**EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT** 

# SISB SISB TB

THAILAND / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

# FSS INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY

# HOLD

#### **FROM BUY**

TARGET PRICE THB42.00
CLOSE THB43.00
UP/DOWNSIDE -2.3%
PRIOR TP THB42.00
CHANGE IN TP UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS -2.6%

# **Expansion is on the way**

- SISB is now focusing on expanding its existing schools by adding 1,800 additional seats during 2024-25.
- We maintain our profit growth projections of 36%/18%/17% in 2024-26.
- TP of THB42 offers less than 10% upside; downgrade to HOLD.

# Expanding 1,800 more seats during 2024-25

After opening two new schools in Nonthaburi and Rayong in August 2023, SISB is now focusing on expanding its existing schools by adding 1,800 additional seats during 2024-25; 300 seats at Chiangmai (CM), 600 seats at Pracha Uthit (PU), and 900 seats at Thonburi (TR). Once the expansion is complete, SISB will have a total enrolment capacity of 8,365 seats by August 2025 from 6,715 seats at end-2023 (+25%).

#### Solid demand

The phase two expansion of the CM campus was completed in February 2024 with a budget of THB66m. The phase three secondary expansion at PU is set to be completed in August 2025. The school will be under a leasehold agreement for up to 30 years, with the construction budget under the approval process. The third phase expansion at TR will be divided into two phases, where phase 3.1 (+300 seats) will be ready by August 2024 with a construction budget of THB30m and phase 3.2 (+600 seats) is scheduled for completion by August 2025. The capex is set at THB200m in 2024 and cTHB500m in 2025, mainly sourced from internal cash flow. With its six own schools, the company can generate THB1.1b-1.2b EBITDA per year.

# **Maintain earnings projections**

We maintain our profit growth projections of 36%/18%/17% in 2024-26 based on c400 new student additions per year (same as the company's target). We initially forecast a net profit of THB210m-215m in 1Q24, flat q-q (contributing c24% of our full-year forecast), as net enrolments have increased by 70 students in 1QTD, close to that in 4Q23.

# **Maintain TP of THB42**

We maintain our DCF-based 2024 TP at THB42 (8.2% WACC, 5% LTG), implying 44x 2024E P/E. We believe SISB's growth will not stop at the current six campuses, as management is still interested in untapped demand in provincial areas. However, SISB's share price rose quickly after the company released its impressive 4Q23 earnings, making the upside less than 10%. We downgrade our call to HOLD from Buy, though we still like the company. In our view, if the stock price goes down, it would create a buying opportunity.

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	1,889	2,371	2,733	3,107
Net profit	654	891	1,048	1,227
EPS (THB)	0.70	0.95	1.11	1.31
vs Consensus (%)	-	0.0	(9.0)	(9.8)
EBITDA	851	1,076	1,244	1,429
Recurring net profit	654	891	1,048	1,227
Core EPS (THB)	0.70	0.95	1.11	1.31
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	77.0	36.3	17.6	17.1
Core P/E (x)	61.8	45.4	38.6	32.9
Dividend yield (%)	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	46.7	37.0	32.0	27.8
Price/book (x)	14.5	12.3	11.1	9.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	(23.9)	(18.5)	(15.8)	(14.7)
ROE (%)	25.7	29.3	30.2	31.3



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	13.2	22.0	72.7
Relative to country (%)	14.9	24.1	98.2
Mkt cap (USD m)			1,111
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			1.6
Free float (%)			29
Major shareholder	Mr.	Yew Hock	Koh (33%)
12m high/low (THB)		4	5.00/24.70
Issued shares (m)			940.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

In 2023, SISB recorded 77% net profit growth, as 100% on-site learning resumed and new schools opened. We maintain our profit growth projections of 36%/18%/17% in 2024-26 based on c400 new student additions per year. The growth during 2024-26 should come from the capacity expansion of its three existing schools (CM, PU, and TR). Once the expansion is complete, SISB will have a total enrolment capacity of 8,365 seats by August 2025 from 6,715 seats at end-2023 (+25%).

