

# STARFLEX SFLEX TB

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**BUY**

UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB5.10
CLOSE	THB3.46
UP/DOWNSIDE	+47.4%
PRIOR TP	THB5.60
CHANGE IN TP	-8.9%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+0.8%

## Promising outlook

- We adjust our profit forecasts for 2024-26 by +9%/+5%/-1%, respectively, from the promising outlook.
- Expect 3.4% CAGR for core profit in 2024-26. While the growth rate may not be high, it represents a solid base compared to the past.
- Reiterate our BUY call with a TP of THB5.10.

### Raising our estimates from the promising outlook

Based on SFLEX's strong financial results in 1H24 (core profit of THB128m, +40.6% y-y), which accounted for 57% of our previous full-year estimate, and considering the positive outlook for 2H24 in both Thailand and Vietnam, we adjust our profit forecasts for 2024-26 by +9%/+5%/-1, respectively. This revision is primarily due to 1) higher gross margin assumptions from 21% to 24% during the period from a clearer downward trend in crude oil and HDPE, LLDPE, and other plastic pellet prices, coupled with effective cost management; 2) increased interest expense estimates, with rates remaining high for an extended period; 3) lower corporate tax expenses, as the company benefits from BOI tax incentives, which can be utilized for nearly another three years; and 4) conservative profit sharing from Starprint Vietnam (SFLEX holds 25.0%).

### 2024 set to be a significant year for downstream businesses

We expect 2024 to be another bright year for downstream producers like SFLEX. We anticipate core profit growth of 33.9% y-y, reaching a record at THB243m in 2024, building on the remarkable 231.2% growth in 2023. We forecast continued core profit growth of 7.6% y-y in 2025, with slight growth in 2026, unless the company secures additional projects that qualify for ongoing BOI benefits.

### Slow profit growth projection but more stable than in the past

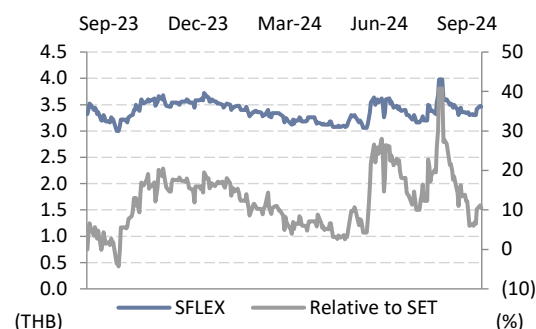
We therefore expect a 3.4% CAGR for core profit in 2024-26. While the growth rate may not be exceptionally high, it represents a solid base compared to the past, with reduced volatility following the company's capacity expansion, machinery upgrades, and a strong focus on managing raw material costs effectively. Moreover, Starprint Vietnam, its JV since 1Q24, should further drive growth as the Vietnamese economy begins to recover strongly after the pandemic. With a predominantly young population that has strong purchasing power, along with skilled and quality labor, this market presents opportunities for expansion.

### Reiterate our BUY call with a TP of THB5.10

We roll over our TP for 2025 to THB5.10, based on a 2025E P/E of 16x (-0.7SD of its four-year historical average since the IPO). The current stock price trades at a 2025E P/E of only 10.9x and a 2025E EV/EBITDA of just 10.1x, marking the lowest levels in four years, contrary to the expectation of a new profit high. We reiterate our BUY call.

## KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	1,795	1,984	2,136	2,286
Net profit	184	243	261	268
EPS (THB)	0.22	0.30	0.32	0.33
vs Consensus (%)	-	1.7	(3.9)	(11.5)
EBITDA	288	326	343	369
Recurring net profit	181	243	261	268
Core EPS (THB)	0.22	0.30	0.32	0.33
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	8.5	4.7	(1.3)
EPS growth (%)	231.2	33.9	7.6	2.6
Core P/E (x)	15.7	11.7	10.9	10.6
Dividend yield (%)	2.6	3.4	3.7	3.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.8	10.6	10.1	9.1
Price/book (x)	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	56.7	59.9	58.7	49.6
ROE (%)	18.3	23.9	25.1	25.4



