

I-TAIL CORPORATION

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ITC TB**BUY**

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Expect strong profit in 2H24

- ITC's 3Q24 profit looks better than previously expected, thanks to effective management to offset the appreciating baht.
- We remain positive on the demand for pet food and the strong profit momentum in 2H24.
- Revising up net profit with a higher TP to THB30.

TARGET PRICE	THB30.00
CLOSE	THB23.10
UP/DOWNSIDE	+29.9%
PRIOR TP	THB27.00
CHANGE IN TP	+11.1%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+8.9%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	15,577	18,395	20,327	22,048
Net profit	2,281	3,941	4,180	4,578
EPS (THB)	0.76	1.31	1.39	1.53
vs Consensus (%)	-	9.9	7.0	7.1
EBITDA	2,995	4,961	5,048	5,557
Recurring net profit	2,312	4,191	4,180	4,578
Core EPS (THB)	0.77	1.40	1.39	1.53
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	30.3	12.8	9.4
EPS growth (%)	(68.6)	81.2	(0.3)	9.5
Core P/E (x)	30.0	16.5	16.6	15.1
Dividend yield (%)	2.6	4.0	4.2	4.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.0	12.0	11.8	10.6
Price/book (x)	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	(40.0)	(40.3)	(38.3)	(37.9)
ROE (%)	9.6	17.7	16.8	17.5

Anticipate 3Q24 total revenue to grow in line with ITC's target

The export value of dog and cat food from Thailand in July-August was USD486m (+8% q-q, +31% y-y), marking a continuous monthly high. Meanwhile, the Thai baht appreciated by 7.4% q-q and 3.4% y-y in the same period, but this growth was less than the increase in orders, allowing the export value in baht to still grow. We expect ITC's 3Q24 total revenue to grow by 15% y-y and remain flat q-q, driven by growth in customers from the US and EU. Although customers are facing some minor shipping issues, deliveries have reached about 97% of total orders, with the remainder postponed to 4Q.

Gross margin may surpass our expectation

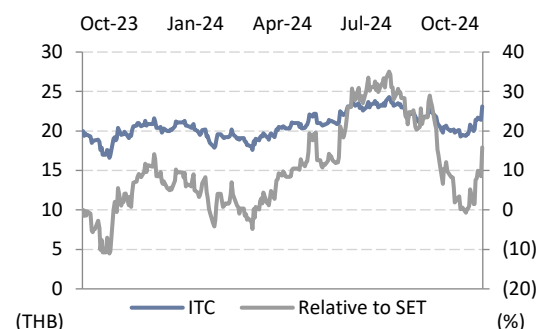
We anticipate the 3Q24 gross margin to remain stable at 30%, close to 2Q24, and this represents a new high, better than our previous estimate of 27%. This is despite starting to fully account for depreciation on new production lines as well as the appreciating baht. However, this should be offset by a decrease in tuna costs (-3% q-q, -23% y-y). The premium product mix remains stable at around 54-55%, and with positive FX adjustments from forward contracts covering 80% and another 20% from natural hedging, we expect good management of gross margins.

Orders for 4Q24 remain strong

The profit outlook for 4Q24 is positive, with advance orders at c50% of the target, indicating that 4Q24 revenue could increase further and reach the peak for this year. The risk from labor strikes at East Coast ports in the US is expected to be limited, as ITC primarily ships to the West Coast. In addition, the benefits from FX adjustments will continue into 4Q24, prompting ITC to raise its gross margin target for 2024 to 26-28% (from 24-26%). However, we believe that the positive impact from FX adjustments will gradually diminish in subsequent quarters, and we need to monitor the baht's trend and the ability to adjust prices with customers.

Maintain BUY with higher TP to THB30

We have raised our 2024-25E net profit by 23% and 13% to THB3.9b (+72.7% y-y) and THB4.18b (+6.1% y-y), respectively. We roll forward our TP to 2025 at THB30, lowering the target P/E to 22x (from 25x), in line with its 3-yr average. Overall, we remain positive on the demand for pet food and the strong profit momentum driven by the company's risk management. We expect ITC's 2024 dividend yield at no less than 4-5%.