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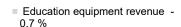
# Company profile

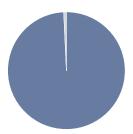
The company operates international schools under its own brand. SISB provides the Singapore curriculum, which is ranked highest in the world for mathematics and science. Its unique strength is its trilingual focus that includes English, Chinese, and Thai. Besides the Singapore curriculum, SISB also provides Cambridge IGCSE A and AS Levels, as well as the International Baccalaureate programme.

www.sisb.ac.th

# Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

Tuition fees and service income -99.3 %





Source: SISB

# **Major shareholders**

- Mr. Yew Hock Koh 32.8 %
- Ms. Wilawan Kaewkanokvijit -25.4 %
- Mr. Prayong Vanichsuwan 7.8 %
- Others 34.0 %



Source: SISB

# Catalysts

Key potential catalysts include 1) capacity expansion; 2) stronger demand from both Thai and foreign families; and 3) more SISB students accepted at top universities.

#### Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) intensified competition; 2) less demand from China; 3) staff shortages; and 4) risks from legal requirements and government policies relating to the business of private schools. Upside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) higher-than-expected demand from both local and international parents; and 2) the Rayong campus reaching the breakeven point sooner than expected.

# **Event calendar**

Date	Event
11 April 2024	Annual general meeting of shareholders
2 May 2024	Dividend payment date

# **Key assumptions**

	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Students, all campuses	4,197	4,600	5,000	5,400
New students	1,083	403	400	400
Tuition fee (THB/year)	0.54	0.57	0.60	0.63
Revenue (THB m)	1,889	2,371	2,733	3,107
Growth (%)	30.3	25.5	15.3	13.7
Gross margin (%)	52.5	58.7	59.5	59.8
EBITDA margin (%)	44.1	46.2	46.3	46.8
SG&A to sales (%)	20.2	22.0	22.1	21.5

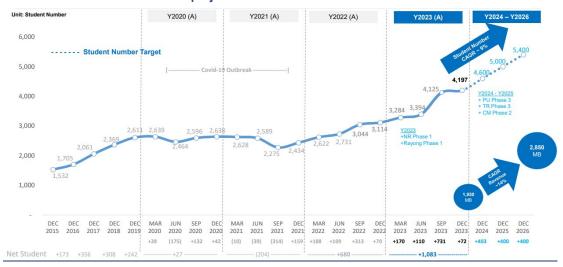
Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 100-student change in enrolment, we project SISB's 2024 net profit to change by 3%, all else being equal.
- For every 1% change in gross margin, we project SISB's 2024 net profit to change by 3%, all else being equal.
- For every 1% change in SG&A expenses, we project SISB's 2024 net profit to change by 2%, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 1: Student numbers and projections in 2024-26



Sources: SISB, FSSIA's compilation

**Exhibit 2: Singapore International School Chiangmai (CM)** 



Sources: SISB, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: Singapore International School of Bangkok (PU)



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**Exhibit 4: Singapore International School Thonburi (TR)** 

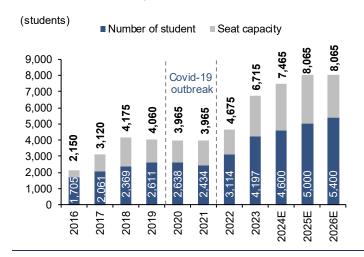






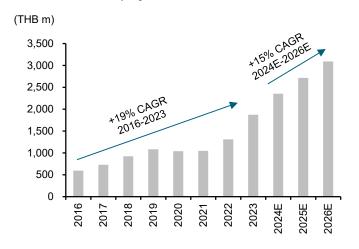
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# Exhibit 5: Seat capacity and number of students



Sources: SISB, FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 7: Revenue projection** 



