EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

KCE ELECTRONICS

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THAILAND / ELECTRONIC COMPONENT

BUY

FROM HOLD

TARGET PRICE	THB50.00
CLOSE	THB43.50
UP/DOWNSIDE	+14.9%
PRIOR TP	THB43.00
CHANGE IN TP	+16.3%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+5.8%

Starting to see cost-saving benefits

- Expect 2Q24 profit to be higher than previously thought, supported by a higher gross margin, expected to reach a 10-quarter high.
- We expect the benefits from cost savings to drive growth in 2H24.
 Hence, we have increased 2024E profit by 17% to grow 39% y-y.
- Upgraded to BUY with a higher TP of THB50.

Expect 2Q24 profit to be higher than previously thought

We expect a 2Q24 net profit of THB574m (+11.4% q-q, +52.6% y-y). Excluding an FX gain of THB50, KCE's 2Q24 core profit would equal THB524m (+24.5% q-q, +63.6% y-y). Note that we have not included a one-time gain from the sale of its factory in Bang Poo. As a cash item, it would help strengthen liquidity. The main driver in 2Q24 is the positive impact of the cost-saving initiatives, particularly the chemical production, which began at the Ayutthaya plant at the beginning of 2024. Therefore, we expect a 2Q24 gross margin of 24.6%, up from 23.1% in 1Q24 and 19.1% in 2Q23, the highest in 10 quarters.

Revenue unexciting in 2Q24 but should recover in 3Q24

The revenue recovery remains unexciting. We expect 2Q24 total revenue to grow slightly by 3% q-q and be flat y-y, despite HDI orders starting to rebound towards the end of 2Q24. Multilayer PCBs remained sluggish partly due to the slow global economic recovery, and some orders were postponed to 3Q24. Assuming in-line 2Q24 revenue, KCE's 1H24 revenue would decline 3.2% y-y. However, management maintains its 4-7% y-y revenue growth target in 2024, implying a 2H24 revenue growth of at least 12% y-y. In the short term, orders in 3Q24 may rebound at least 5-6% q-q but decrease y-y. Therefore, we maintain a conservative revenue assumption for 2024 based on flat revenue growth from 2023.

Gross margin may accelerate in 2H24

We have a more bullish view of the gross margin recovery, with cost savings expected to become apparent from 2Q24 and to increase in 2H24 from self-produced chemicals at the Lad Krabang plant. Management targets a higher gross margin in 3Q-4Q24 by 1.5-2% q-q each quarter, implying a targeted 2024 gross margin of 25.3%, up from 20.8% in 2023. Although copper increased to USD9,000-10,000/tonne, a decline in the price of other raw materials and cost-saving benefits would help offset it.

Upgraded to BUY with a higher TP of THB50

We have raised our 2024E net profit by 17% to THB2.3b (\pm 39% y-y) by increasing our gross margin assumption to 24.6% (from 23.5%) to reflect positive cost savings. Our 1H24E net profit of THB1.1b implies a 51% y-y growth, accounting for 46% of the full-year estimate. Similarly, we increased our TP to THB50 (from THB43) based on the same PE ratio of 25x.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	16,344	16,483	18,214	19,707
Net profit	1,720	2,381	2,524	2,725
EPS (THB)	1.45	2.01	2.13	2.31
vs Consensus (%)	-	12.8	2.8	2.8
EBITDA	2,944	3,706	4,177	4,524
Recurring net profit	1,569	2,266	2,524	2,725
Core EPS (THB)	1.33	1.92	2.13	2.31
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	11.3	5.2	2.3
EPS growth (%)	(31.2)	44.4	11.4	8.0
Core P/E (x)	32.8	22.7	20.4	18.9
Dividend yield (%)	2.5	3.5	3.7	4.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.7	14.0	12.8	11.9
Price/book (x)	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	3.6	3.3	13.2	16.4
ROE (%)	11.6	16.2	17.3	17.9



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month				
Absolute (%)	8.1	10.1	13.0				
Relative to country (%)	11.1	16.3	31.6				
Mkt cap (USD m)			1,403				
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			9.4				
Free float (%)			0				
Major shareholder		Ongkosit Gr	oup (34%)				
12m high/low (THB)	57.50/35.75						
Issued shares (m)			1,182.06				

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

We have a more bullish view of the gross margin recovery, with cost savings expected to become apparent from 2Q24 and to increase in 2H24 from self-produced chemicals. Management targets a higher gross margin in 3Q-4Q24 by 1.5-2% q-q each quarter, implying a targeted 2024 gross margin of 25.3%, up from 20.8% in 2023.

