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# CENTRAL PLAZA HOTEL

# **CENTEL TB**

THAILAND / TOURISM & LEISURE

TARGET PRICE THB50.00 CLOSE THB44.00 **UP/DOWNSIDE** +13.6% THB50.00 **PRIOR TP CHANGE IN TP** UNCHANGED

TP vs CONSENSUS

# +4.8%

# คาดกำไรจะฟื้นตัวใน 1Q24

- คาดว่ากำไรปกติจะโต 5% y-y เป็น 660 ลบ. ใน 1Q24 โดยได้ปัจจัยผลักดันจาก RevPAR ของโรงแรมในไทยที่อยู่ในเกณฑ์ดีและการฟื้นตัวของโรงแรมในมัลดีฟส์
- คาดว่ากำไรปกติจะกระโดดเพิ่ม 37% เป็น 1.5พัน ลบ. ในปี 2024 จากการพลิกฟื้นของ โรงแรมในโคซาก้า
- คงคำแนะนำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 50 บาท (DCF)

# กำไร 1Q24 มีศักยภาพที่จะทำสถิติสูงสุดใหม่หลังการระบาดของโควิด

เราคาดว่ากำไรปกติจะฟื้นตัวและกลับมาโตอีกครั้งใน 1Q24 โดยคาดว่ากำไรจะปรับขึ้น 5% v-v เป็น 660 ลบ. กำไรปกติของธุรกิจโรงแรมน่าจะเพิ่มเล็กน้อยเพียง 1% เป็น 541 ลบ. โดยปัจจัย ผลักดันสำคัญน่าจะอยู่ที่การเติบโตของ RevPAR ที่อยู่ในเกณฑ์ดีของพอร์ตโรงแรมในไทย (+20% y-y) และดูไบ (+24% y-y) รวมถึงการฟื้นตัวของพอร์ตโรงแรมในมัลดีฟส์ที่ RevPAR น่าจะโต 7% y-y หลังอยู่ในแนวโน้มขาลงในช่วงปีที่ผ่านมา อย่างไรก็ดีผลขาดทุนจากโรงแรมในโอซาก้าจาก Low season และค่าใช้จ่ายดอกเบี้ยที่สูงขึ้นน่าจะหักล้างการเติบโต่ภายในที่อยู่ในเกณฑ์ดี ้นอกจากนี้เรายังคาดด้วยว่ากำไรปกติของธุรกิจอาหารจะกระโดดเพิ่มเป็น 119 ้ลบ. (เทียบกับ 91 ลบ. ใน 1Q23) จาก EBITDA margin ที่ปรับตัวดีขึ้น (+0.2-0.4 ppts y-y) และการเติบโตของ ยอดขายจากสาขาเดิม (SSSG) ที่ 1-2% v-v

#### ธุรกิจโรงแรมใหปี 2024: การเติบโต organic มีแนวโน้มดี

เราคาดว่ารายได้ของธุรกิจโรงแรมจะโต 17% เป็น 10.6พัน ลบ. ในปี 2024 จาก RevPAR ที่โต 8-10% y-y ของโรงแรมในไทยและมัลดีฟส์รวมถึงการรวมรายได้ทั้งปีของโรงแรมในโอซาก้า เราคาด ำ่ากำไรปกติของธุรกิจโรงแรมจะกระโดดเพิ่มเป็น 0.8พัน ลบ. ในปี 2024 (จาก 0.6พัน ลบ. ในปี 2023) จากการพลิ๊กฟื้นของโรงแรมในโอซาก้า (จากที่เคยขาดทน 204 ลบ. ในปี 2023) และการ ดำเนินงานที่ดีขึ้นของโรงแรมในไทยและมัลดีฟส์ ในด้านลบ CENTEL น่าจะบันทึกค่าใช้จ่ายก่อน ดำเนินงาน 200-250 ลบ และค่าใช้จ่ายดอกเบี้ยเพิ่มขึ้นเป็น 100 ลบ จากโรงแรมใหม่ 2 แห่ง ในมัลดีฟส์ซึ่งมีกำหนดเปิดใน 4Q24-1Q25

# ธุรกิจอาหารในปี 2024: EBITDA margin จะปรับตัวดีขึ้น

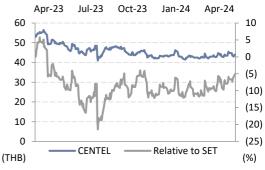
รายได้จากธุรกิจอาหารน่าจะโต 10% เป็น 13.7พัน ลบ. พร้อม SSSG ที่ 5% และการขยายสาขา เพิ่มอีก 5% นอกจากนี้ EBITDA margin ก็น่าจะปรับตัวดีขึ้นจาก 17.9% ในปี 2023 เป็น 18.5% ในปี 2024 ในขณะที่วัตถดิบมีแนวโน้มปรับตัวลดลง CENTEL ได้ปิดสาขาที่ขาดทนมาตั้งแต่ 4Q23 (และบันทึกค่าใช้จ่ายสำรองที่เกี่ยวกับการปิดสาขาดังกล่าวเป็นจำนวน 40-50 ลบ.) ซึ่งน่าจะ ช่วยให้กำไรปกติของธรกิจอาหารกระโดดเพิ่มเป็น 0.7พัน ลบ. ในปี 2024 (เทียบกับ 0.5พัน ลบ. ในปี 2023) ในภาพรวมเราคาดว่ากำไรปกติของ CENTEL จะโต 37% เป็น 1.5พัน ลบ.