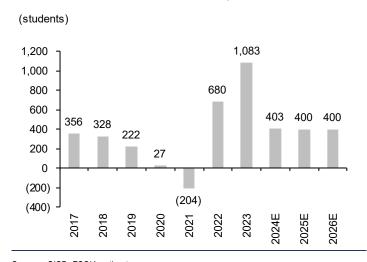
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Exhibit 9: One-year rolling forward P/E band



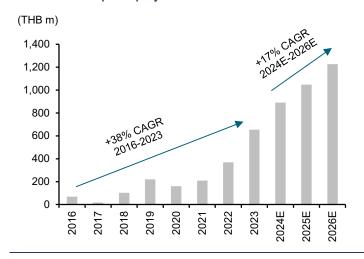
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**Exhibit 6: New student additions per year** 



Sources: SISB, FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 8: Core profit projection** 



Sources: SISB, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 10: One-year rolling forward EV/EBITDA band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

SISB

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	1,319	1,889	2,371	2,733	3,107
Cost of goods sold	(653)	(898)	(979)	(1,108)	(1,248)
Gross profit	666	992	1,392	1,625	1,859
Other operating income	25	51	27	32	36
Operating costs	(301)	(382)	(522)	(605)	(668)
Operating EBITDA	551	851	1,076	1,244	1,429
Depreciation	(161)	(191)	(178)	(193)	(202)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	390	661	897	1,052	1,227
Net financing costs	(25)	(26)	(25)	(24)	(21)
Associates	5	20	20	22	23
Recurring non-operating income	5	20	20	22	23
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	370	655	892	1,049	1,229
Tax	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Profit after tax	369	654	891	1,048	1,227
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	369	654	891	1,048	1,227
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	369	654	891	1,048	1,227
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.39	0.70	0.95	1.11	1.31
Reported EPS	0.39	0.70	0.95	1.11	1.31
DPS	0.16	0.31	0.41	0.48	0.56
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	940	940	940	940	940
Growth					
Revenue (%)	25.1	43.2	25.5	15.3	13.7
Operating EBITDA (%)	41.3	54.6	26.3	15.7	14.9
Operating EBIT (%)	63.8	69.4	35.8	17.2	16.7
Recurring EPS (%)	73.1	77.0	36.3	17.6	17.1
Reported EPS (%)	73.1	77.0	36.3	17.6	17.1
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	50.5	52.5	58.7	59.5	59.8
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	62.7	62.6	66.3	66.5	66.3
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	41.7	45.1	45.4	45.5	46.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	29.6	35.0	37.8	38.5	39.5
Net margin (%)	28.0	34.6	37.6	38.3	39.5
Effective tax rate (%)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	40.7	44.6	43.0	43.0	43.0
Interest cover (X)	15.6	26.3	36.9	43.9	58.6
Inventory days	5.7	5.7	7.0	6.4	5.9
Debtor days	22.6	21.4	20.8	20.4	22.1
Creditor days	86.3	55.7	50.8	43.1	22.5
Operating ROIC (%)	23.8	34.3	37.9	(0.4)	(37.3)
ROIC (%)	18.6	28.4	32.7	(0.3)	(33.7)
ROE (%)	17.2	25.7	29.3	30.2	31.3
ROA (%) * Pro executional pro goodwill and fully diluted	10.9	15.9	18.5	19.1	20.3
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tuition fees and service income	1,311	1,875	2,356	2,718	3,092
Education equipment revenue	9	14	15	15	16