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(3.9)	(4.4)	0.6
Relative to country (%)	(12.8)	(13.7)	8.0
Mkt cap (USD m)	81		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	0.8		
Free float (%)	0		
Major shareholder	Mr. Printhorn Apithanasriwong (24%)		
12m high/low (THB)	4.06/2.90		
Issued shares (m)	820.01		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates


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Investment thesis

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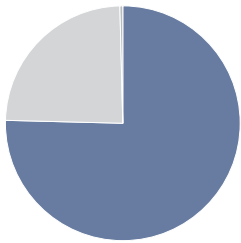
Company profile

Starflex is a leading manufacturer and distributor of flexible packaging in roll form, selling mainly to local consumer product suppliers. Its flexible packaging is a multilayer film, splicing 2-5 layers using glue or resin as a binding material which results in a rigid film that is resistant to heat and high pressure, and is lightweight and capable of having graphic patterns printed on the surface.

[www.starflex.co.th](http://www.starflex.co.th)

Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

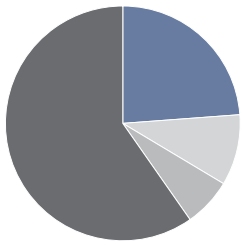
- Non-food packaging - 75.4 %
- Food packaging - 24.2 %
- Others - 0.4 %



Source: Starflex

Major shareholders

- Mr. Printhorn Apithanasriwong - 23.8 %
- Mr. Ek Picharnchitra - 9.8 %
- BTS Group Holdings - 6.7 %
- Others - 59.7 %



Source: Starflex

Catalysts

Key potential catalysts include 1) a broad-based economic recovery; 2) a decline in oil prices; 3) baht appreciation; and 4) strong consumption growth in Vietnam.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a sharp rise in crude oil prices; 2) rising inflation pressuring consumers’ purchasing power; and 3) baht depreciation.

Event calendar

Date	Event
November 2024	3Q24 earnings announcement

Key assumptions

	2024E (THB m)	2025E (THB m)	2026E (THB m)
Sales revenue	1,984	2,136	2,286
Growth (%)	10.5	7.7	7.0
Non-food packaging	1,488	1,602	1,714
Growth (%)	10.0	7.7	7.0
Food packaging	488	525	562
Growth (%)	12.4	7.7	7.0
Gross margin (%)	24.0	23.8	23.8
SG&A to sales (%)	11.6	11.5	11.3

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 0.5% change in gross margin, we project SFLEX’s 2024 core profit to change by 3.6%, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% change in SG&A to sales, we project SFLEX’s 2024 core profit to change by 4.0%, all else being equal.

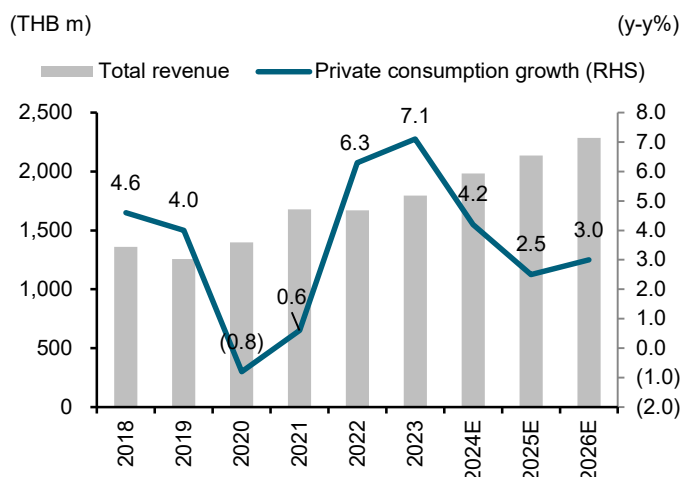
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## Exhibit 1: Key changes in assumptions