Meanwhile, we have a neutral view of the revenue recovery in 2024. Due to the slow global economic recovery, we maintain a conservative revenue assumption for 2024 based on flat revenue growth from 2023. However, we expect the PCB market to recover and KCE's revenue to rebound in 2025.

Company profile

KCE produces and distributes printed circuit boards (PCB). Its key customer base is in the auto industry, which accounts for 70% of total revenue. The remaining 30% are in consumer and industrial. At the end of 2023, KCE earned 49.4% of its revenue from exports to Europe, followed by the U.S. (22.9%), China (12.6%), and Asia (5.1%), while its domestic sales represented 10%.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)



Source: KCE Electronics

Major shareholders

- Ongkosit Group 33.7 %
- Thai NVDR 5.0 %
- Others 61.3 %



Source: KCE Electronics

Catalysts

Potential catalysts for KCE's earnings growth in 2024 include 1) a global economic recovery and faster global auto sales recovery than expected, 2) a decline in raw material prices, 3) higher production efficiency due to an increased utilization rate, and 4) successful capacity expansion as planned.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) slower-than-expected global economic and car sales recoveries; 2) lower-than-expected decrease in raw material costs; 3) a weaker-than-expected THB; and 4) a minimum wage increase or a labor shortage.

Event calendar

Date	Event
13 August 2024	2Q24 results announcement
14 August 2024	2Q24 analyst meeting

Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales volume (sq.ft.mn)	30.1	33.2	35.8
ASP (USD per sq.ft.)	13.9	14.0	14.2
Total revenue (USD m)	499	552	597
Gross margin (%)	24.6	24.8	24.8

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in USD revenue, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 0.9%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every THB1/USD increase, we estimate 2024 net profit to fall by 6.5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 3.4%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.2% increase in SG&A to sales, we estimate 2024 net profit to fall by 1.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

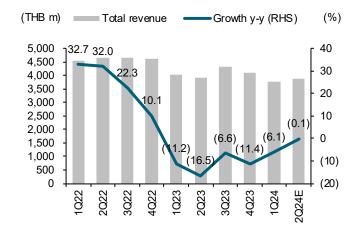
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 1: KCE - 2Q24 earnings preview

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24E	Cha	nge	1H23	1H24E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)					
Sales	4,025	3,898	4,326	4,095	3,780	3,893	3.0	(0.1)	7,923	7,673	(3.2)
Cost of sales	3,236	3,152	3,375	3,177	2,906	2,935	1.0	(6.9)	6,388	5,841	(8.6)
Gross profit	789	746	951	917	874	958	9.6	28.4	1,535	1,832	19.3
SG&A	480	415	458	420	422	428	1.5	3.1	896	850	(5.1)
Operating profit	309	330	493	497	452	529	17.1	60.2	639	982	53.5
Interest expense	24	29	27	24	15	15	2.9	(48.2)	52	30	(43.6)
Tax expense	25	24	33	49	64	44	(32.1)	82.7	49	108	120.4
Other gain (Loss)	31	56	49	14	95	50	(47.1)	(10.7)	87	145	65.8
Reported net profit	345	376	520	478	515	574	11.4	52.6	722	1,089	50.9
Core profit	314	320	471	464	421	524	24.5	63.6	634	945	48.9
Key Ratios (%)							(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	19.6	19.1	22.0	22.4	23.1	24.6	1.5	5.5	19.4	23.9	4.5
SG&A to Sales	11.9	10.7	10.6	10.3	11.2	11.0	(0.2)	0.3	11.3	11.1	(0.2)
Operating margin	7.7	8.5	11.4	12.1	12.0	13.6	1.6	5.1	8.1	12.8	4.7
Net margin	8.6	9.7	12.0	11.7	13.6	14.7	1.1	5.1	9.1	14.2	5.1
Core margin	7.8	8.2	10.9	11.3	11.1	13.5	2.3	5.2	8.0	12.3	4.3
Operating statistics (USD m)											
PCB sales	103	93	102	94	94	96	2.0	3.2	196	191	(2.8)
Non-PCB sales	16	20	21	21	12	12	(0.4)	(41.7)	37	24	(35.4)
Total sales	119	114	124	115	106	108	1.7	(4.8)	233	214	(8.0)