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	13.8	(0.9)	13.8
Relative to country (%)	5.6	(12.0)	14.3
Mkt cap (USD m)	2,126		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	6.8		
Free float (%)	22		
Major shareholder	Thai Union Group (79%)		
12m high/low (THB)	24.70/16.40		
Issued shares (m)	3,000.00		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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Investment thesis

ITC is a leading global pet food manufacturer. It has cost and innovation advantages due partly to its parent company, Thai Union Group (TU TB), a leading global tuna processor. Also, its management has extensive experience of over 20 years. They help make it possible for ITC to respond to changing customer needs and maintain a good relationship with global pet food brands.

Additionally, increased pet ownership should encourage continued growth in the global pet food market value. In 2024, ITC plans to expand its capacity by 17-18% to cope with pet food growth and develop new value-added products to enhance profitability.

Company profile

Revenue-wise, ITC is in the world’s top 10 pet food producers and the second largest in Asia. Also, it is a global pet care company of TU, which has been operating a pet food business since 1977. ITC has two factories in Samut Sakhon and Songkhla. It distributes products globally. In 2023, its revenue came mainly from the US (50.3% of total revenue), followed by Asia, Oceania, and others (37.1%), and Europe (12.6%).

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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

Pet Food - 84.6 %

Treats - 12.0 %

Other - 0.1 %

Other segment - 3.3 %

Source: i-Tail Corporation

Major shareholders

Thai Union Group - 78.8 %

Others - 21.2 %

Source: i-Tail Corporation

Catalysts

Potential catalysts for ITC’s earnings growth in 2024-25 are 1) revenue growth from existing customers in line with the industry and new customers; 2) capacity expansion; and 3) lower raw material costs.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected recovery in purchasing power, 2) more fluctuating raw material prices than expected, 3) a stronger-than-expected THB, and 4) labour shortages.

Event calendar

Date	Event
5 November 2024	3Q24 results announcement
6 November 2024	3Q24 analyst meeting

Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
FX rate (USDTHB)	33.0	33.0	33.0
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,449	1,500	1,500
Total sales growth (%)	18.1	10.5	8.5
Gross margin (%)	28.2	25.5	25.7

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in revenue, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 0.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 2.9%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2024 net profit to fall by 2.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

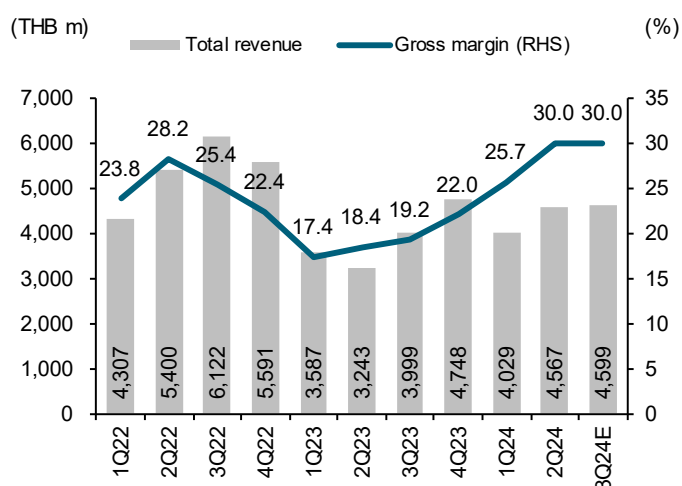
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Exhibit 1: ITC – 3Q24 earnings preview

