#### EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

# ASSET WORLD CORP

THAILAND / PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

## Asset enhancement drives value

- Hotel business is in growth mode with strong forward bookings and solid EBITDA flow-through. Successfully increasing ADR with optimal development costs.
- Expect strong y-y earnings growth momentum in 3Q24 and 4Q24.
- Maintain BUY with a DCF-based TP of THB5.5/shr.

#### Positive feedback from the analyst and Opportunity Day meetings

We attended the analyst meeting on 14 Aug and the Opportunity Day on 20 Aug and have positive feedback. AWC reported a strong core profit of THB204m in 2Q24 (+151% y-y), driven by RevPAR growth of 7% y-y. We believe the strong RevPAR growth momentum should continue this year. In addition, the 2024 forward bookings remain strong with growth of 20% compared to 2023 as of 8 Jul-24.

#### EBITDA margin should continue to improve

The EBITDA margin of the hotel business improved to 37% in 1H24 from 33% in 2023, driven by strong 10% y-y RevPAR growth. In addition, EBITDA flow-through was solid at 60% in 1H24, in line with AWC's target. There are some assets that recorded strong flow-through in 2Q24, such as DoubleTree by Hilton (109%), The Athenee Hotel (87%) and Banyan Tree Krabi (80%). AWC also sees that its strategy of asset enhancement is working well. The development costs to renovate some assets are only 25-71% of the asset value, while the ADR increase is 145-380% compared to the pre-development stage (see Exhibit 8).

#### Expect core profit to jump by 93% to THB2.2b

We expect the strong earnings growth momentum to continue in 3Q24, driven by the EBITDA margin recovery of Asiatique, which improved to 71% in 1H24, compared to the low base of 44% in 3Q23 (dragged by expenses related to the Disney 100 Village event). For 4Q24, we expect strong hotel business growth thanks to the high tourism season and more hotel rooms, targeted to increase from 6,029 in 2023 to 6,896 in 2024. Overall, we expect core profit to double y-y to THB2.2b in 2024.

#### Asset value has increased and EBITDA yield has improved

AWC's share price has fallen by 11% over the past month. We believe this presents an opportunity to accumulate the stock to capture its promising outlook. In addition, the asset value has increased to THB152b in 2Q24 (vs THB96b in 2019), while the EBITDA yield has improved from 3.8% in 2023 to 4.2% currently, and should continue to improve to the long-term target of 10-15%. AWC trades at 49x 2024E core profit P/E (vs peers' average of 48x). Including an estimated fair value gain of THB4.0b in 2024, it would come down to only 17x P/E.



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**FSSIA ESG rating** 

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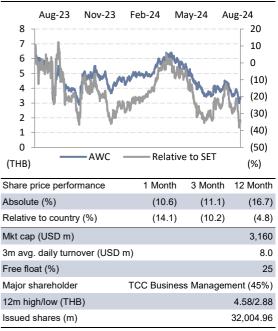
# UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB5.50
CLOSE	THB3.38
UP/DOWNSIDE	+62.7%
PRIOR TP	THB5.50
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+14.0%

## **KEY STOCK DATA**

AWC TB

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	13,702	16,731	19,529	27,796
Net profit	5,038	6,190	5,116	5,722
EPS (THB)	0.16	0.19	0.16	0.18
vs Consensus (%)	-	123.5	55.3	20.8
EBITDA	4,763	6,502	7,735	9,523
Recurring net profit	1,134	2,190	2,616	3,222
Core EPS (THB)	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.10
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)
EPS growth (%)	nm	93.1	19.4	23.2
Core P/E (x)	95.4	49.4	41.4	33.6
Dividend yield (%)	1.5	0.8	1.0	1.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	37.5	29.9	27.2	23.5
Price/book (x)	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
Net debt/Equity (%)	80.4	94.0	106.1	114.2
ROE (%)	1.3	2.4	2.8	3.3



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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#### **Investment thesis**

AWC plans to aggressively expand its hotel portfolio from 18 hotels in 2022 to 38 hotels by 2031 and expand its commercial property assets with a net leasable area (NLA) of 427k sqm to 673k sqm by 2027.

AWC has a strong balance sheet with an IBD/E of only 0.8x as of 2Q24, with ample room for M&A deals. It also has a competitive advantage since it has a grant of rights (GOR) agreement with its major shareholder, Thai Charoen Corporation Group (TCC, not listed). Under the GOR, AWC has the right of first offer on assets that TCC plans to sell, and the right of first refusal on assets when any third party makes an offer.