Sources: SISB; FSSIA estimates

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SISB

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2020
Recurring net profit	369	654	891	1,048	1,2
Depreciation	161	191	178	193	2
ssociates & minorities	(5)	(20)	(20)	(22)	(2
Other non-cash items	(36)	(404)	(94)	(175)	(10
Change in working capital	138	324	179	(59)	(9
Cash flow from operations	627	745	1,135	984	1,2
Capex - maintenance	021	743	1,133	304	1,2
•	(1,923)	(1,330)	(685)	(444)	(45
Capex - new investment	* ' '	,	, ,	, ,	(40
let acquisitions & disposals	1,471	1,047	0	0	(0.0
Other investments (net)	0	28	(150)	(150)	(20
Cash flow from investing	(452)	(254)	(835)	(594)	(66
Dividends paid	(94)	(150)	(383)	(451)	(52
quity finance	0	0	0	0	
Debt finance	(36)	(36)	16	17	(2
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	
Cash flow from financing	(130)	(187)	(368)	(433)	(54
lon-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
lovement in cash	46	304	(67)	(43)	
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	201.06	516.19	324.95	414.87	573.
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	139.91	453.91	315.62	407.72	530.
, ,	139.91	455.91	313.02	407.72	550.
er share (THB)	0.21	0.55	0.35	0.44	0.
CFF per share					
CFE per share tecurring cash flow per share	0.15 0.52	0.48 0.45	0.34 1.02	0.43 1.11	0. 1.
ecuring cash now per share	0.52	0.45	1.02	1.11	1.
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2020
angible fixed assets (gross)	3,327	3,919	4,419	4,669	4,9
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(833)	(986)	(807)	(615)	(41
angible fixed assets (net)	2,493	2,933	3,611	4,054	4,5
ntangible fixed assets (net)	340	321	323	317	3
ong-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	60	60	60	60	
ash & equivalents	810	1,113	1,046	1,003	1,0
/C receivable	93	128	142	164	2
nventories	7	15	16	16	_
Other current assets	15	14	14	15	
current assets	926	1,270			
			1,218	1,198	1,2
Other assets	95	52	53	54	
otal assets	3,914	4,636	5,265	5,683	6,1
Common equity	2,290	2,788	3,296	3,637	4,2
finorities etc.	0	0	0	0	
otal shareholders' equity	2,290	2,788	3,296	3,637	4,2
ong term debt	442	431	423	414	3
Other long-term liabilities	323	362	386	412	4
ong-term liabilities	766	793	809	826	8
√C payable	149	67	155	61	
hort term debt	14	14	14	15	
Other current liabilities	696	974	992	1,145	1,0
current liabilities	<b>858</b>	1,055	1,162	1,220	1,1
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity		4,636	5,266	·	-
· ·	3,914	-	•	5,683	6,1
let working capital	(728)	(884)	(975)	(1,011)	(9 <sup>-</sup>
nvested capital Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	2,260 treated as debt	2,482	3,072	3,475	4,0
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er share (THB) ook value per share	2.44	2.97	3.51	3.87	4.
angible book value per share	2.44	2.62	3.16	3.53	4.
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inancial strength					
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# Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodolog	у			Rating				
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	В	1.429-2.856	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high expos	ure and failure t	o manage significar	nt ESG risks	
	ccc	0.000-1.428	99*****	55 5 ··· ··· ·· · · · · · · · · · · · ·	g., s.,poc		gg3di		
Moody's ESG olutions	believes tha	t a company int		take into account ESG of to its business model and medium to long term.					
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S&P Global				suring a company's perfo sification. The score ran			of ESG risks, op	portunities, ar	id impacts
Bloomberg	ESG Score		score is based on Bloor	ating the company's aggr nberg's view of ESG fina the weights are determin	ncial materiality.	The score is	a weighted gener	ralized mean	(power mean)

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## History of change in investment rating and/or target price



27-Mar-2023 BUY BUY BUY 30.00 08-Jun-2023 45.00 26-Sep-2023 42.00

Jitra Amornthum started covering this stock from 27-Mar-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
SISB	SISB TB	THB 43.00	HOLD	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) intensified competition; 2) less demand from China; 3) staff shortages; and 4) risks from legal requirements and government policies relating to the business of private schools. Upside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) higher-than-expected demand from both local and international parents; and 2) the Rayong campus reaching the breakeven point sooner than expected.

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.

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

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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.

# **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.

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