	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24E	----- Change -----		2024E	Change	%9M24E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	to 2024E
Sales	3,999	4,748	4,029	4,567	4,599	0.7	15.0	18,395	18.1	71.7
Cost of sales	3,231	3,702	2,994	3,199	3,220	0.7	(0.4)	13,208	5.3	71.3
Gross profit	768	1,046	1,034	1,368	1,380	0.8	79.6	5,187	70.8	72.9
SG&A	266	319	310	390	396	1.5	48.7	1,508	27.5	72.6
Operating profit	685	894	888	1,158	1,134	(2.1)	65.6	4,322	75.9	73.6
Other income	183	166	163	180	150	(16.6)	(17.8)	643	6.7	76.7
Interest expense	2	2	1	1	1	(0.1)	(20.9)	4	(63.7)	102.2
Tax expense	31	80	8	36	34	(6.0)	11.2	125	(4.9)	62.5
Other gain (loss)	(9)	(46)	(57)	(111)	0	(100.0)	(100.0)	(250)	703.7	nm
Reported net profit	645	767	821	1,010	1,099	8.9	70.5	3,941	72.7	74.3
Core profit	653	812	878	1,121	1,099	(2.0)	68.3	4,191	81.2	73.9
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	19.2	22.0	25.7	30.0	30.0	0.0	10.8	28.2	8.7	
SG&A to sales	6.7	6.7	7.7	8.5	8.6	0.1	1.9	8.2	0.6	
Operating margin	17.1	18.8	22.0	25.4	24.7	(0.7)	7.5	23.5	7.7	
Net margin	16.1	16.2	20.4	22.1	23.9	1.8	7.8	21.4	6.8	
Core margin	16.3	17.1	21.8	24.5	23.9	(0.6)	7.6	22.8	7.9	
Operating statistics (THB m)										
THB/USD	35.2	35.7	35.7	36.7	34.0	(7.4)	(3.4)	33.0	(5.2)	
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,850	1,533	1,333	1,478	1,425	(3.6)	(23.0)	1,449	(19.5)	
Cat food sales	2,885	3,226	3,041	3,106	3,318	6.8	15.0	13,110	21.7	72.2
Dog food sales	399	849	511	798	582	(27.1)	45.8	2,655	10.4	71.2
Treat sales	487	542	398	548	584	6.6	20.0	2,206	18.2	69.4
Other non-pet sales	226	126	73	91	90	(1.5)	(60.3)	345	(33.6)	73.9
Americas	1,841	2,512	1,819	2,397	2,415	0.7	31.1	10,077	(34.3)	
Europe	456	773	755	691	699	1.2	53.5	2,619	(41.5)	
Asia, Oceania, Others	1,703	1,463	1,454	1,479	1,486	0.5	(12.7)	5,846	(5.9)	

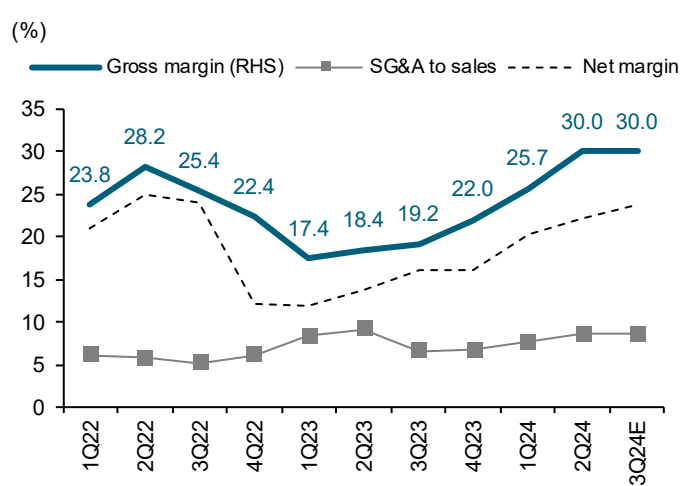
Sources: ITC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Quarterly total revenue and gross margin