Most of AWC's assets are classified as freehold, with about half of its asset value in land located in prime areas across Thailand. We believe the value of those assets will likely appreciate in the future, which should support its balance sheet's gearing ratio for expansion projects.

#### **Company profile**

AWC is the pure-play leader in the Thai hospitality and commercial property business.

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#### Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

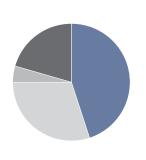
Hotel revenue - 74.3 %

Retail and office revenue - 25.7 %

Source: Asset World Corp

#### Major shareholders

- TCC Business Management -45.0 %
- TCC Retail 30.0 %
- NOMURA SINGAPORE LIMITED - 4.5 %
- Others 20.5 %



Source: Asset World Corp

#### Catalysts

Key growth drivers include 1) a faster OCC ramp-up rate following a global tourism recovery; 2) improving consumption and economic growth resulting in a strong retail business; and 3) pent-up demand from Chinese tourists.

#### 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, which may result in price competition; and 3) the slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.

#### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 Nov 2024
 3Q24 results announcement

#### **Key assumptions**

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Hotel - Number of rooms (no.)	6,896	7,020	9,037
Hotel - Occupancy rate (OCC %)	65.2	72.6	71.6
Hotel - RevPAR growth (%)	6.4	16.4	18.7
Retail - NLA ('000 sqm)	377.6	377.6	377.6
Retail - Occupancy rate (OCC %)	51.6	60.0	67.1
Retail - Rental rate growth (%)	(17.5)	6.9	10.7
Office - NLA ('000 sqm)	270.6	270.6	270.6
Office - Occupancy rate (OCC %)	69.0	69.5	70.0
Office - Rental rate growth (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Earnings sensitivity**

- For every 1% increase in hotel OCC, we project a 2024 profit increase of 4%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in retail OCC, we project a 2024 profit increase of 5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



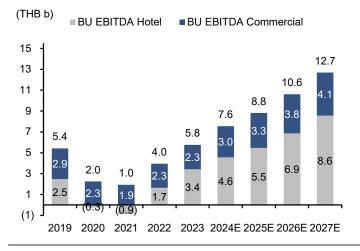
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#### Exhibit 1: AWC's asset size



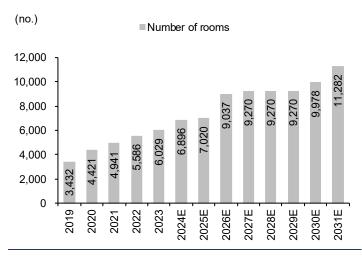
Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 3: BU EBITDA forecast



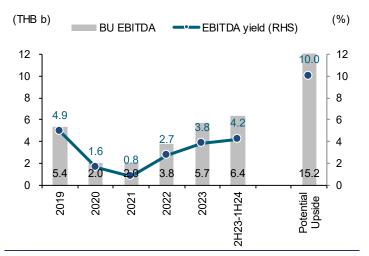
Note: BU EBITDA (business unit EBITDA) is EBITDA before corporate expenses Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 5: Hotel room expansion pipeline



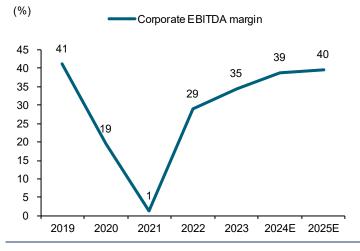
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#### Exhibit 2: BU EBITDA and EBITDA yield (rate of return)



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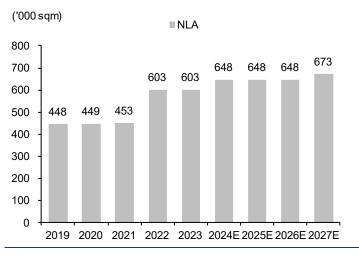
#### Exhibit 4: Corporate EBITDA margin



Note: Includes corporate expenses

Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 6: NLA of retail and commercial expansion



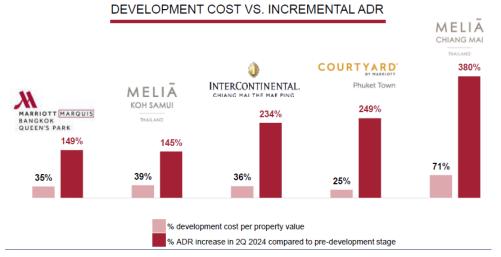
Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 7: Hotel projects in pipeline