	Current			Previous			Change		
	2024E (THB m)	2025E (THB m)	2026E (THB m)	2024E (THB m)	2025E (THB m)	2026E (THB m)	2024E (%)	2025E (%)	2026E (%)
Sales revenue	1,984	2,136	2,286	2,080	2,234	2,397	(4.6)	(4.4)	(4.6)
Gross profit	475	507	543	437	469	511	8.8	8.1	6.3
SG&A expense	(230)	(246)	(258)	(210)	(218)	(236)	9.6	12.7	9.4
Interest expense	(39)	(35)	(28)	(15)	(12)	(13)	163.2	189.6	117.4
EBITDA	326	343	369	313	340	367	4.2	0.8	0.5
Equity income	20	23	25	33	35	38	(39.4)	(34.3)	(33.4)
Tax	(5)	(10)	(36)	(48)	(54)	(58)	(90.5)	(81.6)	(37.4)
Net profit	243	261	268	224	250	272	8.5	4.7	(1.3)
<b>Growth</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>
Sales growth	10.5	7.7	7.0	15.9	7.4	7.3	(5.4)	0.3	(0.3)
Core profit growth	33.9	7.6	2.6	21.4	11.6	8.8	12.5	(4.0)	(6.2)
<b>Margins</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>
Gross profit margin	24.0	23.8	23.8	21.0	21.0	21.3	3.0	2.8	2.5
SG&A to sales	11.6	11.5	11.3	10.1	9.8	9.9	1.5	1.8	1.5
EBITDA	16.4	16.1	16.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	1.4	0.8	0.8
Net profit margin	12.2	12.2	11.7	10.8	11.2	11.3	1.5	1.1	0.4

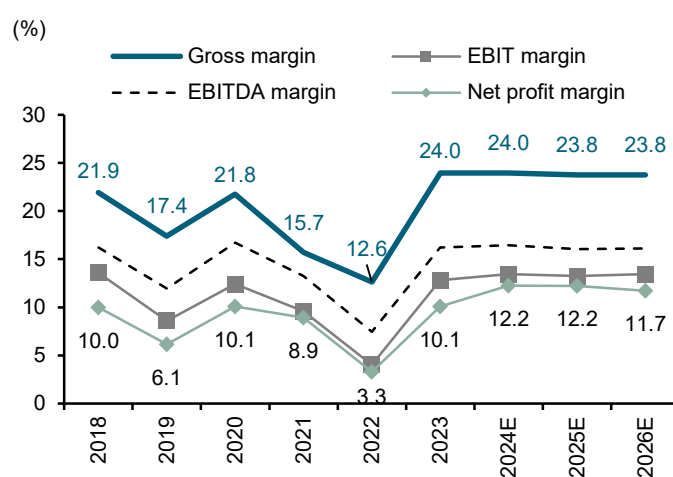
Sources: SFLEX, FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 2: SFLEX's revenue and private consumption growth