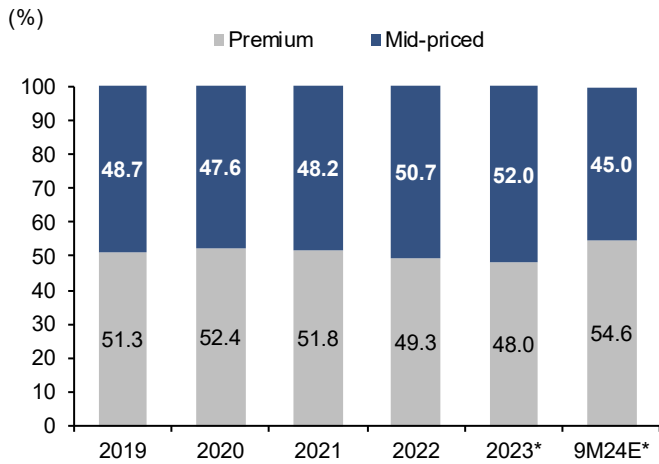


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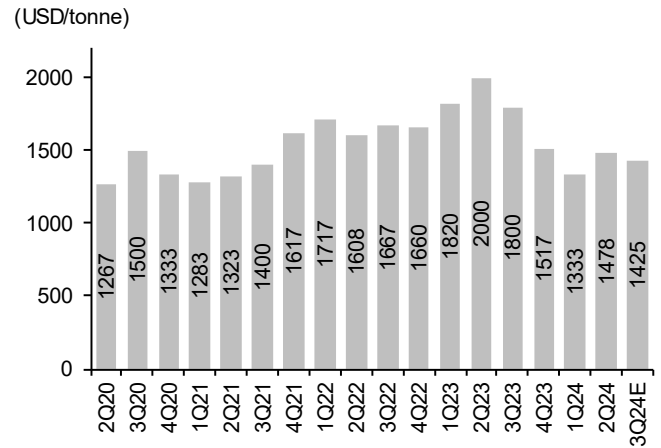
Exhibit 3: Quarterly gross margin and net margin



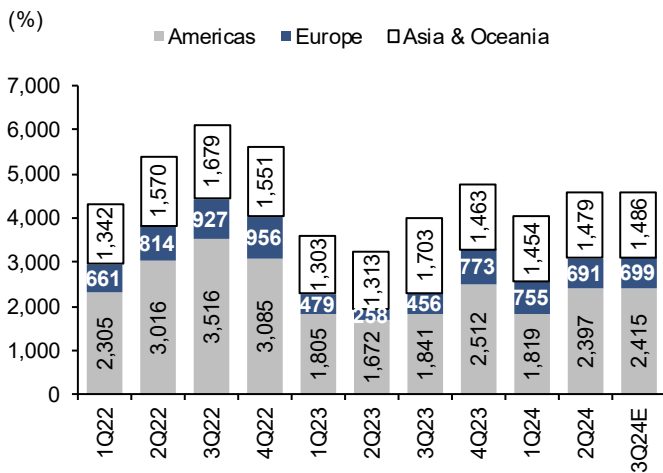
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Exhibit 4: Revenue contribution by product segment

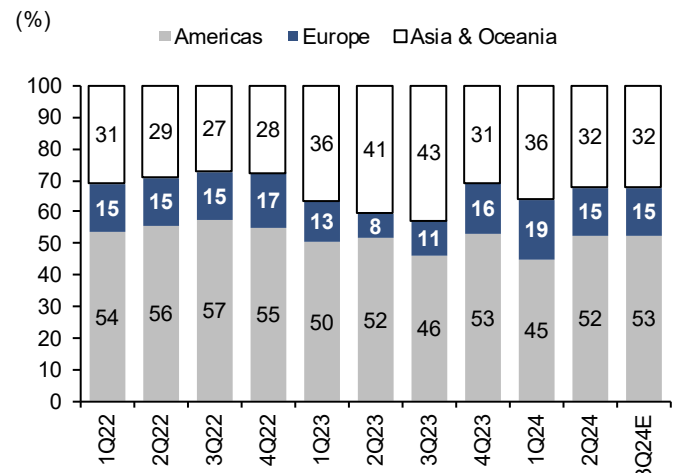
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Exhibit 5: Quarterly tuna prices

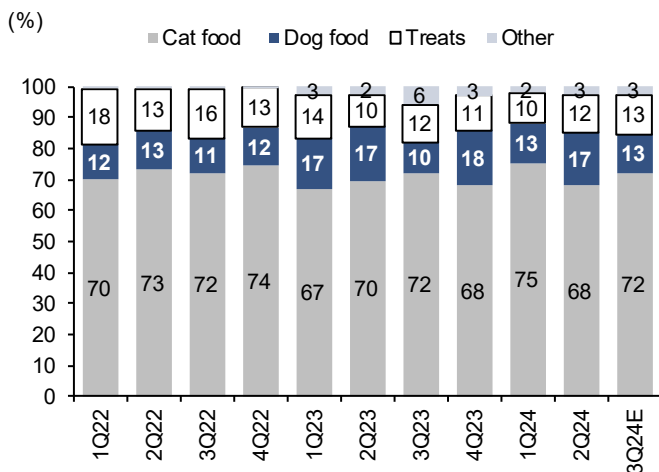
Sources: TU, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: Revenue by destination