No.		Hotel rooms	Open
		(no.)	
1	Marriott Resort Jomtien Beach	289	4Q24
2	Melia Pattaya City	234	4Q24
3	Fairmont Bangkok Sukhumvit	344	2024
4	InterContinental Chiang Mai The Mae Ping Phase 2	294	N/A
5	Kimpton Hua Hin	156	2025
6	The Plaza Athenee Nobu Hotel and Spa Bangkok	289	2026
7	JW Marriott The Pattaya Beach Resort & Spa	398	2026
8	Pattaya Marriott Marquis Hotel	900	2026
9	Aquatique Pattaya, Autograph Collection	306	2026
10	Nobu Bangkok (OP Place)	28	2026
11	Nobu Bangkok (Swan project)	28	2026
12	The Imperial Golden Triangle Resort Project	68	4Q26
13	Lhong 1919	86	2027
14	Banyan Tree Jomtien Pattaya	147	2027
15	Woeng Nakhon Kasem	528	2030
16	The Asiatique Bangkok, Autograph Collection hotel	180	2030
17	JW Marriott Marquis Hotel Asiatique Bangkok	1,000	2031
18	Ritz-Carlton Reserve Asiatique	304	2031
	Total	5,579	

Source: AWC

#### Exhibit 8: Asset enhancement with competitive costs



Source: AWC

## Recap: 2Q24 results review

AWC reported a 2Q24 core profit of THB204m (+151% y-y, -70% q-q), driven by the strong hotel business. Including a THB1.0b gain on changes in the fair value of investment properties, AWC booked a net profit of THB1.2b.

<u>Hospitality business</u>: Hotel revenue grew 13% y-y in 2Q24. RevPAR grew by 7% y-y, with an OCC rate of 66% (63% in 2Q23). Bangkok hotels were the key drivers in this quarter, with revenue growth of 28% y-y and the strong performance of Le Meridien Bangkok.

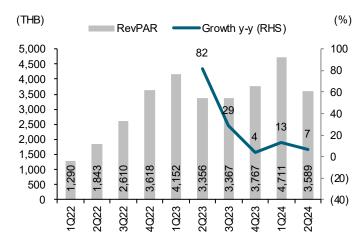
<u>Retail and commercial business</u>: Revenue dropped by 4% y-y due to high base of Asiatique following the Disney 100 Village event in 2Q23. Office building revenue grew by 1% y-y.

EBITDA of operating assets (BU EBITDA) improved to THB1.5b in 2Q24 (vs THB1.2b in 2Q23), consisting of THB0.8b for the hotel business, THB0.2b for the retail business and THB0.4b for office properties.

The EBITDA margin of the hotel business improved to 31% in the quarter (vs 30% in 2Q23), while the EBITDA margin of the retail and commercial business also improved to 70% (vs 55% in 2Q23). Including corporate expenses, group EBITDA improved to THB1.2b in 2Q24 from THB0.9b in 2Q23, with an EBITDA margin of 34% (vs 29% in 2Q23).

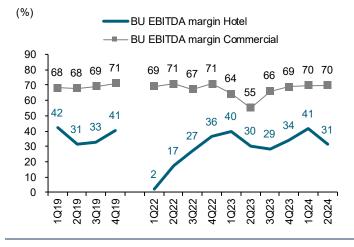
1H24 core profit jumped by 68% y-y to THB0.9b and accounted for 40% of our 2024 core profit forecast of THB2.2b.

#### Exhibit 9: RevPAR trend, quarterly



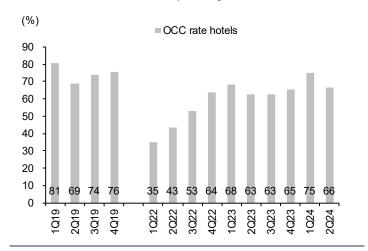
Sources: AWC; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 11: EBITDA margins



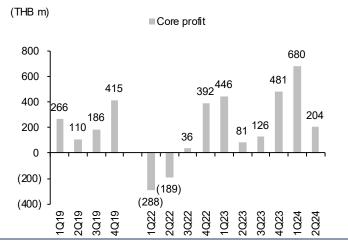
Sources: AWC; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 10: OCC rate trend, quarterly



Source: AWC; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 12: Core profit, quarterly



Sources: AWC; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 13: AWC – 2Q24 results review