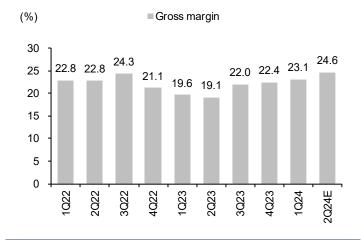
Sources: KCE, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Quarterly total revenue and growth



Sources: KCE, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: Quarterly gross margin



Sources: KCE, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: Quarterly core profit and growth

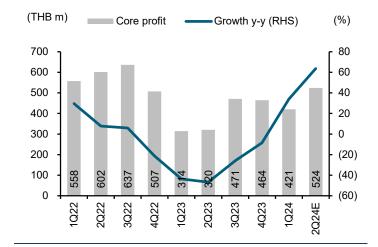
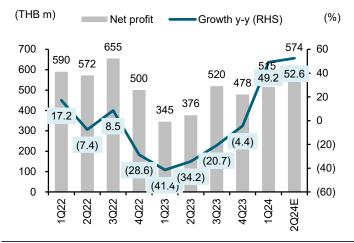


Exhibit 5: Quarterly net profit and growth



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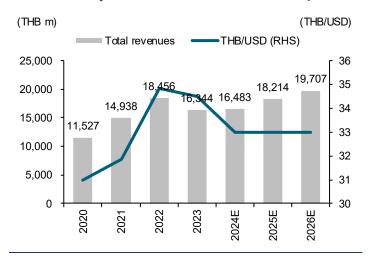
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Exhibit 6: Change of key assumptions for KCE

		Current			- Previous		Change			
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)					
Total sale value (THB m)	16,483	18,214	19,707	16,483	18,214	19,707	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Costs	12,428	13,697	14,820	12,609	13,842	14,899	(1.4)	(1.1)	(0.5)	
Gross profit	4,055	4,517	4,887	3,873	4,371	4,809	4.7	3.3	1.6	
SG&A expense	1,780	1,967	2,128	1,780	1,912	2,069	0.0	2.9	2.9	
Interest expense	64	104	117	109	133	151	(41.7)	(22.2)	(22.2)	
Reported net profit	2,381	2,524	2,725	2,037	2,400	2,665	16.9	5.2	2.3	
Core profit	2,266	2,524	2,725	2,037	2,400	2,665	11.3	5.2	2.3	
Key ratios (%)										
Total revenue growth	0.9	10.5	8.2	0.9	10.5	8.2				
Net profit growth	38.5	6.0	8.0	18.4	17.8	11.1				
Core profit growth	44.4	11.4	8.0	29.8	17.8	11.1				
Gross margin	24.6	24.8	24.8	23.5	24.0	24.4	1.1	0.8	0.4	
SG&A to sales	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.5	10.5	0.0	0.3	0.3	
Net margin	14.4	13.9	13.8	12.4	13.2	13.5	2.1	0.7	0.3	
Core margin	13.7	13.9	13.8	12.4	13.2	13.5	1.4	0.7	0.3	
Operating statistics (THB m)										
Sales volume (m sq.ft.)	30.1	33.2	35.8	30.1	33.2	35.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
ASP (USD per sq.ft.)	13.9	14.0	14.2	13.9	14.0	14.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total revenue (USD m)	499.5	551.9	597.2	499.5	552	597.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	

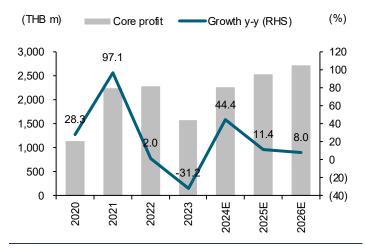
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: Yearly total revenue and THB/USD assumption



Sources: KCE, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 9: Yearly core profit and growth



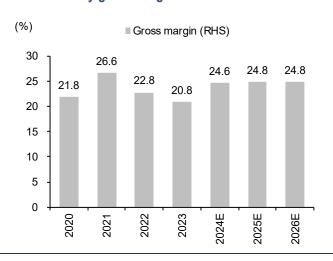
Sources: KCE, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 11: Historical P/E band



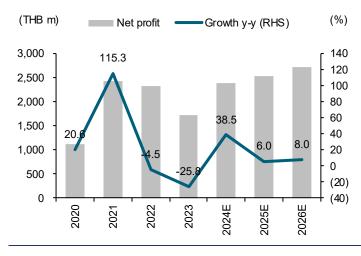
Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: Yearly gross margin