# ห้นมีการซื้อขายในระดับที่ต่ำกว่าค่าเฉลี่ย

เราคงประมาณการและราคาเป้าหมายปี 2024 ของเราที่ 50 บาท (DCF) CENTEL มีการซื้อขายที่ 31x ของค่า 2025E P/E (เราใช้ 2025 เป็นปีฐานเนื่องจากน่าจะเป็นปีแรกที่กำไรกลับสู่ระดับปกติ หลังโรคระบาด) ซึ่งต่ำกว่าค่าเฉลี่ย 5 ปีย้อนหลังที่ 34x ราคาหุ้นมีปัจจัยบวกอยู่ที่การฟื้นตัวของ กำไรพร้อมกำไรปกติที่คาดว่าจะทำสถิติสูงสุดใหม่ (หลังการระบาดของโควิดสิ้นสุดลง) ใน 1Q24

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	21,558	24,370	26,669	28,913
Net profit	1,248	1,533	1,917	2,246
EPS (THB)	0.92	1.14	1.42	1.66
vs Consensus (%)	-	(5.0)	(5.1)	(2.3)
EBITDA	4,608	5,263	5,872	6,574
Recurring net profit	1,120	1,533	1,917	2,246
Core EPS (THB)	0.83	1.14	1.42	1.66
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EPS growth (%)	181.4	36.9	25.0	17.2
Core P/E (x)	53.0	38.7	31.0	26.4
Dividend yield (%)	-	1.0	1.3	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.3	16.7	15.3	13.9
Price/book (x)	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5
Net debt/Equity (%)	122.8	129.7	131.8	129.2
ROE (%)	5.9	7.5	8.8	9.7



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(1.7)	6.0	(20.0)
Relative to country (%)	0.6	7.6	(7.6)
Mkt cap (USD m)			1,606
3m avg. daily turnover (USD r	n)		2.9
Free float (%)			76
Major shareholder	Tiang Chirat	hivat Real E	state (5%)
12m high/low (THB)		5	6.75/40.75
Issued shares (m)			1,350.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

As the Covid crisis subsides, we expect CENTEL to be in an expansion mode after the completion of renovations at two of its hotels (Samui and CentralWorld) and the opening of four big hotel projects: one in Dubai (opened in 2021), one in Japan (opened in 2023) and two in the Maldives (due in 2024-25).

CENTEL should benefit from China's reopening, given that Chinese guests accounted for 12% and 15% of room night bookings for Thai and Maldives hotels in 2019, respectively.

We expect strong earnings growth in 2024, led by the turnaround of Centara Osaka. Profits should further grow in 2025, driven by four new overseas hotels that should completely open.

### Company profile

CENTEL owns and operates 18 hotels in Thailand and the Maldives and more than 1,000 restaurant outlets in Thailand.

www.centarahotelsresorts.com



■ Hotel revenue - 42.1 %

■ F&B revenue - 57.8 %

■ Rental income - 0.1 %



Source: Central Plaza Hotel

#### **Major shareholders**

- Tiang Chirathivat Real Estate -5.0 %
- Niti Osathanugrah 3.1 %
- Thai NVDR 2.7 %
- Others 89.3 %

Source: Central Plaza Hotel

# Catalysts

Key potential growth drivers include 1) a faster OCC rampup rate following a recovery in global tourism; 2) improving consumption and economic growth resulting in strong SSSG; and 3) a recovery in Chinese tourist arrivals.

#### 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 and increased competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) a slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
May 2024	1Q24 results announcement

## **Key assumptions**

	2024E	2025E	2026E
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Owned & leased hotels			
- Number of owned hotel rooms (no.)	5,696	5,983	5,983
- Occupancy rate (OCC)	72.0	72.7	73.4
- RevPAR growth	9	15	5
Food business			
- Number of outlets (no.)	1,575	1,638	1,701
- Same-Store Sales Growth (SSSG)	5	2	2
- Total System Sales Growth (TSSG)	10	6	6

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in OCC, we project a 2024 profit increase of 2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we project a 2024 profit increase of 2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

# Positive feedback from staying at Centara Grand Osaka

We have a chance to stay at Centara Osaka during our holiday trip for five nights at the end of March. We have positive feedback, especially from its spacious room compared to other hotels and its location near Namba Station and shopping malls. It is in tandem with guest reviews since the hotels have a 9.0 score from Booking.com and 9.1 from Agoda.