	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24 (THR m)	2Q24		ge	2023 (THR m)	2024E	Chang
0.1	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(у-у %
Sales	3,186	3,267	3,702	4,194	3,448	(18)	8	13,702	16,731	2
- Hotel	2,269	2,373	2,818	3,317	2,572	(22)	13	10,175	12,473	2
- Commercial	917	894	884	877	876	(0)	(4)	3,526	4,258	2
COGS (Incl. depreciation)	(1,630)	(1,601)	(1,723)	(1,738)	(1,654)	(5)	1	(6,509)	(7,200)	1
Gross profit	1,556	1,665	1,978	2,457	1,794	(27)	15	7,193	9,531	3
SG&A	(1,080)	(1,128)	(975)	(1,188)	(1,127)	(5)	4	(4,247)	(5,169)	2
Net management income	7	45	49	7	5	(36)	(37)	102	195	9
Operating profit	482	582	1,053	1,276	671	(47)	39	3,048	4,556	4
Other income	9	7	19	32	54	66	515	47	84	8
Interest income	1	1	2	1	2	266	86	4	5	1
Interest expenses	(398)	(435)	(476)	(471)	(484)	3	22	(1,686)	(1,983)	1
Pretax profit	95	155	(470) 598	838	(404) 243	(71)	156	1,413	2,662	, 8
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Income Tax	(14)	(19)	(90)	(202)	(40)	(80)	197	(243)	(462)	ç
Associates	0	(9)	(26)	44	1			(10)	(10)	
Minority interest										
Core profit	81	126	481	680	204	(70)	151	1,160	2,190	8
Extraordinaries, GW & FX	1,041	1,010	877	925	1,044	13	0	3,904	4,000	
Reported net profit	1,122	1,136	1,358	1,605	1,247	(22)	11	5,063	6,190	2
Shares out (end Q, m)	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000	0	0	32,002	32,002	
Core EPS (THB)	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.01	(70)	151	0.04	0.07	8
EPS (THB)	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	(22)	11	0.16	0.19	2
COGS (Excl. depreciation)	(1,197)	(1,174)	(1,276)	(1,284)	(1,193)	(7)	(0)	(4,840)	(5,339)	1
Depreciation	(433)	(427)	(448)	(454)	(461)	2	6	(1,669)	(1,862)	1
EBITDA	924	1,017	1,519	1,762	1,186	(33)	28	4,763	6,502	,
Key ratios										
-	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(pp
Gross margin	49	51	53	59	52	(7)	3	52	57	
SG&A/Revenue	34	35	26	28	33	4	(1)	31	31	(
EBITDA margin	29	31	41	42	34	(8)	5	35	39	
Hotel	30	29	34	41	31	(10)	1			
Retail	29	52	58	61	60	(2)	31			
Office	75	76	77	75	76	1	1			
Net profit margin	35	35	37	38	36	(2)	1	37	37	
Operating stats										
MICE										
OCC (%)	64	64	63	70	63					
ADR (THB)	5,342	5,146	5,428	5,536	5,356					
RevPar (THB)	3,401	3,278	3,437	3,876	3,396					
Bangkok City	0,401	0,270	0,407	0,010	0,000					
	70	64	70	70	70					
	70	64	73	79	76					
ADR (THB)	3,937	3,843	4,043	4,151	3,829					
RevPar (THB)	2,762	2,459	2,955	3,288	2,893					
Luxury Resorts										
OCC (%)	65	72	66	85	68					
ADR (THB)	17,062	17,050	19,330	22,980	18,379					
RevPar (THB)	11,102	12,351	12,835	19,414	12,539					
Non-Bangkok										
OCC (%)	57	60	63	79	65					
ADR (THB)	4,616	4,865	5,671	6,387	4,769					
RevPar (THB)	2,648	2,902	3,572	5,044	3,100					
Tourist Lifestyle	2,040	2,302	5,572	3,044	5,100					
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OCC (%)	66	60	69	70	70					
Rental rate (THB)	1,264	1,321	1,233	1,271	1,271					
Community Shopping Malls	05	~~		05	0.1					
OCC (%)	65	66	66	65	64					
Rental rate (THB)	643	629	663	670	691					
Community Market										
OCC (%)	40	75	76	73	73					
Rental rate (THB)	629	492	488	519	539					
Commercial (Office)										
Commercial (Office) OCC (%)	69	68	68	67	66					

Sources: AWC; FSSIA estimates



#### Exhibit 14: DCF valuation

Cost of equity assumptions	(%)	Cost of debt assumptions	(%)
Risk-free rate	3.0	Pre-tax cost of debt	3.8
Market risk premium	8.0	Marginal tax rate	20.0
Stock beta	1.0		
Cost of equity, Ke	11.0	Net cost of debt, Kd	2.1
Weight applied	60.0	Weight applied	40.0
WACC	7.8		