Sources: KCE, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 10: Yearly net profit and growth



Sources: KCE, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 12: Historical P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 13: Peer comparisons as of 4 Jul 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	Share price		Market	PE		ROE		PBV		EV/EBITDA		
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand														
Delta Electronics (Thailand)*	DELTA TB	REDUCE	84.50	61.00	(28)	28,764	55.0	48.1	26.0	25.1	13.2	11.1	41.9	36.9
KCE Electronics*	KCE TB	BUY	43.50	50.00	15	1,403	22.7	20.4	16.2	17.3	3.6	3.4	14.0	12.8
Hana Microelectronics	HANA TB	BUY	48.00	50.00	4	1,160	19.4	17.4	7.4	7.9	1.4	1.3	8.6	7.8
SVI	SVI TB	n/a	8.75	n/a	n/a	524	19.5	16.1	14.5	16.2	2.8	2.5	14.5	12.7
Cal-Comp Electronics	CCET TB	n/a	3.84	n/a	n/a	1,143	20	17.4	5.3	8.9	0.9	1.6	n/a	n/a
Stars Microelectronics	SMT TB	n/a	2.62	n/a	n/a	61	7.9	n/a	14.2	n/a	1.1	n/a	3.6	n/a
Thailand average						33,055	24.1	23.9	13.9	15.1	3.8	4.0	16.5	17.5
Regional														
Taiwan Semiconductor	2330 TT	n/a	1,005.00	n/a	n/a	803,350	31.6	25.5	25.6	26.8	7.5	6.2	17.3	13.7
STMicroelectronics	STMPA FP	n/a	38.09	n/a	n/a	37,564	9.6	19.3	27.8	11.4	2.3	2.1	5.6	8.8
ROHM	6963 JP	n/a	2,260.00	n/a	n/a	5,803	11.5	18.1	9.2	5.1	1.0	1.0	6.6	7.8
Infineon	IFX GR	n/a	34.97	n/a	n/a	49,415	13.3	19.0	20.5	12.8	2.7	2.5	8.6	10.9
Mitsubishi Electric	6503 JP	n/a	2,674.50	n/a	n/a	35,875	26.5	21.5	7.1	8.1	1.8	1.7	11.4	10.0
On Semiconductor	ON US	n/a	72.68	n/a	n/a	31,269	14.2	18.0	30.1	19.9	3.9	3.4	10.0	12.2
SMIC	688981 CH	n/a	46.16	n/a	n/a	25,598	61.6	141.3	4.2	1.9	2.6	2.4	12.8	12.5
Regional average						988,874	24.0	37.5	17.8	12.3	3.1	2.8	10.3	10.8
Overall average						1,021,929	24.1	31.8	16.0	13.4	3.4	3.3	12.9	13.3

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

KCE Electronics

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	18,456	16,344	16,483	18,214	19,707
Cost of goods sold	(14,254)	(12,941)	(12,428)	(13,697)	(14,820)
Gross profit	4,202	3,403	4,055	4,517	4,887
Other operating income	224	190	206	219	236
Operating costs	(1,919)	(1,774)	(1,780)	(1,967)	(2,128)
Operating EBITDA	3,622	2,944	3,706	4,177	4,524
Depreciation	(1,114)	(1,126)	(1,226)	(1,409)	(1,529)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	2,508	1,818	2,481	2,768	2,995
Net financing costs	(72)	(104)	(64)	(104)	(117)
Associates	19	14	19	19	21
Recurring non-operating income	19	14	19	19	21
Non-recurring items	36	150	115	0	0
Profit before tax	2,490	1,879	2,551	2,684	2,899
Tax	(144)	(131)	(145)	(133)	(144)
Profit after tax	2,347	1,747	2,406	2,551	2,755
Minority interests	(29)	(28)	(25)	(27)	(30)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	2,317	1,720	2,381	2,524	2,725
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(36)	(150)	(115)	0	0
Recurring net profit	2,281	1,569	2,266	2,524	2,725
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.93	1.33	1.92	2.13	2.31
Reported EPS	1.96	1.45	2.01	2.13	2.31
DPS	1.60	1.11	1.51	1.60	1.73
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,182	1,182	1,182	1,182	1,182
Growth					
Revenue (%)	23.6	(11.4)	0.9	10.5	8.2
Operating EBITDA (%)	1.8	(18.7)	25.9	12.7	8.3
Operating EBIT (%)	(0.5)	(27.5)	36.4	11.6	8.2
Recurring EPS (%)	1.6	(31.2)	44.4	11.4	8.0
Reported EPS (%)	(4.8)	(25.8)	38.5	6.0	8.0
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	22.8	20.8	24.6	24.8	24.8
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	28.8	27.7	32.0	32.5	32.6
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	19.6	18.0	22.5	22.9	23.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	13.6	11.1	15.1	15.2	15.2
Net margin (%)	12.4	9.6	13.7	13.9	13.8
Effective tax rate (%)	5.8	7.0	5.7	5.0	5.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	82.9	83.3	78.8	75.0	75.0
Interest cover (X)	35.0	17.7	39.3	26.9	25.7
Inventory days	135.4	134.4	117.3	106.3	107.3
Debtor days	91.9	103.6	98.5	92.7	91.4
Creditor days	104.1	92.3	88.8	90.6	96.5
Operating ROIC (%)	13.4	10.0	14.3	14.5	14.1
ROIC (%)	12.6	9.4	13.4	13.7	13.4
ROE (%)	17.0	11.6	16.2	17.3	17.9
ROA (%)	11.0	8.4	12.1	12.7	12.7
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
PCB	15,134	13,554	13,798	15,358	16,727
Non PCB	3,323	2,790	2,685	2,856	2,980
Sources: KCF Electronics: ESSIA estimates	-,	.,	-,	,	-,

