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# 2Q24 results at first glance

# 2Q24 core profit beat our estimate by over 30%

#### Highlights

 GABLE posted a net profit of THB63m in 2Q24 with one extra gain related to a deferred tax reversal of THB29m. Excluding the deferred tax item, GABLE reported a core profit of THB93m (+961% q-q, +55% y-y), beating our estimate by over 30%.

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- The significant q-q surge in 2Q24 core profit was the result of revenue recognition from the very large-scale hardware project worth cTHB700m won in late 1Q24, bringing the revenue from the enterprise solution unit (83% of total revenue) to its highest-ever level at THB1.6b (+75% q-q, +77% y-y).
- The rapidly growing revenue came at the cost of a lower gross margin. The blended gross margin in 2Q24 slid to 15.7% (-210 bps qq and -520 bps y-y). The SG&A expense was well controlled, resulting in EBITDA growth of 352% q-q and 44.5% y-y.
- The sharp increase in interest expenses was due to the temporary rise in short-term loans to support the bidding project during the previous quarter. Once the company delivered the job, it repaid the loan. We expect GABLE to return to a near-debt-free company again in 3Q24.
- GABLE's revenue and core profit in 1H24 grew 31.1% y-y and 49.5% y-y, respectively.

#### Outlook

- Typically, the performance in 2H is much higher than in 1H. GABLE's core profit in 1H24, which achieved 49% of our full-year forecast, helps mitigate the downside risks to our estimates.
- Our estimated revenue for 2024 of THB5.9b should be secured by the company's backlog of THB5.6b; 73% of our forecast. We, therefore, maintain our projection.
- We retain our BUY call with the same TP of THB5.50, based on a 2024E P/E of 15.0x.
- Note that PM Srettha's dismissal opens risks to economic growth, stalls the approval of the 2025 budget, and creates a no-confidence mood. The increased risks may lead us to revise our target P/E downward. We are closely monitoring the domestic political situation.



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TARGET PRICE	THB5.50
CLOSE	THB3.44
UP/DOWNSIDE	+59.9%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+11.1%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	5,338	5,890	6,263	6,598
Net profit	252	258	304	342
EPS (THB)	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.49
vs Consensus (%)	-	5.7	-	100.0
EBITDA	381	363	421	470
Recurring net profit	252	258	304	342
Core EPS (THB)	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.49
EPS growth (%)	(29.2)	2.3	18.0	12.5
Core P/E (x)	9.6	9.4	7.9	7.0
Dividend yield (%)	8.4	5.4	6.3	7.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.2	4.4	4.1	4.0
Price/book (x)	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Net debt/Equity (%)	(54.6)	(39.3)	(33.0)	(26.9)
ROE (%)	15.2	12.0	14.6	16.7



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(8.0)	(30.9)	(24.9)
Relative to country (%)	(5.2)	(26.4)	(10.8)
Mkt cap (USD m)			69
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.1
Free float (%)			64
Major shareholder	Liud	chareon Fa	mily (22%)
12m high/low (THB)			5.50/3.40
Issued shares (m)			700.02

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

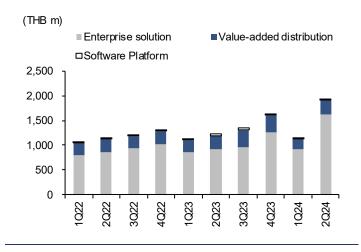
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#### Exhibit 1: GABLE – 2Q24 results summary