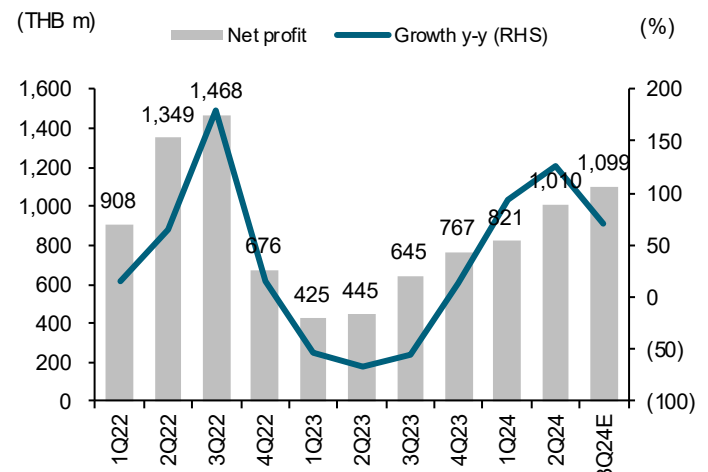
Sources: ITC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: Revenue contribution by destination

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Exhibit 8: Revenue contribution by type of product

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Exhibit 9: Quarterly net profit and growth

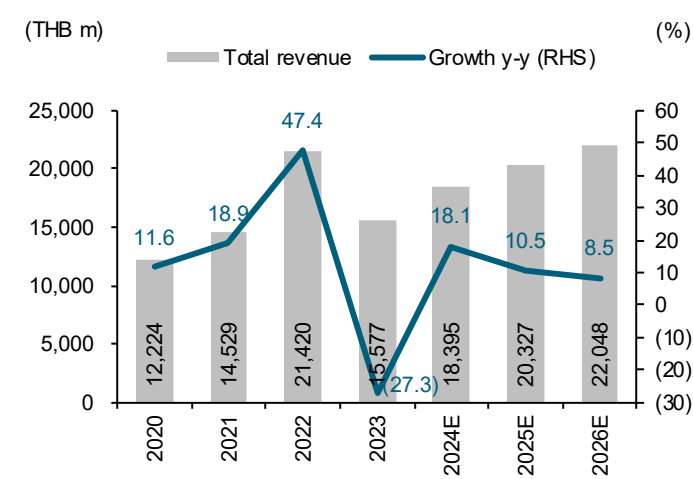
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Exhibit 10: Changes in key assumptions for ITC

	Current			Previous			Change		
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Total revenue	18,395	20,327	22,048	17,708	19,867	21,819	3.9	2.3	1.0
Cost	13,208	15,144	16,382	13,812	15,397	16,801	(4.4)	(1.6)	(2.5)
Gross profit	5,187	5,183	5,666	3,896	4,470	5,018	33.2	16.0	12.9
SG&A expenses	1,508	1,585	1,720	1,116	1,252	1,375	35.2	26.7	25.1
Reported net profit	3,941	4,180	4,578	3,204	3,690	4,167	23.0	13.3	9.9
Core profit	4,191	4,180	4,578	3,204	3,690	4,167	30.8	13.3	9.9
Key ratios (%)									
Total revenue growth	18.1	10.5	8.5	13.7	12.2	9.8	4.4	(1.7)	(1.4)
Net profit growth	72.7	6.1	9.5	40.5	15.2	12.9	32.3	(9.1)	(3.4)
Core profit growth	81.2	(0.3)	9.5	38.6	15.2	12.9	42.7	(15.4)	(3.4)
Gross margin	28.2	25.5	25.7	22.0	22.5	23.0	(6.2)	(3.0)	(2.7)
SG&A to sales	8.2	7.8	7.8	6.3	6.3	6.3	(1.9)	(1.5)	(1.5)
Net margin	21.4	20.6	20.8	18.1	18.6	19.1	(3.3)	(2.0)	(1.7)
Core margin	22.8	20.6	20.8	18.1	18.6	19.1	(4.7)	(2.0)	(1.7)
Operating statistics									
THB/USD	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,449	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,500	1,500	(9.4)	0.0	0.0
Revenue breakdown (THB m)									
Cat food	13,110	14,431	15,742	12,212	13,815	15,348	7.3	4.5	2.6
Dog food	2,655	2,973	3,168	2,725	3,083	3,285	(2.6)	(3.6)	(3.6)
Treats	2,206	2,536	2,752	2,291	2,536	2,752	(3.7)	0.0	0.0