Sources: KCE Electronics; FSSIA estimates

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KCE Electronics

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	2,281	1,569	2,266	2,524	2,725
Depreciation	1,114	1,126	1,226	1,409	1,529
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
Other non-cash items	(19)	(14)	(19)	(19)	(21
Change in working capital	(1,186)	832	228	204	(392
Cash flow from operations	2,191	3,513	3,701	4,117	3,841
Capex - maintenance	(993)	(402)	(2,000)	(3,660)	(2,400
Capex - new investment let acquisitions & disposals	(993)	(402)	(2,000)	(3,000)	(2,400
Other investments (net)	121	- 76	6	(12)	(10
Cash flow from investing	(872)	(325)	(1,994)	(3,672)	(2,410
Dividends paid	(2,322)	(1,419)	(1,786)	(1,893)	(2,044
Equity finance	10	4	0	0	(2,011
Debt finance	173	(1,150)	(39)	781	409
Other financing cash flows	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1
cash flow from financing	(2,141)	(2,566)	(1,825)	(1,113)	(1,637
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Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
Movement in cash	(821)	622	(118)	(668)	(206
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	1,391.42	3,291.81	1,771.32	548.61	1,547.7
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,490.66	2,036.57	1,667.94	1,224.75	1,837.87
Per share (THB)					
-CFF per share	1.18	2.78	1.50	0.46	1.3
FCFE per share	1.26	1.72	1.41	1.04	1.5
Recurring cash flow per share	2.86	2.27	2.94	3.31	3.58
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
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Tangible fixed assets (gross)	19,658	18,912	20,912	24,572	26,97
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(10,779)	(10,758)	(11,984)	(13,392)	(14,921
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ntangible fixed assets (net) ong-term financial assets	323	204	284	204	20
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Cash & equivalents	1,145	1,767	1,649	981	77
A/C receivable	4,900	4,379	4,516	4,741	5,12
nventories	4,908	3,793	3,405	3,753	4,06
Other current assets	127	141	148	164	17
Current assets	11,079	10,079	9,718	9,638	10,14
Other assets	138	122	115	127	13
Total assets	20,993	19,193	19,600	21,783	23,16
Common equity	13,389	13,689	14,284	14,915	15,59
Minorities etc.	56	61	60	58	5
Total shareholders' equity	13,445	13,749	14,343	14,973	15,65
ong term debt	910	515	525	1,058	1,35
Other long-term liabilities	395	367	330	382	41
ong-term liabilities	1,305	882	855	1,440	1,76
VC payable	3,249	2,728	2,724	3,377	3,65
Short term debt	2,915	1,748	1,596	1,902	1,99
Other current liabilities	80	85	82	91	9
Current liabilities	6,244	4,562	4,402	5,370	5,75
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	20,993	19,193	19,600	21,783	23,16
let working capital nvested capital	6,606	5,499	5,263	5,189	5,61
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	16,520 ing treated as debt	14,613	15,145	17,334	18,64
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Per share (THB)					
look value per share	11.33	11.58	12.08	12.62	13.1
angible book value per share	11.06	11.34	11.84	12.38	12.9
Financial strength	40.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	
Vet debt/equity (%)	19.9	3.6	3.3	13.2	16.
let debt/total assets (%)	12.8	2.6	2.4	9.1	11.
Current ratio (x) CF interest cover (x)	1.8 35.5	2.2 24.5	2.2 58.6	1.8 48.2	1.i 37.:
'aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Recurring P/E (x) *	22.5	32.8	22.7	20.4	18.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	25.9	37.7	26.1	23.4	21.
Reported P/E (x)	22.2	29.9	21.6	20.4	18.
Dividend yield (%)	3.7	2.5	3.5	3.7	4.
Price/book (x)	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.
Price/tangible book (x)	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.
EV/EBITDA (x) **	15.0	17.7	14.0	12.8	11.
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	17.1	20.3	16.1	14.6	13.
EV/invested capital (x)	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.