During our stay at the end of March, hotel staff said that the OCC rate was around 80% and could peak at 90% in April, thanks to cherry blossom season. We also spot individuals and groups of Thai guests at around 20-30% of total guests. We believe the hotel would become a favorite choice for Thai tourists as it has some Thai staff.

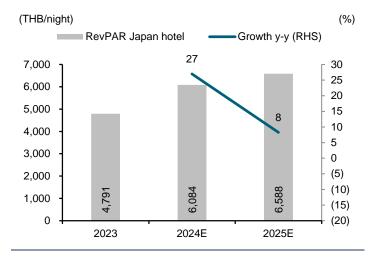
## Expect Centara Osaka to post loss in 1Q24 and turnaround in 2Q24

In terms of numbers, we expect the hotel to post a loss of up to THB40-50m in 1Q24 (combining both Operating Company and Property Company) with an OCC rate of 67% (vs 75-77% breakeven) due to its low season. However, we expect it to turn profitable in 2Q24 when the OCC rate should ramp up to 80%.

For 2024, we forecast an OCC rate of 78% with an ADR of THB7,800 and a profit of cTHB70m, a turnaround from losses of THB204m in 2023.

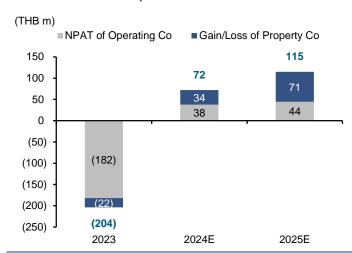
According to management, the hotel offers a generous 10-20% discount on its ADR compared to peers to promote the Centara brand in Japan during its introductory period. We expect ADR to gradually ramp up to THB8,000-9,000, bringing the portfolio profit to THB150-200m over the next three years.

Exhibit 1: Osaka hotel RevPAR, yearly



Sources: CENTEL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Osaka hotel profit



Note: Operating Co is consolidated and Property Co is under equity method Sources: CENTEL; FSSIA estimates

# 1Q24 result preview

#### **Hotel business**

We expect the RevPAR of Thai hotels to grow by 20% y-y, driven mainly by upcountry hotels. Maldives RevPAR should also recover and increase by 7% thanks to higher tourist arrivals and positive translation impact (from THB depreciation against USD). Dubai hotel RevPAR should grow by 24% y-y. However, Osaka hotel RevPAR should fall by 10% q-q as its OCC rate should drop to 67% (vs 77% in 4Q23). Overall, we expect the hotel revenue to grow 22% y-y and core profit to grow by 1% y-y to THB543m, pressured by higher interest expenses and losses from its Osaka hotel (we estimate losses of THB20-30m).

#### **Food business**

We expect 1Q24 SSS to grow by 1% y-y. KFC and Ootoya growth should offset Mister Donut and Chabuton weakness. Food revenue should increase by 3% y-y to THB3.1b. We estimate the food EBITDA margin to slightly improve to 18.3% (vs. 18.1% in 1Q24) from decreased raw material prices. Thus, the food business profit should jump to THB134m in 1Q24 (vs THB91m in 1Q23).

#### Overall

We forecast CENTEL's core profit to grow 7% y-y to THB676m in 1Q24.

**Exhibit 3: EBITDA margin of hotel business** 

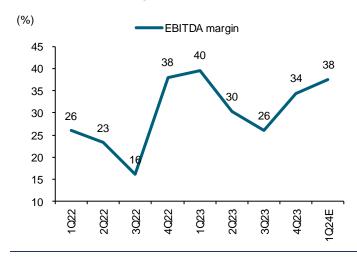
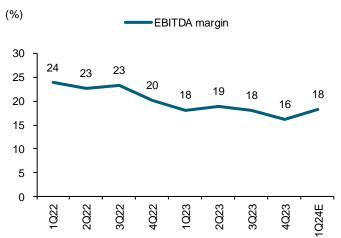
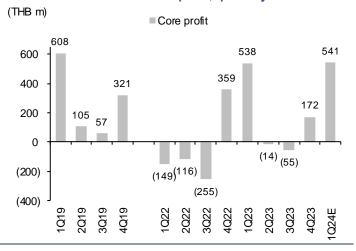


Exhibit 4: EBITDA margin of food business



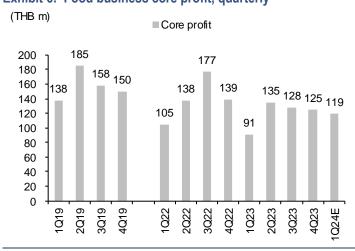
Sources: CENTEL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 5: Hotel business core profit, quarterly



Sources: CENTEL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: Food business core profit, quarterly



Sources: CENTEL; FSSIA estimates

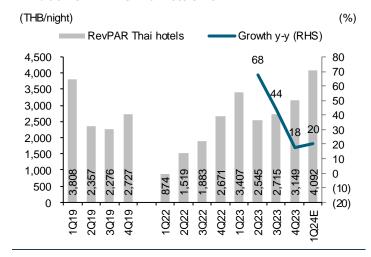
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Exhibit 7: CENTEL - 1Q24 results preview

