q23. The average 1Q24 tuna price would equal USD1,350 per tonne (-12% q-q, -26% y-y), but this might be offset by a decrease in the utilization rate. We expect the proportion of premium products to remain low at c44-45%, while its mid-priced pet food products should still have solid demand.

### Three positive factors should offset higher depreciation costs

We expect profit growth to resume q-q in 2Q24. Management targets 15% revenue growth in 2024, with the gross profit margin improving to 21-22% from 19.5% in 2023. This would mainly come from lower tuna costs and a weaker Thai baht. US and EU customer orders are expected to grow as targeted, driven by a low base, new customers, and easing shipping issues. These positive factors would help offset the negative impact of higher depreciation costs from new production lines starting in 2Q24. We expect its 2Q24 depreciation costs to increase by THB60m – around 1.3% of total revenue.

### Maintain our 2024 net profit growth estimate at 41% y-y

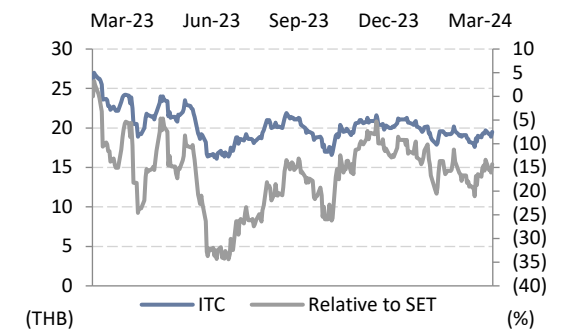
Assuming in-line 1Q24 results, it would contribute 21% to our full-year profit forecast. We maintain our 2024 net profit forecast of THB3.2b (+41% y-y), based on our assumptions of 14% revenue growth and a 22% gross profit margin, factoring in higher depreciation costs. A key uncertainty is the recovery of the premium product contribution to 48% of total revenue (management's target), up from 43.2% in 2023.

### Reiterate BUY call with the same TP of THB27

We retain our target price at THB27, based on the same P/E at 25x. This target P/E is lower than ITC's Chinese competitors, Yantai and Petpal, which have target P/E ratios of 31x and 28x, respectively. Currently, ITC's share price is trading at 18x 2024E P/E, which is lower than Yantai's and Petpal's 2024E P/E multiples of 25x and 22x, respectively. We reiterate our BUY recommendation on ITC.

## KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	15,577	17,779	19,947	21,907
Net profit	2,281	3,217	3,705	4,184
EPS (THB)	0.76	1.07	1.24	1.39
vs Consensus (%)	-	12.6	14.8	11.7
EBITDA	2,995	3,963	4,569	5,154
Recurring net profit	2,312	3,217	3,705	4,184
Core EPS (THB)	0.77	1.07	1.24	1.39
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	(68.6)	39.1	15.2	12.9
Core P/E (x)	25.3	18.2	15.8	14.0
Dividend yield (%)	3.1	3.8	4.4	5.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.4	12.3	10.7	9.5
Price/book (x)	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2
Net debt/Equity (%)	(40.0)	(40.2)	(37.8)	(36.7)
ROE (%)	9.6	13.6	15.1	16.2



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	2.1	(3.5)	(27.1)
Relative to country (%)	2.5	(2.3)	(17.1)
Mkt cap (USD m)	1,624		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	3.2		
Free float (%)	22		
Major shareholder	Thai Union Group (79%)		
12m high/low (THB)	27.25/15.70		
Issued shares (m)	3,000.00		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates


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## Investment thesis

ITC is a leading global pet food manufacturer. It has cost and innovation advantages due partly to its parent company, Thai Union Group (TU TB), a leading global tuna processor. Also, its management has extensive experience of over 20 years. They help make it possible for ITC to respond to changing customer needs and maintain a good relationship with global pet food brands. Additionally, increased pet ownership should encourage continued growth in the global pet food market value. In 2024, ICT plans to expand its capacity by 17-18% to cope with pet food growth and develop new value-added products to enhance profitability.

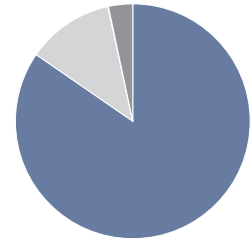
## Company profile

Revenue-wise, ITC is in the world's top 10 pet food producers and the second largest in Asia. Also, it is a global pet care company of TU, which has been operating a pet food business since 1977. ITC has two factories in Samut Sakhon and Songkhla. It distributes products globally. In 2023, its revenue came mainly from the US (50.3% of total revenue), followed by Asia, Oceania, and others (37.1%), and Europe (12.6%).