Year to Dec 31	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	Cha	nge	1H23	1H24	Change	2024E	Change	% of
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(y-y %)	2024E				
Sales revenue	1,223	1,342	1,638	1,153	1,938	68.0	58.4	2,358	3,091	31.1	5,890	10.3	52.5
Cost of sales	(968)	(1,067)	(1,289)	(948)	(1,633)	72.2	68.8	(1,883)	(2,582)	37.1	(4,751)	12.1	54.3
Gross profit	255	275	349	205	305	48.6	19.3	476	510	7.1	1,138	3.5	44.8
Other income	9	4	5	7	13	79.2	51.2	11	20	81.4	27	31.4	76.3
SG&A expenses	(185)	(193)	(225)	(200)	(198)	(0.9)	7.1	(370)	(398)	7.7	(839)	6.5	47.5
Operating profit	79	86	129	12	119	880.5	51.5	117	131	12.2	299	(3.9)	43.9
Operating EBITDA	96	103	147	31	139	352.0	44.5	151	169	12.3	363	(4.8)	46.7
Interest expense	(5)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(4)	162.5	(14.2)	(11)	(6)	(44.2)	(2)	(83.0)	244.1
Profit before tax	74	83	128	10	115	995.8	56.2	106	125	18.1	323	2.0	38.8
Tax	(13)	(16)	(26)	(2)	(52)	3,200.9	285.6	(21)	(53)	149.9	(65)	0.7	82.6
Reported net profit	60	66	101	9	63	623.8	5.9	84	72	(14.6)	258	2.3	28.0
Core profit	60	66	101	9	93	960.8	55.2	84	126	49.5	258	2.3	49.0
Reported EPS (THB)	0.09	0.09	0.14	0.01	0.09	622.4	(2.3)	0.14	0.10	(26.1)	0.37	2.3	28.0
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.09	0.09	0.14	0.01	0.09	622.4	(2.3)	0.14	0.10	(26.1)	0.37	2.3	28.0
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)	
Gross margin	20.9	20.5	21.3	17.8	15.7	(2.1)	(5.2)	20.2	16.5	(3.7)	19.3	(1.3)	
Operating margin	6.4	6.4	7.9	1.1	6.2	5.1	(0.3)	5.0	4.3	(0.7)	5.1	(0.8)	
EBITDA margin	7.8	7.7	9.0	2.7	7.2	4.5	(0.7)	6.4	5.5	(0.9)	6.2	(1.0)	
Recurring net margin	4.9	4.9	6.2	0.8	4.8	4.0	(0.1)	3.6	4.1	0.5	4.4	(0.3)	
SG&A / Sales	15.1	14.4	13.7	17.3	10.2	(7.1)	(4.9)	15.7	12.9	(2.8)	14.2	(0.5)	
Revenue breakdown	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(y-y %)					
Enterprise solution	912	949	1,256	923	1,616	75.0	77.3	1,764	2,540	44.0	4,247	7.0	
Value-added services	282	360	347	207	291	40.8	3.4	538	498	(7.3)	1,451	16.6	
Software platform	30	32	35	23	30	31.4	1.5	57	53	(6.4)	192	54.3	

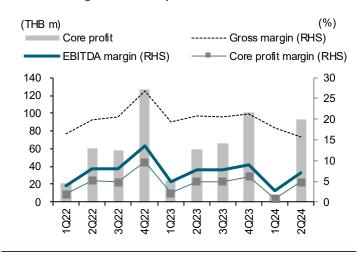
Sources: GABLE, FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 2: Revenue structure



Sources: GABLE, FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 3: Margins and core profit



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# **Financial Statements**

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	4,731	5,338	5,890	6,263	6,598
Cost of goods sold	(3,728)	(4,239)	(4,751)	(4,965)	(5,199)
Gross profit	1,003	1,099	1,138	1,298	1,399
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	(703)	(788)	(839)	(940)	(990)
Operating EBITDA	366	381	363	421	470
Depreciation	(66)	(70)	(63)	(63)	(62)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	300	312	299	359	408
Net financing costs	(8)	(15)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	41	20	27	25	23
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	334	317	323	382	429
Tax	(66)	(64)	(65)	(76)	(86)
Profit after tax	268	253	259	305	343
Minority interests	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	267	252	258	304	342
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	267	252	258	304	342
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.51	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.49
Reported EPS	0.51	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.49
DPS	1.92	0.29	0.18	0.22	0.25
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	525	700	700	700	700
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(4.2)	12.8	10.3	6.3	5.3
Operating EBITDA (%)	11.7	4.1	(4.8)	16.1	11.6
Operating EBIT (%)	16.7	3.8	(3.9)	19.8	13.9
Recurring EPS (%)	8.7	(29.2)	2.3	18.0	12.5
Reported EPS (%)	8.7	(29.2)	2.3	18.0	12.5
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	21.2	20.6	19.3	20.7	21.2
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	22.6	21.9	20.4	21.7	22.1
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	7.7	7.1	6.2	6.7	7.1
Operating EBIT margin (%)	6.3	5.8	5.1	5.7	6.2
Net margin (%)	5.6	4.7	4.4	4.9	5.2
Effective tax rate (%)	(20.3)	(20.0)	(20.0)	(20.0)	(20.0)
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	378.3	80.3	50.2	50.2	50.2
Interest cover (X)	43.5	22.6	130.9	181.6	199.4
Inventory days	4.4	3.9	4.0	5.8	8.3
Debtor days	64.8	79.5	74.4	64.0	64.3
Creditor days	44.9	67.1	63.3	42.0	42.0
Operating ROIC (%)	27.5	25.0	24.3	24.1	25.2
ROIC (%)	23.6	19.9	19.6	19.9	20.9
ROE (%)	18.8	15.2	12.0	14.6	16.7
ROA (%)	6.8	5.5	4.9	6.1	6.8
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Enterprise solution and services	3,607	3,969	4,247	4,502	4,709
Value-added distribution solution	1,052	1,245	1,451	1,512	1,565