Sources: KCE Electronics; FSSIA estimates

KCE Electronics PCL (KCE TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

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Exhibit 14: FSSIA ESG score implication

45.77 /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 15: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA		Domestic 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		
DELTA	87.59	Υ	Υ	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	68.81	AA		91.19	74.00	4.15			
HANA	56.35		Y	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Negligible	56.93	BBB		44.01	31.00	1.81			
KCE	45.77				5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	52.70			61.53	16.00	2.16	52.98		

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

Exhibit 16: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	1.34	1.35	1.35	1.36	1.37	1.70	2.06	2.16
BESG environmental pillar score	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
BESG social pillar score	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	1.44	1.45	1.58
BESG governance pillar score	4.64	4.67	4.67	4.77	4.83	4.83	4.71	4.90
ESG disclosure score	40.30	41.69	40.30	40.64	46.82	53.50	54.91	52.98
Environmental disclosure score	19.21	19.21	19.21	19.21	33.59	49.50	53.76	52.13
Social disclosure score	20.44	24.61	20.44	21.46	25.63	29.78	29.78	25.60
Governance disclosure score	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10	81.10
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	Yes						
Climate change policy	No							
Climate change opportunities discussed	No							
Risks of climate change discussed	No							
GHG scope 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	3	3
GHG scope 2 location-based	_	_	_	_	_	_	64	70
GHG Scope 3	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_	_	_	4	4
Biodiversity policy	No							
Energy efficiency policy	Yes							
Total energy consumption	_	_	_	_	_	121	152	163
Renewable energy use	_	_	_	_	_	1	2	4
Electricity used	_	_	_	_	_	112	140	152
Fuel used - natural gas	_		_	_	_	850	1,100	1,130

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 17: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No							
Waste reduction policy	Yes							
Hazardous waste	6	8	9	12	8	3	5	_
Total waste	7	11	13	15	12	13	17	20
Waste recycled	_	_	_	_	_	11	15	16
Waste sent to landfills	_	_	_	_	_	2	3	3
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	Yes							
Water consumption	_	_	_	_	_	1,650	2,232	2,612
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes							
Policy against child labor	Yes							
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes							
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	Yes							
Gender pay gap breakout	No							
Pct women in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	52	46	52
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Business ethics policy	Yes							
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes							
Health and safety policy	Yes							
Lost time incident rate - employees	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1
Total recordable incident rate - employees	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	_
Training policy	Yes							
Fair remuneration policy	No							
Number of employees – CSR	2,388	2,696	1,021	1,042	1,019	984	974	1,049
Employee turnover pct	_	_	_	_	_	11	10	11
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	176,855	198,156	187,310	229,906	83,545	33,247	44,164	67,795
Social supply chain management	Yes							
Governance								
Board size	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
No. of independent directors (ID)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of women on board	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of non-executive directors on board	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes							
No. of board meetings for the year	12	12	12	12	12	13	12	12
Board meeting attendance pct	99	97	97	94	95	96	99	99
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No							
Age of the youngest director	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
Age of the oldest director	78	79	80	81	82	74	75	76
No. of executives / company managers	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	11
No. of female executives	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Executive share ownership guidelines	No							
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	4	4	5	5	6	5	4	5
Audit meeting attendance %	100	92	100	100	83	100	75	93
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	1
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	100	83	89	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	1
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100	83	89	100	100	100
Sustainability governance								
Verification type	No							