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## Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

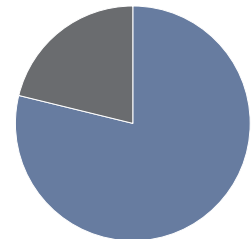
- Pet Food - 84.6 %
- Treats - 12.0 %
- Other - 0.1 %
- Other segment - 3.3 %



Source: i-Tail Corporation

## Major shareholders

- Thai Union Group - 78.8 %
- Others - 21.2 %



Source: i-Tail Corporation

## Catalysts

Potential catalysts for ITC's earnings growth in 2024 are 1) revenue growth from existing customers, with growth in line with the industry and new customers; 2) capacity expansion; and 3) lower raw material costs.

## Risks to our call

Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected recovery in purchasing power, 2) more fluctuating raw material prices than expected, 3) a stronger-than-expected THB, and 4) labour shortages.

## Event calendar

Date	Event
May 2024	1Q24 results announcement

## Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
FX rate (USD/THB)	33.0	33.0	33.0
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,600	1,500	1,500
Total sales growth (%)	14.1	12.2	9.8
Gross margin (%)	22.0	22.5	23.0

Source: FSSIA estimates

## Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in revenue, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 0.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 2.9%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2024 net profit to fall by 2.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

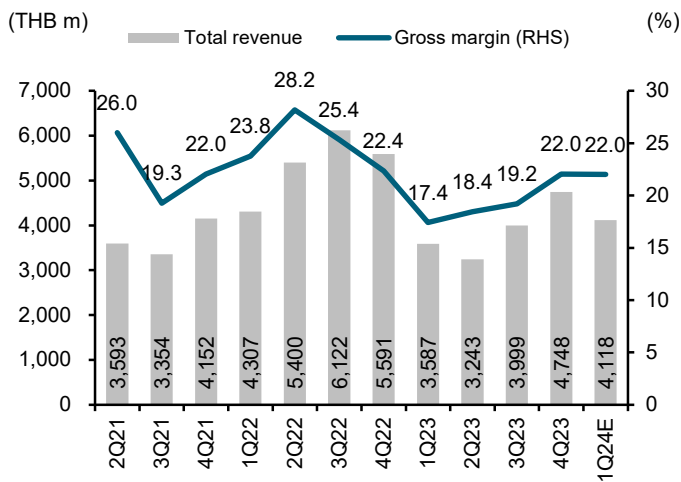
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**Exhibit 1: ITC - 1Q24 earnings preview**

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24E	----- Change -----		2024E	Change	%1Q24E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	to 2024E
Sales	3,587	3,243	3,999	4,748	4,118	(13.3)	14.8	17,779	14.1	23.2
Cost of sales	2,962	2,645	3,231	3,702	3,212	(13.2)	8.4	13,868	10.6	23.2
Gross profit	625	598	768	1,046	906	(13.4)	45.0	3,911	28.8	23.2
SG&A	301	298	266	319	317	(0.6)	5.4	1,120	(5.4)	28.3
Operating profit	447	431	685	894	734	(17.9)	64.1	3,325	35.3	22.1
Other income	123	130	183	166	145	(12.9)	17.7	533	(11.5)	27.2
Interest expense	6	2	2	2	2	0.7	(71.9)	13	15.3	13.1
Tax expense	26	(4)	31	80	51	(35.9)	100.6	93	(29.6)	55.3
Other gain (loss)	11	12	(9)	(46)	0	nm	nm	0	(100.0)	0.0
Reported net profit	425	445	645	767	681	(11.2)	60.2	3,217	41.0	21.2
Core profit	414	433	653	812	681	(16.2)	64.5	3,217	39.1	21.2
<b>Key ratios (%)</b>						<b>(ppt)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>			
Gross margin	17.4	18.4	19.2	22.0	22.0	0.0	4.6	22.0	2.5	
SG&A to sales	8.4	9.2	6.7	6.7	7.7	1.0	(0.7)	6.3	(1.3)	
Operating margin	12.5	13.3	17.1	18.8	17.8	(1.0)	5.4	18.7	2.9	
Net margin	11.9	13.7	16.1	16.2	16.5	0.4	4.7	18.1	3.4	
Core margin	11.5	13.4	16.3	17.1	16.5	(0.6)	5.0	18.1	3.3	
<b>Operating statistics (THB m)</b>										
THB/USD	33.9	34.5	35.2	35.8	35.6	(0.5)	4.9	33.0	(5.2)	
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,820	2,000	1,850	1,533	1,350	(11.9)	(25.8)	1,600	(11.1)	
Cat food sales	2,399	2,264	2,885	3,226	2,685	(16.8)	11.9	12,262	13.8	21.9
Dog food sales	594	563	399	849	784	(7.6)	32.0	2,736	13.8	28.7
Treat sales	499	338	487	542	519	(4.3)	4.0	2,300	23.3	22.6
Other pet sales	2	4	2	5	3	(33.3)	42.9	14	9.1	21.8
Other non-pet sales	92	74	226	126	127	0.9	37.6	467	(9.9)	27.2