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24E	Chai	nge	2024E	Chang
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(y-y %
Sales	5,530	5,061	5,212	5,755	6,163	7	11	24,370	1
- Hotel operations	2,520	1,895	2,158	2,520	3,069	22	22	10,658	1
- Food and beverage	3,010	3,166	3,054	3,235	3,094	(4)	3	13,712	1
COGS (Incl. depreciation)	(3,049)	(3,045)	(3,121)	(3,397)	(3,390)	(0)	11	(14,017)	1
Gross profit	2,481	2,016	2,091	2,358	2,773	18	12	10,353	1
SG&A	(1,837)	(1,762)	(1,850)	(1,912)	(2,007)	5	9	(8,199)	1
Operating profit	644	254	241	446	766	72	19	2,154	3
Net other income	275	111	140	179	196	10	(28)	580	(1)
Interest income	59	79	64	84	87	3	48	464	$\epsilon$
Interest expense	(186)	(273)	(280)	(268)	(268)	0	44	(1,201)	1
Pretax profit	792	170	164	441	781	77	(1)	1,996	2
Income Tax	(84)	(81)	(56)	(156)	(78)	(50)	(8)	(399)	
Share profit from associates	7	7	7	(20)	(20)	0	(384)	1	(10
Share profit from JV	(34)	3	(62)	30	7	(76)	(121)	•	(.0
Minority interest	(52)	22	20	2	(30)	(1,355)	(42)	(64)	68
Core profit	629	121	7 <b>4</b>	297	660	123	5	1,533	3
Extraordinaries, GW & FX	029	0	0	128	0	123	3	0	(10)
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Reported net profit	629	121	74	425	660	56	5	1,533	2
Shares out (end Q, m)	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	0	0	1,350	
Pre-ex EPS	0.47	0.09	0.05	0.22	0.49	123	5	1.14	3
EPS	0.47	0.09	0.05	0.31	0.49	56	5	1.14	2
COGS Excl. depreciation	(2,328)	(2,276)	(2,345)	(2,739)	(2,633)	(4)	13	(10,908)	
Depreciation	(721)	(769)	(776)	(757)	(757)	0	5	(3,109)	
EBITDA	1,647	1,140	1,163	1,362	1,699	25	3	5,263	1
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(pp
Gross margin	45	40	40	41	45	4	0	42	
SG&A/Revenue	33	35	36	33	33	(1)	(1)	34	(
Hotel EBITDA margin	40	30	26	34	38	3	(2)	32	(
Food EBITDA margin	18	19	18	16	18	2	0	19	
Total EBITDA margin	29	23	22	25	28	4	(0)	22	
Net profit margin	11	2	1	7	11	3	(1)	6	
Operating stats									
Hotel									
OCC -Maldives (%)	89	56	70	72	92				
OCC -Thailand (%)	76	65	68	70	76				
OCC -Dubai (%)	83	82	77	82	90				
OCC -Japan (%)	0	0	67	77	67				
ARR - Maldives (THB)	16,151	12,361	9,558	14,030	16,640				
ARR - Thailand (THB)	4,461	3,901	3,984	4,509	5,408				
ARR - Dubai (THB)	6,444	6,226	5,493	8,322	7,441				
ARR - Japan (THB)	44.00-	0.000	6,176	7,094	7,045				
RevPAR - Maldives (THB)	14,295	6,896	6,685	10,127	15,237				
RevPAR - Thailand (THB)	3,407	2,545	2,715	3,149	4,092				
RevPAR - Dubai (THB)	5,374	5,094	4,217	6,840	6,686				
RevPAR - Japan (THB) Food			4,126	5,457	4,740				
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SSSG (y-y %)	8	5	0	2	1				

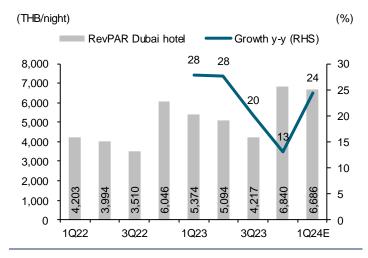
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#### Exhibit 8: CENTEL's Thai hotels RevPAR



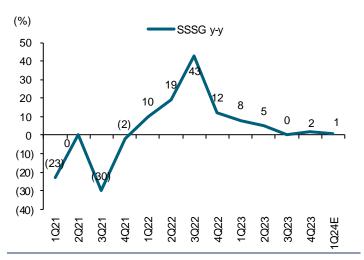
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Exhibit 10: CENTEL's Dubai hotel RevPAR



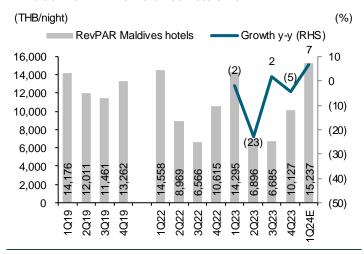
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#### Exhibit 12: SSSG