Sources: G-Able; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	20268
ecurring net profit	267	252	258	304	342
epreciation	66	70	63	63	62
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
other non-cash items	2	(57)	(213)	(199)	(198
Change in working capital	(570)	405	(275)	(78)	(83
ash flow from operations	(235)	670 (07)	(167)	90	12:
Capex - maintenance	(66)	(67)	(76)	(68)	(68
Capex - new investment	(17)	(17)	(19)	(17)	(17
let acquisitions & disposals	- 7	- 0	- 0	-	
other investments (net) Cash flow from investing	(76)		(95)		(85
Dividends paid	(1,009)	<b>(84)</b> (299)	(129)	<b>(85)</b> (153)	(03 (172
couity finance	(1,009)	1,086	(129)	(153)	(172
Debt finance	678	728	0	0	
other financing cash flows	(19)	(1,383)	2	2	
ash flow from financing	(200)	131	(127)	(150)	(169
lon-recurring cash flows	()	-	()	(,	(
other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
et other adjustments	0	0	(14)	0	
lovement in cash	(511)	718	(403)	(145)	(131
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(303.20)	601.00	(259.71)	7.13	39.8
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	347.56	(69.35)	(273.79)	7.50	40.2
er share (THB) CFF per share	(0.43)	0.86	(0.37)	0.01	0.06
CFE per share	0.50	(0.10)	(0.37)	0.01	0.00
Recurring cash flow per share	0.64	0.38	0.15	0.24	0.29
alance Sheet (THR m) Year Ending Dee			20245	20255	
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	20268
angible fixed assets (gross)	343	364	414	454	494
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(260)	(281)	(301)	(322)	(342
angible fixed assets (net)	83	83	113	132	15
ntangible fixed assets (net)	173	190	177	180	18:
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	0	0	0	65
cash & equivalents	620	1,338	935	790	65
/C receivable	988	1,337 42	1,065 62	1,133 93	1,19
iventories other current assets	48 1,980	42 2,416	62 2,465	93 2,514	14 2,56
current assets	3,636	2,416 <b>5,133</b>	2,465 <b>4,527</b>	2,514 <b>4,530</b>	2,00 <b>4,55</b>
other assets	145	163	4,527	<b>4,330</b> 173	4,35
otal assets	4,037	5,569	4,985	5,015	5,06
common equity	1,133	2,179	2,107	2,058	2,02
linorities etc.	7	2,173	2,107	2,000	2,02
otal shareholders' equity	1,140	2,186	2,116	2,068	2,04
ong term debt	101	80	83	85	2,04
Other long-term liabilities	167	189	198	208	21
ong-term liabilities	268	269	281	294	30
VC payable	459	1,074	552	577	60
short term debt	698	64	22	22	22
Other current liabilities	1,472	1,975	2,015	2,055	2,096
urrent liabilities	2,629	3,114	2,588	2,653	2,72
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	4,037	5,569	4,985	5,015	5,06
let working capital	1,085	746	1,026	1,108	1,19
vested capital	1,486	1,182	1,484	1,594	1,71
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	ng treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	2.16	3.11	3.01	2.94	2.9
angible book value per share	1.83	2.84	2.76	2.68	2.64
inancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	15.7	(54.6)	(39.3)	(33.0)	(26.9
et debt/total assets (%)	4.4	(21.4)	(16.7)	(13.6)	(10.8
urrent ratio (x)	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.
F interest cover (x)	47.4	(2.6)	(101.4)	12.6	27.
aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
ecurring P/E (x) *	6.8	9.6	9.4	7.9	7.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	10.8	15.3	15.0	12.7	11.
eported P/E (x)	6.8	9.6	9.4	7.9	7.
ividend yield (%)	55.9	8.4	5.4	6.3	7.
rrice/book (x)	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
rice/tangible book (x)	1.9	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
V/EBITDA (x) **	5.4	3.2	4.4	4.1 7.5	4.
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	8.4	7.0	8.3	7.5	7.0
V/invested capital (x)	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1

Sources: G-Able; FSSIA estimates



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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
G-Able	GABLE TB	THB 3.44	BUY	The key downside risks to our TP are 1) failure to secure new projects from customers; 2) a lack of human resources; and 3) more intense competition.

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Additional Disclosures

Target price history, stock price charts, valuation and risk details, and equity rating histories applicable to each company rated in this report is available in our most recently published reports. You can contact the analyst named on the front of this note or your representative at Finansia Syrus Securities Public Company Limited.

All share prices are as at market close on 14-Aug-2024 unless otherwise stated.

# **RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE**

### 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%.

REDUCE (R). The downside is 10% or more.

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.

**Neutral (N).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on one 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.

**Underweight (U).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any 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.