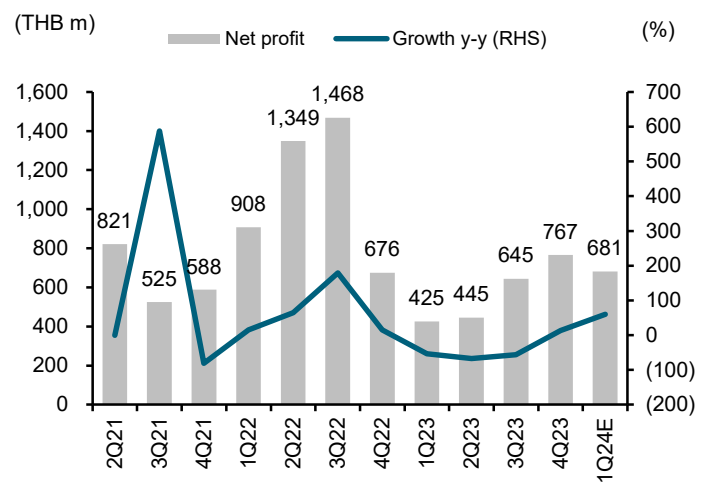
Sources: ITC; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 2: Quarterly total revenue and gross margin**



Sources: ITC, FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 3: Quarterly net profit and growth**



Sources: ITC, FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 4: Key assumptions for ITC**

	Actual	Current			Growth		
	2023 (THB m)	2024E (THB m)	2025E (THB m)	2026E (THB m)	2024E (%)	2025E (%)	2026E (%)
Total revenue	15,577	17,779	19,947	21,907	14.1	12.2	9.8
Cost	12,539	13,868	15,459	16,868	10.6	11.5	9.1
Gross profit	3,038	3,911	4,488	5,039	28.8	14.7	12.3
SG&A expenses	1,183	1,120	1,257	1,380	(5.4)	12.2	9.8
Reported net profit	2,281	3,217	3,705	4,184	41.0	15.2	12.9
Core profit	2,312	3,217	3,705	4,184	39.1	15.2	12.9

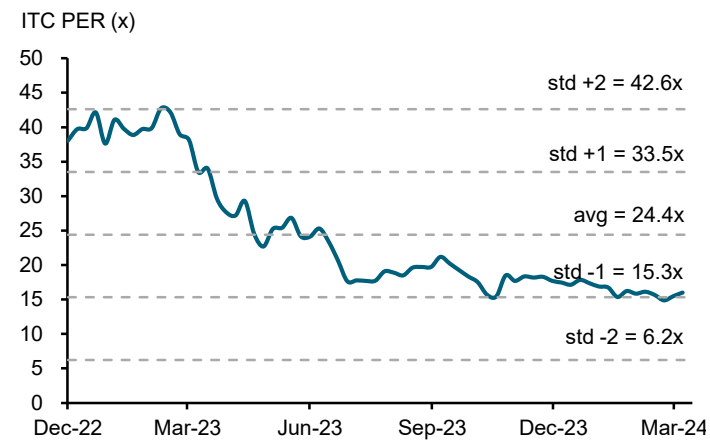
Key ratios (%)							
Total revenue growth	(27.3)	14.1	12.2	9.8			
Net profit growth	(48.2)	41.0	15.2	12.9			
Core profit growth	(45.3)	39.1	15.2	12.9			
Gross margin	19.5	22.0	22.5	23.0	1.0	1.5	2.0
SG&A to sales	7.6	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net margin	14.6	18.1	18.6	19.1	0.8	1.0	1.5
Core margin	14.8	18.1	18.6	19.1	0.8	1.0	1.5