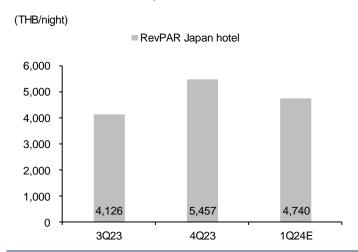
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Exhibit 9: CENTEL's Maldives hotels RevPAR



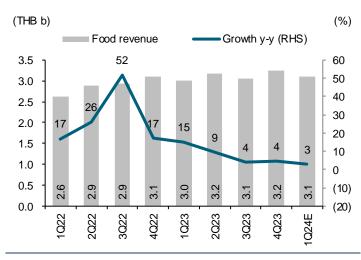
Note: RevPAR excludes F&B revenue since 1Q21 Sources: CENTEL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 11: CENTEL's Japan hotel RevPAR



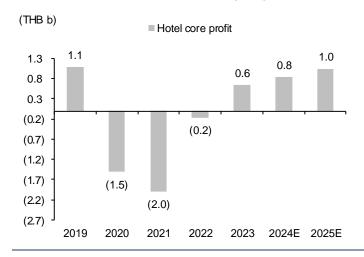
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Exhibit 13: Food business revenue



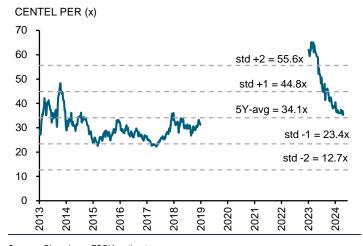
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### Exhibit 14: Hotel business core profit, yearly



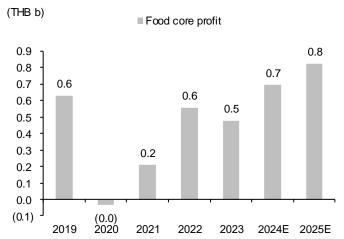
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#### Exhibit 16: Historical P/E band



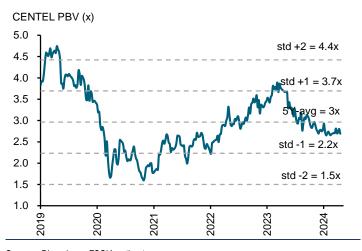
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Exhibit 15: Food business core profit, yearly



Sources: CENTEL; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 17: Historical P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 18: Peer comparisons as of 22 Apr 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	SI	hare price		Market		PE		RO	E	PE	V	- EV/ EB	ITDA -
			Current	Target	Upside	сар	24E	25E	26E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand															
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	BUY	4.46	5.50	23	3,858	65.1	54.5	44.2	2.5	2.8	1.6	1.5	34.5	30.6
Minor International	MINT TB	BUY	31.75	44.00	39	4,866	20.7	18.5	16.7	11.5	13.0	2.5	2.3	8.2	7.4
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	BUY	44.00	50.00	14	1,606	38.7	31.0	26.4	7.5	8.8	2.8	2.6	16.7	15.3
Erawan Group	ERW TB	BUY	4.78	6.40	34	585	29.0	26.3	24.2	11.1	10.5	2.8	2.7	15.4	13.9
S Hotels & Resorts	SHR TB	BUY	2.34	4.00	71	696	27.4	16.0	13.9	1.9	3.2	0.5	0.5	8.7	7.9
Dusit Thani	DUSIT TB	BUY	9.20	15.00	63	211	146.3	7.1	4.8	1.5	25.9	2.1	1.6	45.1	10.6
Bound and Beyond	BEYOND TB	BUY	9.70	22.00	127	76	22.5	12.6	10.5	2.1	3.6	0.5	0.4	8.7	7.4
Thailand average						11,899	49.9	23.7	20.1	5.4	9.7	1.8	1.7	19.6	13.3
Regional															
Btg Hotels Group	600258 CH	n/a	14.99	n/a	n/a	2,311	21.4	18.3	15.8	7.2	7.8	1.5	1.4	9.6	9.4
Sh Jinjiang Intl Hotels	900934 CH	n/a	1.51	n/a	n/a	3,764	10.4	7.7	6.4	6.5	8.4	0.7	0.6	12.7	11.0
Huangshan Tourism Dev.	900942 CH	n/a	0.82	n/a	n/a	1,126	11.5	9.5	8.6	8.5	9.6	1.0	0.9	11.9	8.9
Genting Bhd	GENT MK	n/a	4.53	n/a	n/a	3,651	17.0	10.4	9.1	3.9	4.7	0.5	0.5	6.2	5.8
Huazhu Group	HTHT US	n/a	37.75	n/a	n/a	12,034	21.9	20.1	17.3	34.4	29.7	6.5	5.6	12.7	11.9
Indian Hotels	IH IN	n/a	585.35	n/a	n/a	9,992	90.3	64.3	49.8	12.6	14.8	10.6	9.1	47.8	38.6
Lemon Tree Hotels	LEMONTRE IN	n/a	134.75	n/a	n/a	1,280	92.7	71.5	39.4	12.3	14.6	11.7	10.9	31.5	26.0
Lippo Karawaci	LPKR IJ	n/a	61.00	n/a	n/a	266	n/a	5.1	3.6	n/a	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Regional average						34,424	37.9	25.9	18.8	12.2	11.9	4.6	4.1	18.9	16.0
Overall average						46,323	43.9	24.9	19.4	8.8	10.8	3.2	2.9	19.3	14.6