DCF valuation estimate	(THB b)	(THB/share)	Comments
NPV	19.1	0.6	WACC 7.8%, risk-free rate 3%, risk premium 8%
Terminal value	241.4	7.5	Terminal growth 2.5%
Cash & liquid assets	1.3	0.0	At end-2023E
Investments	1.4	0.0	At end-2023E
Debt	(87.8)	(2.7)	At end-2023E
Minorities	0.0	0.0	At end-2023E
Residual ordinary equity	175.4	5.5	

Source: FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 15: Peer comparisons as of 23 Aug 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	;	Share price	9	Market		PE		R0	DE	PE	3V	EV/ E	BITDA
			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	3.38	5.50	63	3,160	49.3	41.3	33.5	2.4	2.8	1.2	1.1	29.9	27.2
Minor International	MINT TB	BUY	26.25	44.00	68	4,347	18.2	16.3	14.7	10.7	11.3	1.9	1.8	7.5	6.7
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	BUY	33.75	50.00	48	1,331	29.7	23.8	20.3	7.5	8.8	2.1	2.0	14.0	12.9
Erawan Group	ERW TB	BUY	3.80	6.50	71	542	22.0	20.2	18.7	11.6	10.8	2.3	2.1	13.2	12.0
S Hotels & Resorts	SHR TB	BUY	2.02	3.80	88	212	26.8	15.9	12.8	1.7	2.8	0.4	0.4	8.3	7.5
Dusit Thani	DUSIT TB	BUY	10.40	15.00	44	258	165.0	8.1	5.5	1.5	24.8	2.5	1.7	44.8	10.5
Bound and Beyond	BEYOND TB	BUY	8.35	20.00	140	71	24.7	11.3	9.4	1.6	3.4	0.4	0.4	8.6	7.0
Thailand average						9,921	48.0	19.5	16.4	5.3	9.2	1.6	1.4	18.1	12.0
Regional															
Btg Hotels Group	600258 CH	n/a	11.58	n/a	n/a	1,797	16.4	14.0	12.6	7.2	7.6	1.1	1.1	8.1	7.6
Sh Jinjiang Intl Hotels	900934 CH	n/a	1.48	n/a	n/a	3,302	9.9	7.8	7.2	6.5	8.3	0.6	0.6	11.5	10.1
Huangshan Tourism Dev.	900942 CH	n/a	0.72	n/a	n/a	929	9.9	8.4	7.6	8.5	9.2	0.8	0.8	9.3	6.9
Genting Bhd	GENT MK	n/a	4.37	n/a	n/a	3,855	16.3	9.3	8.0	3.9	5.0	0.5	0.5	6.2	5.6
Huazhu Group	HTHT US	n/a	29.08	n/a	n/a	9,270	16.6	16.1	13.8	34.4	29.7	4.9	4.7	9.7	9.2
Indian Hotels	IH IN	n/a	641.90	n/a	n/a	11,181	101.6	72.4	58.0	12.6	14.8	11.9	10.3	53.2	43.0
Lemon Tree Hotels	LEMONTRE IN	n/a	131.80	n/a	n/a	1,239	90.2	75.6	48.0	12.3	14.6	11.4	10.6	30.8	25.5
Lippo Karawaci	LPKR IJ	n/a	77.00	n/a	n/a	363	n/a	11.3	4.2	n/a	3.2	n/a	0.4	n/a	6.1
Regional average						31,938	37.3	26.8	19.9	12.2	11.6	4.5	3.6	18.4	14.2
Global															
Nh Hotel Group	NHH SM	n/a	4.15	n/a	n/a	2,023	16.9	12.5	10.6	12.9	15.4	1.9	1.6	7.1	6.4
Melia Hotels International	MEL SM	n/a	6.46	n/a	n/a	1,593	14.0	11.0	10.3	21.4	20.6	2.8	2.3	8.5	7.7
Intercontinental Hotels G.	IHG LN	n/a	7,520	n/a	n/a	15,865	26.4	23.2	20.2	(34.6)	(32.9)	n/a	n/a	17.2	15.7
Whitbread	WTB LN	n/a	2,848	n/a	n/a	6,748	20.1	13.1	13.4	6.8	10.6	1.4	1.4	11.3	9.1
Accor	ACRFF US	n/a	39.93	n/a	n/a	9,728	19.7	16.0	14.2	11.3	12.0	1.7	1.9	12.0	10.7
Choice Hotels	CHH US	n/a	127.02	n/a	n/a	5,997	21.0	19.7	19.1	242.2	1,441.7	67.7	n/a	14.4	13.2
Hilton Worldwide Holdings	HLT US	n/a	217.09	n/a	n/a	53,497	35.6	31.0	26.8	(95.3)	(56.7)	n/a	n/a	20.7	18.5
Hyatt Hotels Corp	H US	n/a	148.76	n/a	n/a	15,015	67.1	34.6	36.0	6.1	12.9	4.4	3.9	16.6	14.9
Marriott International	MAR US	n/a	225.26	n/a	n/a	63,416	26.2	24.1	21.2	(914.9)	(195.7)	n/a	n/a	16.5	15.3
Global average						173,882	27.5	20.6	19.1	(82.7)	136.4	13.3	2.2	13.8	12.4
Overall average						215,741	36.7	22.4	18.6	(27.0)	57.7	6.1	2.5	16.5	12.9