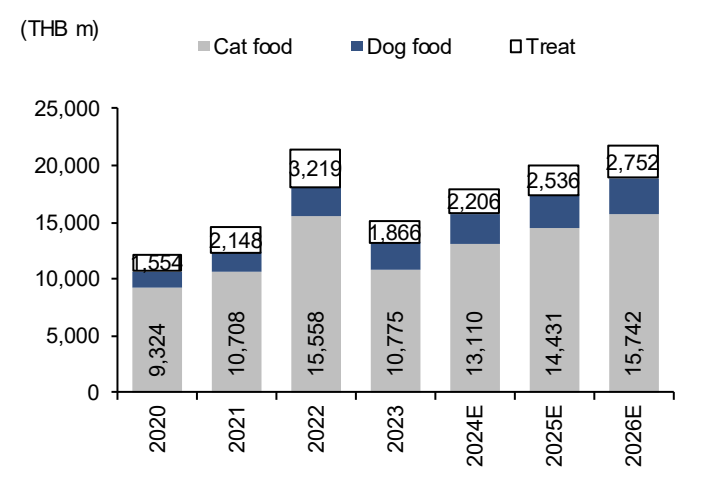
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Exhibit 11: Yearly total revenue and growth



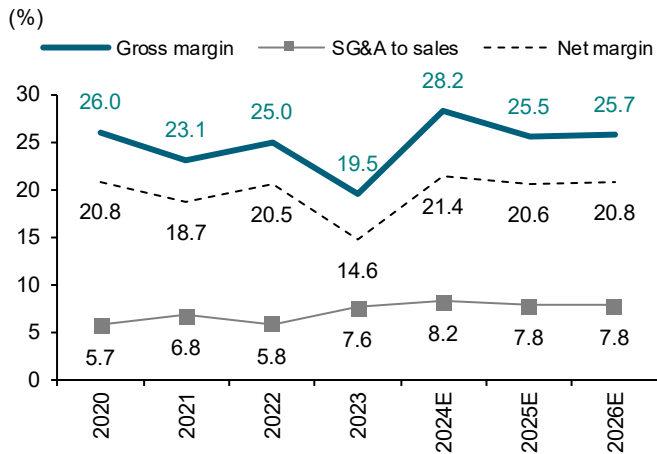
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Exhibit 12: Yearly revenue by type of product



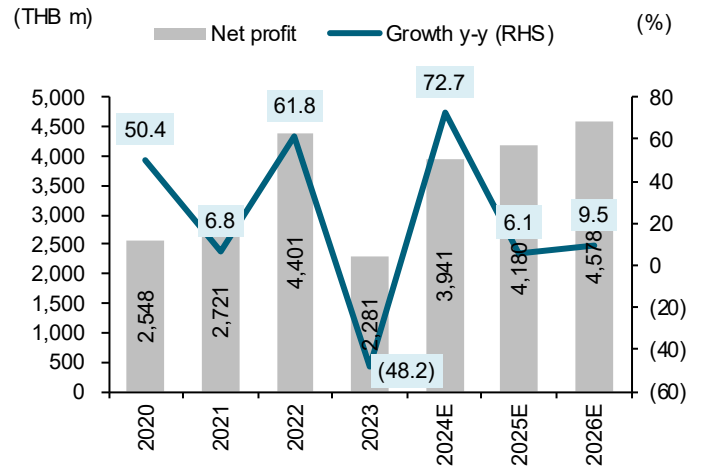
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Exhibit 13: Yearly gross margin and net margin