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodolog	Л У			Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (<u>DJSI</u>) By S&P Global	process bas from the ann	ed on the comp nual S&P Globa	ransparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabili al Corporate Sustainabilit 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 nvestment List (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing be Candidates 1) no irregul float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	usiness with tra must pass the ar trading of the shareholders, some key disque ependent direct related to CG,	ity in Environmental and ansparency in Governand preemptive criteria, with e board members and es and combined holding alifying criteria include: 1 lors 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 <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 at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.					
CG Score by Thai nstitute of Directors Association Thai IOD)	annually by Thailand (St	the Thai IOD, v	n in sustainable developn with support from the Sto s 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 nvestors 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	e incorporated and sufficiently e CG componer AGM procedu and after the manufacture informatic e second assessey; and 3) opennesses of the component incorporation in the component in the compon	hich shareholders' rights into business operations disclosed. All form imports to be evaluated annuares before the meeting (10%). (The first as ion for voting; and 2) facilitations to the ease of attending mess for Q&A. The third involves, 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 is 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.					
Fhai 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 c Certification is eciding to become Intent to kick off including risk asse	Checklist include corruptions, and the monitoring and so good for three years. The armount of th	nd developing of art by submitting a mit the CAC Checklist for ad control, training of	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 an risk is unma	assessment o naged. <i>Sources</i>	sk rating provides an ove of how much of a compan to be reviewed include corpo er media, NGO reports/webs	ny's exposure to ESG orate publications and			score is the sum higher ESG risk		ed risk. The	
		information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality & peer reviews.				Low 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+	
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explai over-weighti	o outperform ov of financial ma n future risk-ad	ustainable companies the ver the long term. The me ateriality including informa justed performance. Mat h higher materiality and in thy 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.					
<u>MSCI</u>			neasure a company's ma d laggards according to t						nethodology to	
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	AA	7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in ma	anaying trie most s	yıllıdık ESG fi	sks and opportunitie	75		
	Α	5.714-7.142		a material de	nal 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						
	ВВ	2.857-4.285		, .						
	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 ··· ··· 24501 ; 2400	g., and is manage agriculture					
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Refinitiv ESG ating	based on pu	ıblicly available	and objectively measure and auditable data. The a publicly. (Score ratings a	score ranges from 0 to	100 on relative E	SG performar	nce and insufficie	nt degree of t		
S&P Global			e is a relative score mea n the same industry clas				of ESG risks, op	portunities, ar	impacts	
Bloomberg	ESG Score		score is based on Bloom	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)	
	ESG Disclos		Disclosure of a compan							

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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
09-Feb-2023 16-May-2023	HOLD HOLD	50.00 35.50	10-Aug-2023 16-Oct-2023	BUY HOLD	52.00 60.00	14-Feb-2024	HOLD	43.00

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Delta Electronics (DELTA TB) Jul-21 Jul-22 Jan-23 Jul-24 Jan-22 Jul-23 Jan-24 120 Juny Juny 100 80 60 40 20 **Delta Electronics Target Price** (THB) Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price REDUCE 17-Feb-2023 REDUCE 56.00 02-Aug-2023 70.00 29-Apr-2024 REDUCE 61.00

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 17-Feb-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Hana Microelectronics (HANA TB) Jul-22 Jul-23 Jul-21 Jan-22 Jan-23 Jan-24 Jul-24 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 Target Price Hana Microelectronics (THB) Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price

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 Rating
 Target price

 07-Mar-2023
 HOLD
 60.00
 21-Aug-2023
 BUY
 67.00
 16-Nov-2023
 BUY
 60.00

 22-May-2023
 BUY
 64.00
 05-Mar-2024
 BUY
 50.00

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 07-Mar-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
KCE Electronics	KCE TB	THB 43.50	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) slower-than-expected global economic and car sales recoveries; 2) lower-than-expected decrease in raw material costs; 3) a weaker-than-expected in THB; and 4) a minimum wage increase or a labour shortage.
Delta Electronics	DELTA TB	THB 84.50	REDUCE	Upside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) higher-than-expected global EV sales growth; 2) a sooner-than-expected decrease in raw material costs; and 3) a weaker-than-expected THB.
Hana Microelectronics	HANA TB	THB 48.00	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected recovery in the global economy and purchasing power, 2) higher-than-expected raw material costs, 3) Baht strength, and 4) higher minimum wage and labor shortages.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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