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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Central Plaza Hotel

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	17,502	21,558	24,370	26,669	28,913
Cost of goods sold	(10,494)	(12,612)	(14,017)	(15,129)	(16,152)
Gross profit	7,008	8,946	10,353	11,540	12,761
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	(6,400)	(7,361)	(8,199)	(8,946)	(9,670)
Operating EBITDA	3,741	4,608	5,263	5,872	6,574
Depreciation	(3,133)	(3,023)	(3,109)	(3,278)	(3,482)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	608	1,585	2,154	2,594	3,092
Net financing costs	(547)	(721)	(738)	(856)	(1,073)
Associates	(44)	(62)	1	59	130
Recurring non-operating income	491	642	580	733	855
Non-recurring items	0	128	0	0	0
Profit before tax	552	1,633	1,996	2,471	2,874
Tax	(138)	(377)	(399)	(482)	(549)
Profit after tax	414	1,256	1,597	1,988	2,325
Minority interests	(16)	(8)	(64)	(72)	(79)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	398	1,248	1,533	1,917	2,246
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	(128)	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	398	1,120	1,533	1,917	2,246
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.29	0.83	1.14	1.42	1.66
Reported EPS	0.29	0.92	1.14	1.42	1.66
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.57	0.67
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350
Growth					
Revenue (%)	56.1	23.2	13.0	9.4	8.4
Operating EBITDA (%)	121.3	23.2	14.2	11.6	11.9
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	160.6	35.9	20.4	19.2
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	181.4	36.9	25.0	17.2
Reported EPS (%)	nm	213.5	22.8	25.0	17.2
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	40.0	41.5	42.5	43.3	44.1
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	57.9	55.5	55.2	55.6	56.2
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	21.4	21.4	21.6	22.0	22.7
Operating EBIT margin (%)	3.5	7.4	8.8	9.7	10.7
Net margin (%)	2.3	5.2	6.3	7.2	7.8
Effective tax rate (%)	23.1	24.1	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	-	-	40.0	40.0	40.0
Interest cover (X)	2.0	3.1	3.7	3.9	3.7
Inventory days	43.9	38.2	35.1	35.9	36.2
Debtor days	21.2	23.2	25.2	27.1	28.5
Creditor days	152.0	131.4	123.2	125.9	126.9
Operating ROIC (%)	1.3	3.2	4.0	4.4	4.9
ROIC (%)	2.0	3.8	4.4	4.9	5.5
ROE (%)	2.2	5.9	7.5	8.8	9.7
ROA (%)	1.7	3.3	3.9	4.4	5.0
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Hotel revenue	5,935	9,078	10,644	12,120	13,515
F&B revenue	11,553	12,465	13,712	14,534	15,384
Rental income	14	14	14	14	14