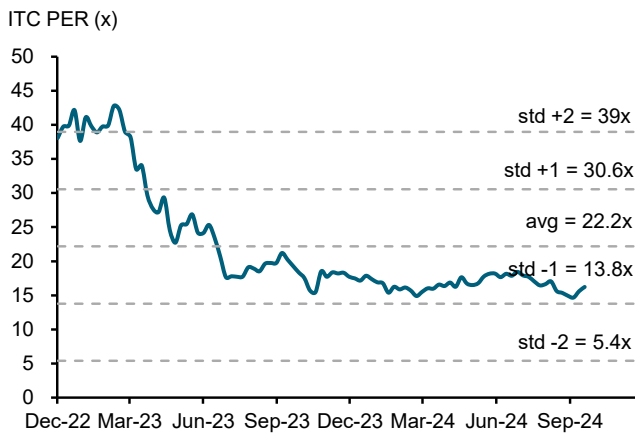
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Exhibit 14: Yearly net profit and growth



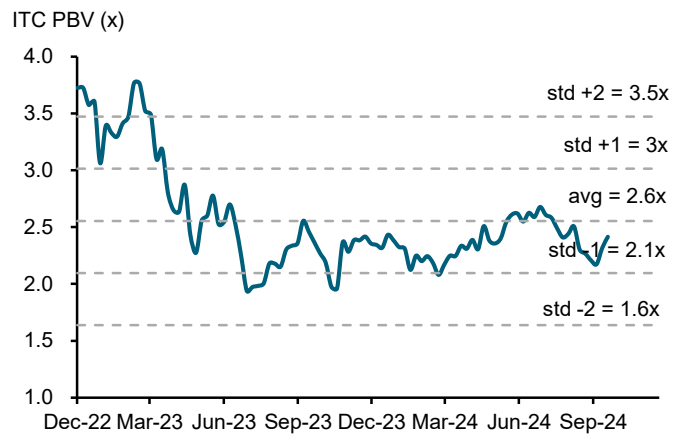
Sources: ITC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 15: Historical P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 16: Historical P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 17: Peers comparison as of 1 October 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	----- Share price -----			Market Cap (USD m)	----- PE -----		----- ROE -----		---- PBV ----		--- EV/ EBITDA ---	
			Current	Target	Upside		24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)		(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand														
I-Tail*	ITC TB	BUY	23.10	30.00	30	2,126	16.5	16.6	17.7	16.8	2.9	2.7	12.0	11.8
Thai union group*	TU TB	BUY	14.90	17.30	16	1,945	13.8	12.4	8.7	9.5	1.2	1.2	10.0	9.5
Asian sea	ASIAN TB	n/a	9.40	n/a	n/a	235	8.9	9.6	13.4	11.6	1.1	1.1	5.0	5.2
Asian Alliance International	AAI TB	n/a	6.20	n/a	n/a	404	13.9	12.4	18.8	19.7	2.5	2.3	9.6	8.4
Thailand average						4,710	13.3	12.7	14.6	14.4	1.9	1.8	9.2	8.7
Regional														
Yantai China pet foods	002891 CH	n/a	24.48	n/a	n/a	1,026	24.4	20.0	12.0	13.1	2.9	2.6	14.4	12.0
Petpal pet nutrition	300673 CH	n/a	14.48	n/a	n/a	513	23.0	18.5	7.9	9.1	1.8	1.7	13.6	11.2
Wenzhou wen toys	001222 CH	n/a	12.44	n/a	n/a	338	14.3	12.7	12.9	13.2	1.7	1.6	10.2	9.1
Nestle	NESN SW	n/a	84.96	n/a	n/a	264,228	17.8	17.0	34.8	34.9	6.4	5.8	14.5	14.2
JM Smucker	SJM US	n/a	121.10	n/a	n/a	12,886	12.6	12.4	13.4	13.0	1.6	1.5	11.8	10.3
General mills	GIS US	n/a	73.85	n/a	n/a	40,998	16.4	16.4	25.9	26.2	4.4	4.2	13.0	13.0
Petco health and wellness	WOOF US	n/a	4.55	n/a	n/a	1,248	56.2	n/a	1.0	(1.2)	0.7	1.1	6.8	8.3
Spectrum brands holdings	SPB US	n/a	95.14	n/a	n/a	2,667	21.6	18.0	5.3	7.8	1.4	1.3	8.5	8.4
Swedencare	SECARE SS	n/a	44.28	n/a	n/a	695	39.2	23.1	2.3	3.8	0.9	0.9	14.1	11.8
Pets at home	PETS LN	n/a	305.40	n/a	n/a	1,878	15.1	13.9	8.5	10.2	1.5	1.5	7.1	6.8
Regional average						326,479	24.1	16.9	12.4	13.0	2.3	2.2	11.4	10.5