Operating statistics							
THB/USD	34.8	33	33	33	(5.2)	0.0	0.0
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,784	1,600	1,500	1,500	(10.3)	(6.3)	0.0
Revenue breakdown (THB m)							
Cat food	10,775	12,262	13,870	15,410	13.8	13.1	11.1
Dog food	2,405	2,736	3,095	3,298	13.8	13.1	6.6
Treats	1,866	2,300	2,546	2,763	23.3	10.7	8.5
Others	13	14	15	16	9.1	10.0	5.0
Other segment	519	467	421	421	(9.9)	(10.0)	0.0

Source: FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 5: Historical P/E band**



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 6: Historical P/BV band**



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 7: Peers comparison as of 21 March 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	Share price			Market Cap (USD m)	PE		ROE		PBV		EV/ EBITDA	
			Current (LCY)	Target (LCY)	Upside (%)		24E (x)	25E (x)	24E (%)	25E (%)	24E (x)	25E (x)	24E (x)	25E (x)
<b>Thailand</b>														
I-Tail	ITC TB	BUY	19.50	27.00	38	1,624	18.2	15.8	13.6	15.1	2.4	2.3	12.3	10.7
Thai Union Group	TU TB	BUY	14.50	17.30	19	1,768	13.4	12.1	8.7	9.5	1.2	1.1	9.9	9.3
Asian Sea	ASIAN TB	n/a	6.70	n/a	n/a	151	10.6	8.9	8.0	9.2	0.8	0.8	4.4	3.8
Asian Alliance International	AAI TB	n/a	4.30	n/a	n/a	253	17.2	14.3	10.8	12.0	1.8	1.7	10.3	9.1
<b>Thailand average</b>						<b>3,796</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Regional</b>														
Yantai China Pet Foods	002891 CH	n/a	23.66	n/a	n/a	967	24.7	20.2	11.2	12.1	2.7	2.4	13.9	11.9
Petpal Pet Nutrition	300673 CH	n/a	11.81	n/a	n/a	416	21.7	16.6	6.5	8.1	1.5	1.4	12.4	9.8
Wenzhou Wen Toys	001222 CH	n/a	12.76	n/a	n/a	338	15.3	13.5	11.7	11.9	1.8	1.6	8.6	7.1
Nestle	NESN SW	n/a	94.55	n/a	n/a	284,895	19.0	17.6	35.9	36.7	6.9	6.2	15.3	14.4
JM Smucker	SJM US	n/a	123.43	n/a	n/a	13,105	13.0	12.2	13.5	13.6	1.7	1.5	11.9	10.2
General Mills	GIS US	n/a	69.43	n/a	n/a	39,197	15.5	14.8	25.7	26.5	4.0	3.7	12.4	12.1
Petco Health and Wellness	WOOF US	n/a	1.98	n/a	n/a	533	24.4	nm	1.0	(1.4)	0.3	0.4	4.9	5.7
Spectrum Brands Holdings	SPB US	n/a	85.35	n/a	n/a	2,584	21.5	18.0	5.1	6.1	1.2	1.1	8.5	7.7
Swedencare	SECARE SS	n/a	63.70	n/a	n/a	979	45.7	29.7	3.0	4.5	1.4	1.3	17.6	14.6
Pets At Home	PETS LN	n/a	258.00	n/a	n/a	1,578	13.1	11.7	9.6	10.4	1.3	1.3	6.4	6.1
<b>Regional average</b>						<b>344,591</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>

Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

## Financial Statements

i-Tail Corporation

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	21,420	15,577	17,779	19,947	21,907
Cost of goods sold	(16,071)	(12,539)	(13,868)	(15,459)	(16,868)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>5,349</b>	<b>3,038</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>5,039</b>
Other operating income	247	603	533	598	657
Operating costs	(1,239)	(1,183)	(1,120)	(1,257)	(1,380)
<b>Operating EBITDA</b>	<b>4,928</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>5,154</b>
Depreciation	(571)	(539)	(639)	(739)	(839)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Operating EBIT</b>	<b>4,357</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>3,325</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>4,316</b>
Net financing costs	(83)	(11)	(13)	(14)	(11)
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	175	(31)	0	0	0
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>3,816</b>	<b>4,304</b>
Tax	(48)	(132)	(93)	(107)	(121)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>4,401</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>3,709</b>	<b>4,184</b>
Minority interests	0	(1)	(2)	(4)	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Reported net profit</b>	<b>4,401</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>4,184</b>
<b>Non-recurring items &amp; goodwill (net)</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Recurring net profit</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>4,184</b>
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Recurring EPS *	2.46	0.77	1.07	1.24	1.39
Reported EPS	2.56	0.76	1.07	1.24	1.39
DPS	1.66	0.60	0.75	0.86	0.98
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,720	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Growth</b>					
Revenue (%)	47.4	(27.3)	14.1	12.2	9.8
Operating EBITDA (%)	62.6	(39.2)	32.3	15.3	12.8
Operating EBIT (%)	74.6	(43.6)	35.3	15.2	12.7
Recurring EPS (%)	(63.7)	(68.6)	39.1	15.2	12.9
Reported EPS (%)	(66.1)	(70.3)	41.0	15.2	12.9
<b>Operating performance</b>					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	25.0	19.5	22.0	22.5	23.0
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	27.6	23.0	25.6	26.2	26.8
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	23.0	19.2	22.3	22.9	23.5
Operating EBIT margin (%)	20.3	15.8	18.7	19.2	19.7
Net margin (%)	19.7	14.8	18.1	18.6	19.1
Effective tax rate (%)	1.1	5.5	2.8	2.8	2.8
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	67.6	77.8	70.0	70.0	70.0
Interest cover (X)	52.8	223.0	261.8	277.5	385.3
Inventory days	93.6	117.0	97.2	99.6	100.8
Debtor days	48.8	86.4	79.6	75.7	76.4
Creditor days	46.3	58.9	44.6	44.8	45.4
Operating ROIC (%)	33.7	15.8	19.5	20.7	21.6
ROIC (%)	32.5	14.6	18.2	19.9	20.8
ROE (%)	26.5	9.6	13.6	15.1	16.2
ROA (%)	21.6	8.7	12.5	13.8	14.8
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
<b>Revenue by Division (THB m)</b>					
Pet Food	18,119	13,180	14,998	16,966	18,708
Treats	3,219	1,866	2,300	2,546	2,763
Other	82	13	14	15	16
Other segment		519	467	421	421