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Asset World Corp

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	9,508	13,702	16,731	19,529	27,796
Cost of goods sold	(5,182)	(6,509)	(7,200)	(8,158)	(12,416)
Gross profit	4,326	7,193	9,531	11,371	15,381
Other operating income	77	149	279	287	296
Operating costs	(3,254)	(4,247)	(5,169)	(6,014)	(8,533)
Operating EBITDA	2,750	4,763	6,502	7,735	9,523
Depreciation	(1,600)	(1,669)	(1,862)	(2,091)	(2,380)
Goodwill amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
Operating EBIT	1,150	3,095	4,640	5,644	7,144
Net financing costs	(1,225)	(1,682)	(1,978)	(2,394)	(3,074)
Associates	(1)	(35)	(10)	(10)	(39)
Recurring non-operating income	(1)	(35)	(10)	(10)	(39)
Non-recurring items	3,903	3,904	4,000	2,500	2,500
Profit before tax	3,827	5,281	6,652	5,740	6,531
Тах	27	(243)	(462)	(624)	(809)
Profit after tax	3,854	5,038	6,190	5,116	5,722
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	C
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	3,854	5,038	6,190	5,116	5,722
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(3,903)	(3,904)	(4,000)	(2,500)	(2,500)
Recurring net profit	(49)	1,134	2,190	2,616	3,222
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.00	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.10
Reported EPS	0.12	0.16	0.19	0.16	0.18
DPS	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	32,001	32,002	32,005	32,005	32,005
Growth	- ,	- ,	. ,		- ,
Revenue (%)	124.0	44.1	22.1	16.7	42.3
Operating EBITDA (%)	4,930.5	73.2	36.5	19.0	23.1
Operating EBIT (%)	nm	169.2	49.9	21.6	26.6
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	93.1	19.4	23.2
Reported EPS (%)	347.3	30.7	22.9	(17.4)	11.8
Operating performance	047.0	00.7	22.5	(17.4)	11.0
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	45.5	52.5	57.0	58.2	55.3
	62.3	64.7	68.1	68.9	63.9
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)					
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	28.9 12.1	34.8 22.6	38.9 27.7	39.6	34.3 25.7
Operating EBIT margin (%) Net margin (%)	(0.5)	8.3	13.1	28.9 13.4	25.7
Net margin (%)	· · · ·				
Effective tax rate (%)	35.5 (2,073.3)	17.2 141.1	17.4 40.0	19.2 40.0	19.9 40.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%) nterest cover (X)	(2,073.3)	141.1	40.0 2.3	40.0 2.4	40.0
	5.4	5.1	2.3 5.3	2.4 5.3	
Inventory days Debtor days	5.4 29.4				4.5
Creditor days	29.4 182.3	24.4 181.2	21.2 199.7	18.1 196.9	12.7 168.1
2	0.5		2.2	2.3	2.7
Operating ROIC (%)		1.6	2.2		
ROIC (%)	0.5	1.6		2.3	2.6
ROE (%)	(0.1)	1.3	2.4	2.8	3.3
ROA (%) * Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	0.5	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.5
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Hotel revenue	6,422	10,175	12,473	14,806	22,287

Sources: Asset World Corp; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Asset World Corp