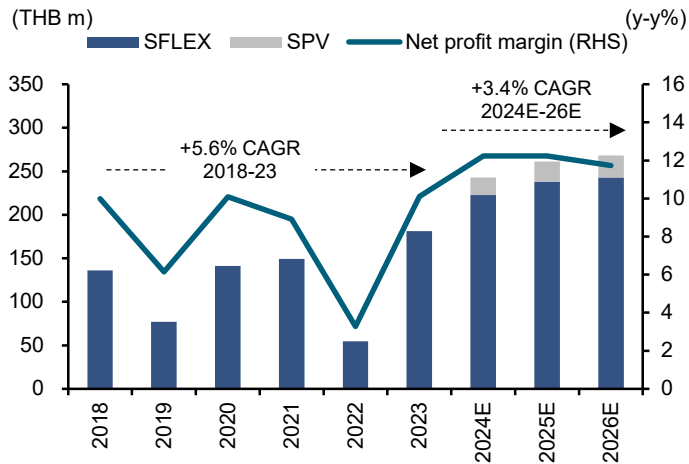


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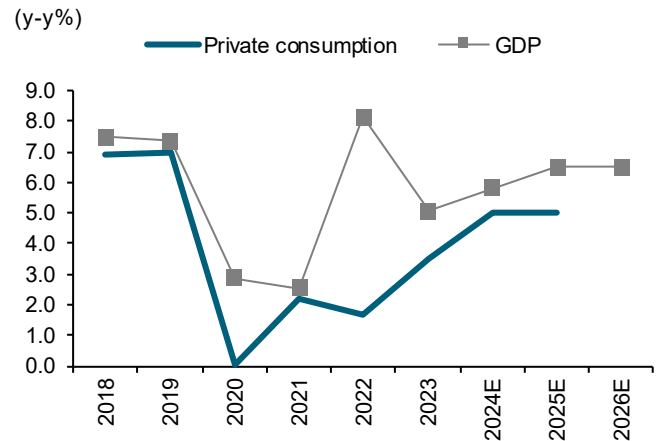
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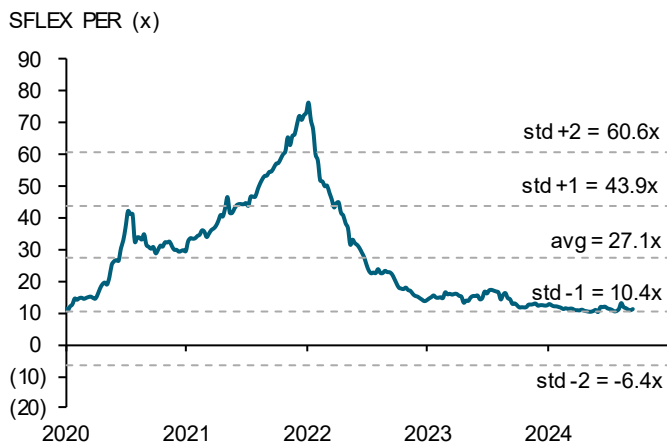
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**Exhibit 4: Net profit from SFLEX and SPV and margin**

Sources: SFLEX, FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 5: Vietnam: GDP and private consumption growth**

Source: World Bank

**Exhibit 6: One-year rolling forward P/E band**

Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 7: One-year rolling forward EV/EBITDA band**

Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

## Financial Statements

### Starflex

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	1,669	1,795	1,984	2,136	2,286
Cost of goods sold	(1,458)	(1,365)	(1,509)	(1,629)	(1,743)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>543</b>
Other operating income	27	23	22	21	23
Operating costs	(170)	(223)	(230)	(246)	(258)
<b>Operating EBITDA</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>369</b>
Depreciation	(57)	(58)	(59)	(60)	(61)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Operating EBIT</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>307</b>
Net financing costs	(3)	(10)	(39)	(35)	(28)
Associates	-	0	20	23	25
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	20	23	25
Non-recurring items	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>304</b>
Tax	(10)	(39)	(5)	(10)	(36)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>268</b>
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Reported net profit</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>Non-recurring items &amp; goodwill (net)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Recurring net profit</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Recurring EPS *	0.07	0.22	0.30	0.32	0.33
Reported EPS	0.07	0.22	0.30	0.32	0.33
DPS	0.03	0.09	0.12	0.13	0.13
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	820	820	820	820	820
<b>Growth</b>					
Revenue (%)	(0.5)	7.5	10.5	7.7	7.0
Operating EBITDA (%)	(44.4)	132.7	13.2	5.1	7.5
Operating EBIT (%)	(58.2)	241.6	16.1	6.1	8.6
Recurring EPS (%)	(63.4)	231.2	33.9	7.6	2.6
Reported EPS (%)	(63.1)	234.6	31.8	7.6	2.6
<b>Operating performance</b>					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	12.6	24.0	24.0	23.8	23.8
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	16.0	27.2	26.9	26.6	26.4
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	7.4	16.1	16.4	16.1	16.1
Operating EBIT margin (%)	4.0	12.8	13.5	13.3	13.5
Net margin (%)	3.3	10.1	12.2	12.2	11.7
Effective tax rate (%)	14.9	17.4	1.8	3.7	11.9
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	45.0	40.7	40.0	40.0	40.0
Interest cover (X)	23.0	23.7	7.3	8.8	11.8
Inventory days	86.9	92.1	82.3	79.3	72.8
Debtor days	66.6	59.5	59.5	56.8	53.1
Creditor days	74.3	83.9	85.1	83.9	82.2
Operating ROIC (%)	5.4	17.5	19.4	20.3	22.5
ROIC (%)	4.8	13.6	14.0	14.4	15.9
ROE (%)	5.6	18.3	23.9	25.1	25.4
ROA (%)	3.7	10.4	13.0	13.2	13.6
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
<b>Revenue by Division (THB m)</b>					
Non-food packaging	1,258	1,353	1,488	1,602	1,714
Food packaging	393	434	488	525	562
Others	18	7	8	9	9