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	4,226	2,312	3,217	3,705	4,184
Depreciation	571	539	639	739	839
Associates & minorities	16	(15)	1	0	0
Other non-cash items	-	-	-	-	-
Change in working capital	(2,972)	(578)	(726)	(997)	(897)
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>4,126</b>
Capex - maintenance	(817)	(1,532)	(1,053)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Capex - new investment	0	0	0	0	0
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	(222)	(838)	797	(65)	(59)
<b>Cash flow from investing</b>	<b>(1,039)</b>	<b>(2,370)</b>	<b>(256)</b>	<b>(1,065)</b>	<b>(1,059)</b>
Dividends paid	(7,471)	(3,791)	(2,252)	(2,594)	(2,929)
Equity finance	20,795	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(1,559)	4	(14)	(5)	(19)
Other financing cash flows	(16)	(50)	(213)	43	39
<b>Cash flow from financing</b>	<b>11,749</b>	<b>(3,837)</b>	<b>(2,479)</b>	<b>(2,555)</b>	<b>(2,909)</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>12,551</b>	<b>(3,949)</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>(173)</b>	<b>158</b>
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	884.37	(101.04)	2,887.75	2,395.82	3,078.58
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(773.10)	(157.69)	2,647.86	2,420.39	3,087.08
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
FCFF per share	0.29	(0.03)	0.96	0.80	1.03
FCFE per share	(0.26)	(0.05)	0.88	0.81	1.03
Recurring cash flow per share	2.80	0.95	1.29	1.48	1.67
<b>Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec</b>					
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	7,968	8,905	9,449	9,853	10,162
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,075)	(3,423)	(3,560)	(3,703)	(3,851)
<b>Tangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>5,482</b>	<b>5,889</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>6,312</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	42	923	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-
Cash & equivalents	13,254	9,305	9,701	9,528	9,686
A/C receivable	3,517	3,860	3,897	4,372	4,802
Inventories	4,454	3,243	3,799	4,235	4,621
Other current assets	1,526	2,165	2,489	2,793	3,067
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>22,750</b>	<b>18,573</b>	<b>19,886</b>	<b>20,928</b>	<b>22,176</b>
Other assets	493	452	533	598	657
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>28,178</b>	<b>25,431</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>27,676</b>	<b>29,145</b>
Common equity	25,029	23,118	24,030	25,142	26,397
Minorities etc.	16	1	2	2	2
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>25,045</b>	<b>23,119</b>	<b>24,032</b>	<b>25,144</b>	<b>26,399</b>
Long term debt	29	33	28	23	4
Other long-term liabilities	588	569	356	399	438
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>442</b>
A/C payable	2,353	1,520	1,710	1,906	2,080
Short term debt	14	14	5	5	5
Other current liabilities	150	177	178	199	219
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,304</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>28,178</b>	<b>25,431</b>	<b>26,308</b>	<b>27,676</b>	<b>29,145</b>
Net working capital	6,994	7,572	8,298	9,295	10,191
Invested capital	12,422	14,429	14,720	16,043	17,160
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt					
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Book value per share	8.34	7.71	8.01	8.38	8.80
Tangible book value per share	8.34	7.71	8.01	8.38	8.80
<b>Financial strength</b>					
Net debt/equity (%)	(52.8)	(40.0)	(40.2)	(37.8)	(36.7)
Net debt/total assets (%)	(46.9)	(36.4)	(36.7)	(34.3)	(33.2)
Current ratio (x)	9.0	10.9	10.5	9.9	9.6
CF interest cover (x)	(8.4)	(13.3)	209.5	176.4	276.6
<b>Valuation</b>					
<b>Recurring P/E (x) *</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>19.4</b>
Reported P/E (x)	7.6	25.6	18.2	15.8	14.0
Dividend yield (%)	8.5	3.1	3.8	4.4	5.0
Price/book (x)	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2
Price/tangible book (x)	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2
EV/EBITDA (x) **	9.2	16.4	12.3	10.7	9.5
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	13.8	24.0	18.0	15.7	13.8
EV/invested capital (x)	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.1	2.8
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted ** EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income					

Sources: i-Tail Corporation; FSSIA estimates



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The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection 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 inclusion.	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.																			
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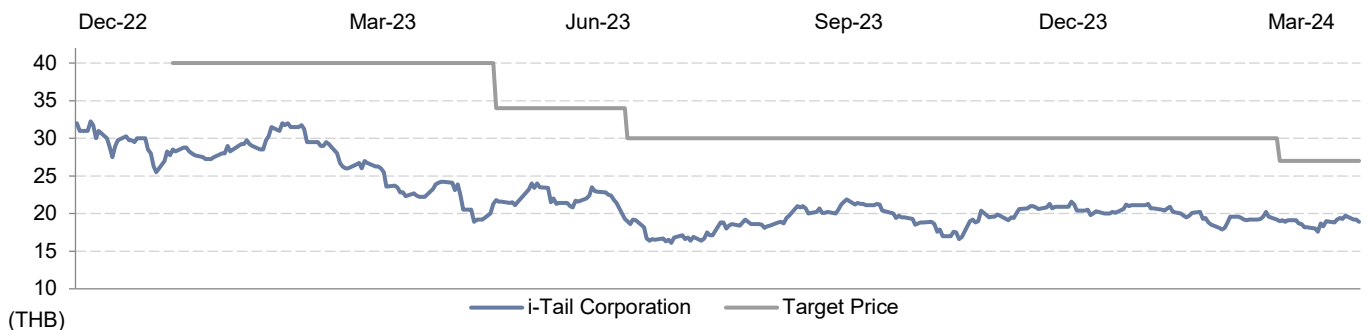
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#### i-Tail Corporation (ITC TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
11-Jan-2023	BUY	40.00	26-Jun-2023	BUY	30.00	-	-	-
09-May-2023	BUY	34.00	19-Feb-2024	BUY	27.00			

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 11-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
i-Tail Corporation	ITC TB	THB 19.50	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected recovery in purchasing power, 2) more fluctuating raw material prices than expected, 3) a stronger-than-expected THB, and 4) labour shortages.

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