Asset World Corp					
Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	(49)	1,134	2,190	2,616	3,222
Depreciation	1,600	1,669	1,862	2,091	2,380
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
Other non-cash items	4,368	5,171	3,881	2,381	2,381
hange in working capital	173	788	340	464	2,386
Cash flow from operations	6,091	8,762	8,273	7,551	10,368
Capex - maintenance	(18,066)	(15,623)	(22,881)	(22,381)	(22,381
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	
let acquisitions & disposals	0	(1,390)	0	0	C
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	
Cash flow from investing	(18,066)	(17,013)	(22,881)	(22,381)	(22,381)
Dividends paid	(344)	(1,024)	(1,600)	(876)	(1,046)
quity finance	11	17	3	0	(
Debt finance	12,327	8,969	17,000	15,000	15,000
Other financing cash flows	132	519	0	0	(12.054
cash flow from financing	12,126	8,481	15,403	14,124	13,954
Ion-recurring cash flows	-	- 0	- 0	- 0	
Other adjustments	0 <b>0</b>	0	0	0	(
let other adjustments					
Novement in cash	151	230	795	(705)	1,941
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(10,748.79)	(6,565.16)	(12,624.81)	(12,422.43)	(8,932.62)
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	484.10	1,237.13	2,392.31	170.69	2,987.19
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(0.34)	(0.21)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.28)
CFE per share Recurring cash flow per share	0.02 0.18	0.04 0.25	0.07 0.25	0.01 0.22	0.09 0.25
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
angible fixed assets (gross)	163,586	179,445	198,445	218,445	238,445
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(11,003)	(12,777)	(10,639)	(10,230)	(10,110
angible fixed assets (net)	152,583	166,667	187,806	208,215	228,335
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	Ċ
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390
Cash & equivalents	279	509	1,304	599	2,539
/C receivable	860	971	971	971	971
nventories	60	74	82	93	154
Other current assets	82	159	194	227	323
Current assets	1,281	1,713	2,551	1,889	3,987
Other assets	2,590	2,667	2,667	2,667	2,667
otal assets	156,454	172,437	194,413	214,161	236,379
Common equity	82,860	87,476	92,069	96,309	100,984
/inorities etc.	0	0	0	0	C
otal shareholders' equity	82,860	87,476	92,069	96,309	100,984
ong term debt	56,306	64,505	81,505	96,505	111,505
Other long-term liabilities	9,511	10,919	10,919	10,919	10,919
ong-term liabilities	65,817	75,424	92,424	107,424	122,424
VC payable	2,027	2,778	3,064	3,482	5,760
Short term debt	5,550	6,320	6,320	6,320	6,320
Other current liabilities	200	439	536	626	891
Current liabilities	7,777	9,537	9,920	10,428	12,971
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	156,454	172,437	194,413	214,161	236,379
let working capital	(1,225)	(2,013)	(2,354)	(2,817)	(5,203
nvested capital	153,948	168,711	189,509	209,454	227,189
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be					,
er share (THB)					
Book value per share	2.59	2.73	2.88	3.01	3.16
angible book value per share	2.59	2.73	2.88	3.01	3.16
inancial strength					
let debt/equity (%)	74.3	80.4	94.0	106.1	114.2
let debt/total assets (%)	39.4	40.8	44.5	47.7	48.8
Current ratio (x)	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
F interest cover (x)	1.4	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.0
aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
ecurring P/E (x) *	(2,189.9)	95.4	49.4	41.4	33.6
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	(3,563.5)	95.4 155.2	49.4 80.4	67.3	54.6
Reported P/E (x)	28.1	21.5	17.5	21.1	18.9
lividend yield (%)	0.9	1.5	0.8	1.0	1.2
rice/book (x)	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.1
rice/tangible book (x)	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
			29.9	27.2	23.5
	617				20.5
V/EBITDA (x) **	61.7 86.4	37.5 51.7			
EV/EBITDA (x) ** EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	61.7 86.4 1.1	37.5 51.7 1.1	40.4 1.0	36.0 1.0	30.6 1.0

Sources: Asset World Corp; FSSIA estimates



## Asset World Corp PCL (AWC TB)



71.74 /100

#### Exhibit 16: FSSIA ESG score implication

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 17: 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	
AWC	71.74		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	55.63	AA		69.90	73.00	2.11	60.03	
CENTEL	62.78		Y	Y	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	Y	Y	Y	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	57.57	AA	37.00	91.18	69.00	5.00		