Sources: Central Plaza Hotel; FSSIA estimates

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Central Plaza Hotel

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	398	1,120	1,533	1,917	2,246
Depreciation	3,133	3,023	3,109	3,278	3,482
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	(248)	246	64	72	79
Change in working capital	54	70	(18)	(47) 5 220	(101)
Cash flow from operations Capex - maintenance	<b>3,336</b> (1,201)	<b>4,458</b> (9,611)	<b>4,688</b> (8,000)	<b>5,220</b> (6,700)	<b>5,707</b> (6,200)
Capex - maintenance  Capex - new investment	(1,201)	(9,011)	(8,000)	(0,700)	(6,200)
Net acquisitions & disposals	(644)	26	0	0	0
Other investments (net)	(011)	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing	(1,845)	(9,585)	(8,000)	(6,700)	(6,200)
Dividends paid	0	0	0	(613)	(767)
Equity finance	0	0	0	Ò	Ò
Debt finance	(1,754)	4,625	3,000	700	1,200
Other financing cash flows	45	(116)	(61)	(68)	(75)
Cash flow from financing	(1,709)	4,509	2,939	18	358
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	(218)	(618)	(372)	(1,462)	(135)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	2,217.57	(4,119.59)	(2,110.21)	(200.92)	825.83
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(217.80)	(617.73)	(372.20)	(848.26)	631.46
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	1.64	(3.05)	(1.56)	(0.15)	0.61
FCFE per share	(0.16)	(0.46)	(0.28)	(0.63)	0.47
Recurring cash flow per share	2.43	3.25	3.49	3.90	4.30
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Fangible fixed assets (gross)	59,125	65,721	73,721	80,421	86,621
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(24,314)	(24,244)	(27,353)	(30,631)	(34,114)
Fangible fixed assets (net)	34,811	41,477	46,368	49,789	52,507
ntangible fixed assets (net)	360	360	360	360	360
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	4,565	4,539	4,539	4,539	4,539
Cash & equivalents	3,137	2,519	2,147	685	550
A/C receivable	1,227	1,519	1,849	2,115	2,404
nventories	1,024	982	1,118	1,214	1,298
Other current assets	927	668	755	826	896
Current assets	6,315	5,688	5,868	4,841	5,148
Other assets	2,115	2,138	2,138	2,138	2,138
Total assets	48,166	54,204	59,274	61,668	64,694
Common equity	18,518	19,675	21,208	22,512	23,991
Minorities etc.	373	343	346	350	353
Total shareholders' equity	18,891	20,018	21,555	22,862	24,345
Long term debt	21,671	26,178	29,178	29,878	31,078
Other long-term liabilities	2,952	3,176	3,176	3,176	3,176
Long-term liabilities	24,623	29,354	32,354	33,054	34,254
A/C payable Short term debt	3,460	3,445	3,919	4,258	4,552
Short term debt Other current liabilities	809 383	928 459	928 519	928 568	928 615
Other current liabilities Current liabilities	4,652	459 <b>4,832</b>	<b>5,366</b>	5,753	6,095
Fotal liabilities and shareholders' equity	48,166	4,832 54,204	5,366 59,274	61,668	64,694
Net working capital	(665)	(735)	(716)	(670)	(569)
nvested capital	41,186	47,781	52,689	56,158	58,976
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei		,	32,333	55,125	,
Por chara (TUP)					
Per share (THB)	12.72	14.57	15.71	16.60	17.77
Book value per share Fangible book value per share	13.72 13.45	14.57 14.31	15.71	16.68 16.41	17.77
Financial strength	13.45	14.51	15.44	10.41	17.50
•	100.4	100.0	120.7	124.0	100.0
Net debt/equity (%) Net debt/total assets (%)	102.4 40.2	122.8 45.4	129.7 47.2	131.8 48.8	129.2 48.6
Current ratio (x)	1.4	45.4 1.2	1.1	0.8	0.8
CF interest cover (x)	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.0	1.6
/aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	149.2	53.0	38.7	31.0	26.4
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	169.6	60.3	44.0	35.2	30.0
Reported P/E (x)	149.2	47.6	38.7	31.0	26.4
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	1.0	1.3	1.5
Price/book (x)	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5
Price/tangible book (x)	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.5
EV/EBITDA @ torget price (x) **	21.1	18.3	16.7	15.3	13.9
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	23.3 1.9	20.1 1.8	18.2 1.7	16.7 1.6	15.1 1.5

Sources: Central Plaza Hotel; FSSIA estimates

# **Central Plaza Hotel PCL (CENTEL TB)**

FSSIA ESG rating

★ ★ ★ ★

# Exhibit 19: FSSIA ESG score implication

62.78 /100

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 20: ESG - peer comparison

	FSSIA			Domes	stic 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		Υ	Υ	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	Υ	Y	Y	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	57.57	AA	37.00	91.18	69.00	5.00		
SHR	25.00		Υ	Y	5.00	5.00										

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

### Exhibit 21: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	_	_	2.48	2.93
BESG environmental pillar score	_	_	2.28	2.32
BESG social pillar score	_	_	1.94	2.61
BESG governance pillar score	_	_	3.83	4.69
ESG disclosure score	43.86	52.49	53.62	54.19
Environmental disclosure score	35.52	43.73	43.73	45.45
Social disclosure score	27.39	32.53	35.91	35.91
Governance disclosure score	68.57	81.10	81.10	81.10
Environmental				
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	27	23	15	35
GHG scope 2 location-based	41	25	19	51
GHG Scope 3	7	4	3	11
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	157	354	403	207
Renewable energy use	27	178	394	1
Electricity used	_	135	119	113
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