Sources: Starflex; FSSIA estimates

## Financial Statements

### Starflex

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	55	181	243	261	268
Depreciation	57	58	59	60	61
Associates & minorities	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-cash items	-	-	(120)	(55)	(151)
Change in working capital	50	(43)	(77)	(77)	47
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>225</b>
Capex - maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Capex - new investment	(144)	-	(206)	(106)	(108)
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	(460)	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash flow from investing</b>	<b>(144)</b>	<b>(460)</b>	<b>(206)</b>	<b>(106)</b>	<b>(108)</b>
Dividends paid	(37)	(59)	(97)	(105)	(107)
Equity finance	0	(100)	0	0	0
Debt finance	66	346	180	(33)	(55)
Other financing cash flows	-	-	7	8	9
<b>Cash flow from financing</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>(130)</b>	<b>(153)</b>
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	7	28	49	0	0
<b>Net other adjustments</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Movement in cash</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>(47)</b>	<b>(36)</b>
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	20.64	(252.93)	(61.63)	116.80	145.41
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	90.80	111.57	135.24	57.05	71.02

#### Per share (THB)

FCFF per share	0.03	(0.31)	(0.08)	0.14	0.18
FCFE per share	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.07	0.09
Recurring cash flow per share	0.14	0.29	0.22	0.32	0.22

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	1,046	1,141	1,231	1,291	1,351
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(307)	(365)	(424)	(484)	(546)
<b>Tangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>806</b>
<b>Intangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	32	408	479	479	479
Cash & equivalents	129	81	119	71	35
A/C receivable	263	322	325	339	327
Inventories	333	326	328	354	317
Other current assets	22	27	29	30	32
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>710</b>
Other assets	29	62	64	66	67
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>2,104</b>
Common equity	985	1,001	1,032	1,050	1,064
Minorities etc.	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,064</b>
Long term debt	175	168	348	315	260
Other long-term liabilities	43	46	53	61	71
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>331</b>
A/C payable	276	331	351	370	387
Short term debt	114	480	389	372	303
Other current liabilities	8	16	17	18	19
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>709</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>2,104</b>
Net working capital	334	328	314	335	269
Invested capital	1,188	1,615	1,704	1,728	1,663

\* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt

#### Per share (THB)

Book value per share	1.20	1.22	1.26	1.28	1.30
Tangible book value per share	1.14	1.17	1.21	1.23	1.25

#### Financial strength

Net debt/equity (%)	16.3	56.7	59.9	58.7	49.6
Net debt/total assets (%)	10.0	27.8	28.2	28.2	25.1
Current ratio (x)	1.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0
CF interest cover (x)	81.1	12.5	9.6	5.7	7.3

Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
<b>Recurring P/E (x) *</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.6</b>
<b>Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>15.6</b>
Reported P/E (x)	51.5	15.4	11.7	10.9	10.6
Dividend yield (%)	0.9	2.6	3.4	3.7	3.8
Price/book (x)	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Price/tangible book (x)	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8
EV/EBITDA (x) **	24.2	11.8	10.6	10.1	9.1
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	35.1	16.5	14.7	14.0	12.8
EV/invested capital (x)	2.5	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0

\* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted \*\* EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income

Sources: Starflex; FSSIA estimates

## Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodology	Rating																				
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection 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 (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	THSI quantifies responsibility in Environmental and Social issues by managing business with transparency in Governance, updated annually. Candidates must pass the preemptive criteria, with two crucial conditions: 1) no irregular trading of the board members and executives; and 2) free float of >150 shareholders, and combined holding must be >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include: 1) CG score of below 70%; 2) independent directors and free float violation; 3) executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social & environmental impacts; 4) equity in negative territory; and 5) earnings in red for > 3 years in the last 5 years.	To be eligible for <b>THSI inclusion</b> , 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. <b>SETTHSI Index</b> 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)	An indicator of CG strength in sustainable development, measured annually by the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations.	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	It quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and information is transparent and sufficiently disclosed. All form important elements of two out of five the CG components to be evaluated annually. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). <i>(The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&amp;A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.)</i>	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)	The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. The Certification is good for three years. <i>(Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start by submitting a Declaration of Intent to kick off an 18-month deadline to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification, including risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of managers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.)</i>	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 Sustainability	The Sustainability's ESG risk rating provides an overall company score based on an assessment of how much of a company's exposure to ESG risk is unmanaged. <i>Sources to be reviewed include corporate publications and regulatory filings, news and other media, NGO reports/websites, multi-sector information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality &amp; peer reviews.</i>	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored. <table><tr><th>NEGL</th><th>Low</th><th>Medium</th><th>High</th><th>Severe</th></tr><tr><td>0-10</td><td>10-20</td><td>20-30</td><td>30-40</td><td>40+</td></tr></table>	NEGL	Low	Medium	High	Severe	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+										
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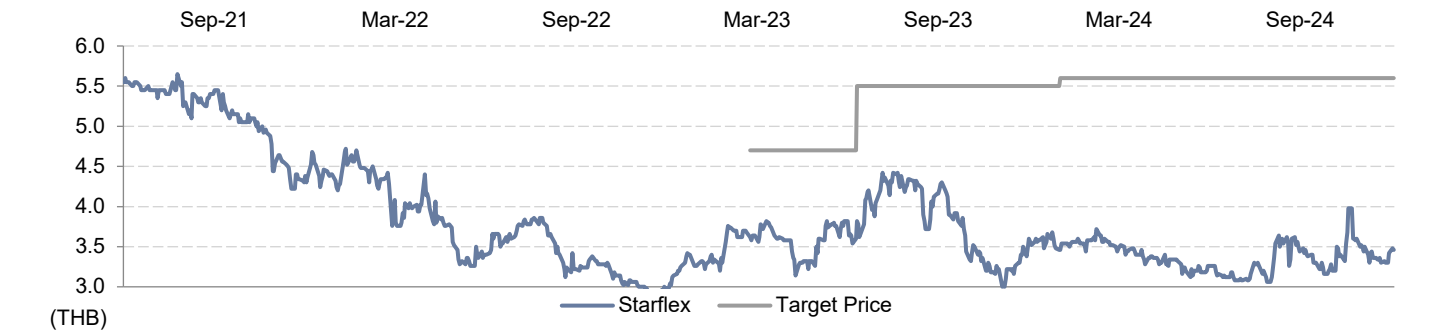
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Starflex (SFLEX TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
10-Mar-2023	BUY	4.70	12-Jun-2023	BUY	5.50	04-Dec-2023	BUY	5.60

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Starflex	SFLEX TB	THB 3.46	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a sharp rise in crude oil prices; 2) rising inflation pressuring consumers' purchasing power; and 3) baht depreciation.

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## RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE

### Stock ratings

Stock ratings are based on absolute upside or downside, which we define as  $(\text{target price}^* - \text{current price}) / \text{current price}$ .

**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.