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 18: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	1.85	1.81	2.01	2.11
BESG environmental pillar score	0.25	0.60	0.76	0.84
BESG social pillar score	7.50	2.56	2.54	3.03
BESG governance pillar score	3.16	3.65	3.96	3.97
ESG disclosure score	47.54	56.11	56.98	60.03
Environmental disclosure score	33.89	42.13	44.10	46.93
Social disclosure score	45.10	51.30	39.36	45.71
Governance disclosure score	63.58	74.83	87.36	87.36
Environmental				
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	No	No	No
Climate change policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	7	9	10	9
GHG scope 2 location-based	111	91	70	84
GHG Scope 3	_	_	_	48
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	No	No	No	No
Total energy consumption	241	189	344	404
Renewable energy use	_	0	0	1
Electricity used	231	186	189	208
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 19: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	_	_	0	0
Total waste	8	8	11	12
Waste recycled	0	0	0	1
Waste sent to landfills	_	7	8	10
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	No
Water policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	2,440	1,968	1,968,460	939,337
Social				
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	Yes
Pct women in workforce	50	48	48	49
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_	1
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	3	3	2	2
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	_	2
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No
Number of employees – CSR	4,829	5,143	5,589	5,343
Employee turnover pct	25	27	19	36
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	201,997	208,308	225,164	283,179
Social supply chain management	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance				
Board size	14	15	15	15
No. of independent directors (ID)	7	8	8	8
No. of women on board	3	3	3	3
No. of non-executive directors on board	13	14	14	14
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	7	10	10	8
Board meeting attendance pct	94	99	99	100
Board duration (years)	_		3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director		47	47	48
Age of the oldest director	_	78	78	40 79
No. of executives / company managers	11	14	10	13
No. of female executives	4	6	4	4
Executive share ownership guidelines	4 No	No	4 No	
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	No
No. of ID on audit committee	<b>3</b> 3		<b>3</b> 3	<b>3</b> 3
Audit committee meetings		3		5
0	8	6	5	
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	93	100
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	8	6	8	7
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	3	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	8	6	8	7
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100
Sustainability governance				
Verification type	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

## **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	<u>у</u>			Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	process based on the companies' Total Sustainability Scores resulting from the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Only the top-ranked companies within each industry are selected for inclusion.					Be a member and invited to the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) for DJSI. Companies with an S&P Global ESG Score of less than 45% of the S&P Global ESG Score of the highest scoring company are disqualified. The constituents of the DJSI indices are selected from the Eligible Universe.				
Sustainability Investment List ( <u>THSI</u> ) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand ( <u>SET</u> )	managing bu Candidates r 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing r	usiness with tr must pass the ar trading of th shareholders ome key disq pendent direct related to CG	ility in Environmental and ransparency in Governar preemptive criteria, with he board members and e s, and combined holding ualifying criteria include: ctors and free float violati , social & environmental earnings in red for > 3 ye	ace, updated annually. a two crucial conditions: executives; and 2) free must be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' impacts; 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 Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by t Thailand (SE	he Thai IOD,	th in sustainable develop with support from the St ts are from the perspecti s.	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 are transparent a out of five the criteria cover date (45%), a circulation of s exercised. The and verifiability	antifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable ment are incorporated into business operations and information is parent and sufficiently disclosed. All form important elements of two f five the CG components to be evaluated annually. The assessment ia cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting (45%), and after the meeting (10%). (The first assesses 1) advance ation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating how voting rights can be ised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency erifiability; and 3) openness for Q&A. The third involves the meeting minutes that d contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.)				e				
Thai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)	establishmer policies. The (Companies de Declaration of Certification, in managers and	nt of key contr Certification eciding to becom Intent to kick off ocluding risk ass employees, est	Checklist include corrupt rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. If an 18-month deadline to su sessment, in place of policy a tablishment of whistleblowing III stakeholders.)	and developing of start by submitting a bmit the CAC Checklist for ind 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.					
<u>Morningstar</u> Sustainalytics					A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.           NEGL         Low         Medium         High         Severe					
		uality & peer rev			0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+	
<u>ESG Book</u>	positioned to the principle helps explair over-weightir	outperform o of financial m n future risk-a	sustainable companies th over the long term. The m nateriality including inform djusted performance. Ma ith higher materiality and erly basis.	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>				anagement of financially their exposure to ESG ri					nethodology to	
	AAA AA	8.571-10.00	Leader:	leading its industry in m	anaging the most s	ignificant ESG ri	sks and opportunitie	S		
	A BBB BB	5.714-7.142 4.286-5.713 2.857-4.285	Average: a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative industry peers				nities relative to			
	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry bas	ed on its high expos	ure and failure to	o manage significan	t ESG risks		
Moody's ESG solutions	believes that	a company ii		take into account ESG c nto its business model an medium to long term.						
<u>Refinitiv ESG</u> rating	based on pu	blicly available	e and auditable data. The	e a company's relative ES e score ranges from 0 to are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50	100 on relative E	SG performan	nce and insufficie	nt degree of t		
S&P Global				asuring a company's peri ssification. The score ran			of ESG risks, op	oortunities, ar	d impacts	
<b>D</b> I	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 best.									
Bloomberg										

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	THB 3.38	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 26.25	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.
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB	THB 33.75	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 more intense competition in the F&B business, which may result in price competition; and 3) a slower-than-expected recovery of international tourist numbers.
The Erawan Group	ERW TB	THB 3.80	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 2.02	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 10.40	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 8.35	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

#### **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 23-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.