**Exhibit 22: ESG score by Bloomberg** (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 202
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	0	0	0	(
Total waste	5	2	2	(
Waste recycled	_	1	1	2
Waste sent to landfills	_	1	1	
Environmental supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	_	_	_	_
Social				
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Policy against child labor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	N
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Gender pay gap breakout	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Pct women in workforce	61	59	64	6
Pct disabled in workforce	2	3	1	
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Lost time incident rate - employees	_	_	0	
Total recordable incident rate - employees	0	1	1	
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Υe
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	N
Number of employees – CSR	18,280	8,591	13,087	15,00
Employee turnover pct	· <u> </u>	22	13	
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	253,372	76,888	186,523	277,31
Social supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Υe
Governance				
Board size	11	13	13	1
No. of independent directors (ID)	5	5	5	
No. of women on board	1	3	3	
No. of non-executive directors on board	10	7	7	1
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
No. of board meetings for the year	4	5	5	
Board meeting attendance pct	98	97	100	10
Board duration (years)	_	3	3	
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	N
Age of the youngest director	54	55	56	
Age of the oldest director	80	81	81	
No. of executives / company managers	1	11	12	`
No. of female executives	0	3	3	
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	١
Size of audit committee	3	4	3	,
No. of ID on audit committee	3	4	3	
Audit committee meetings	8	7	8	
<u> </u>	96		100	10
Audit meeting attendance %  Size of compensation committee	96 <b>4</b>	100 <b>5</b>	4	10
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	3	2	
No. of compensation committee meetings	3	2	3	
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	92	10
Size of nomination committee	4	5	4	
No. of nomination committee meetings	3	2	3	
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	92	10
Sustainability governance	100			

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

# **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	ЭУ			Rating							
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ( <u>DJSI</u> ) By S&P Global	process bas from the ann	ed on the com nual S&P Globa	transparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabili al Corporate Sustainabili anies within each industry	ity Scores resulting ty Assessment (CSA).	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 (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing b Candidates 1) no irregul float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	usiness with tra must pass the ar trading of th shareholders, some key disque ependent direct related to CG,	lity in Environmental and ansparency in Governand preemptive criteria, with the board members and extended , and combined holding in Jalifying criteria include: 1 tors and free float violatic social & environmental in arnings in red for > 3 year	ce, updated annually. two crucial conditions: kecutives; and 2) free nust be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' mpacts; 4) equity in	To be eligible for THSI inclusion, 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.  SETTHSI Index 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.							
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by Thailand (SI	the Thai IOD, v	h in sustainable developn with support from the Sto is are from the perspectiv s.	ck 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%).							
AGM level By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	treatment ar transparent out of five th criteria cove date (45%), circulation of s exercised. The and verifiability	re incorporated and sufficiently are CG componer AGM proceds and after the naufficient informate second assessay; and 3) openne	which shareholders' rights into business operations y disclosed. All form impoents to be evaluated annures before the meeting (neeting (10%). (The first attion for voting; and 2) facilitations in the ease of attending mass for Q&A. The third involvees, resolutions and voting res	s and information is ortant elements of two ually. The assessment (45%), at the meeting ssesses 1) advance ing how voting rights can be eetings; 2) transparency s the meeting minutes that	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)	establishme policies. The (Companies of Declaration of Certification, in managers and	nt of key control  Certification is  Ceciding to become  Intent to kick off  Including risk asset	Checklist include corruptions, and the monitoring as good for three years. The a CAC certified member stop an 18-month deadline to subsessment, in place of policy are ablishment of whistleblowing at 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.								
Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on ar risk is unma	n assessment on naged. Sources	sk rating provides an ove of how much of a compar s to be reviewed include corp ner media, NGO reports/webs	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.								
		ompany feedback uality & peer revi	k, ESG controversies, issuer i iews.	feedback on draft ESG	<b>NEGL</b> 0-10	<b>Low</b> 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+			
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explai over-weighti	o outperform of of financial man n future risk-ac	sustainable companies the ver the long term. The materiality including information distributed performance. Mat the higher materiality and rly basis.	ethodology considers ation that significantly teriality is applied by	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.							
MSCI	MSCI ESG ratings aim to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. It uses a rules-based methodology to identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers.											
	AAA	8.571-10.000	0		nanaging the most significant ESG risks and opportunities							
	AA	7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in m								
	Α	5.714-7.142	!	a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to								
	BBB	4.286-5.713	Average:	a mixed or unexceptional industry peers	al track record of ma	anaging the mos	st significant ESG ris	sks and opportu	nities relative to			
	ВВ	2.857-4.285	i									
	В	1.429-2.856	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	lagging its industry based on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks							
	CCC	0.000-1.428	_~33u.a.				go o.griinodi					
Moody's ESG solutions	Moody's assesses the degree to which companies take into account ESG objectives in the definition and implementation of their strategy policies. It believes that a company integrating ESG factors into its business model and relatively outperforming its peers is better positioned to mitigate risks and create sustainable value for shareholders over the medium to long term.											
Refinitiv ESG rating	Designed to transparently and objectively measure a company's relative ESG performance, commitment and effectiveness across 10 main themes, based on publicly available and auditable data. The score ranges from 0 to 100 on relative ESG performance and insufficient degree of transparency in reporting material ESG data publicly. (Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 = satisfactory; >50 to 75 = good; and >75 to 100 = excellent.)											
S&P Global	The S&P Global ESG Score is a relative score measuring a company's performance on and management of ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.											
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 bese statements.							power mean)				

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	THB 44.00	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.
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	THB 4.46	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 31.75	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.
The Erawan Group	ERW TB	THB 4.78	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.
S Hotels and Resorts	SHR TB	THB 2.34	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 9.20	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 9.70	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

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

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