Sources: Bloomberg; *FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

i-Tail Corporation

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	21,420	15,577	18,395	20,327	22,048
Cost of goods sold	(16,071)	(12,539)	(13,208)	(15,144)	(16,382)
Gross profit	5,349	3,038	5,187	5,183	5,666
Other operating income	247	603	643	711	772
Operating costs	(1,239)	(1,183)	(1,508)	(1,585)	(1,720)
Operating EBITDA	4,928	2,995	4,961	5,048	5,557
Depreciation	(571)	(539)	(639)	(739)	(839)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	4,357	2,457	4,322	4,309	4,718
Net financing costs	(83)	(11)	(4)	(5)	(4)
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	175	(31)	(250)	0	0
Profit before tax	4,450	2,415	4,068	4,305	4,714
Tax	(48)	(132)	(125)	(121)	(132)
Profit after tax	4,401	2,283	3,943	4,184	4,582
Minority interests	0	(1)	(2)	(4)	(4)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	4,401	2,281	3,941	4,180	4,578
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(175)	31	250	0	0
Recurring net profit	4,226	2,312	4,191	4,180	4,578
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	2.46	0.77	1.40	1.39	1.53
Reported EPS	2.56	0.76	1.31	1.39	1.53
DPS	1.66	0.60	0.92	0.98	1.07
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,720	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Growth					
Revenue (%)	47.4	(27.3)	18.1	10.5	8.5
Operating EBITDA (%)	62.6	(39.2)	65.6	1.8	10.1
Operating EBIT (%)	74.6	(43.6)	75.9	(0.3)	9.5
Recurring EPS (%)	(63.7)	(68.6)	81.2	(0.3)	9.5
Reported EPS (%)	(66.1)	(70.3)	72.7	6.1	9.5
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	25.0	19.5	28.2	25.5	25.7
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	27.6	23.0	31.7	29.1	29.5
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	23.0	19.2	27.0	24.8	25.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	20.3	15.8	23.5	21.2	21.4
Net margin (%)	19.7	14.8	22.8	20.6	20.8
Effective tax rate (%)	1.1	5.5	3.1	2.8	2.8
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	67.6	77.8	65.8	70.0	70.0
Interest cover (X)	52.8	223.0	1,080.5	957.6	1,072.4
Inventory days	93.6	117.0	99.6	98.4	101.4
Debtor days	48.8	86.4	78.3	76.2	76.9
Creditor days	46.3	58.9	45.7	44.3	45.6
Operating ROIC (%)	33.7	15.8	25.3	23.1	23.6
ROIC (%)	32.5	14.6	23.6	22.2	22.7
ROE (%)	26.5	9.6	17.7	16.8	17.5
ROA (%)	21.6	8.7	16.2	15.4	15.9

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Pet Food	18,119	13,180	15,765	17,404	18,909
Treats	3,219	1,866	2,206	2,536	2,752
Other	82	13	80	14	15
Other segment		519	345	372	372

Sources: i-Tail Corporation; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

i-Tail Corporation

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	4,226	2,312	4,191	4,180	4,578
Depreciation	571	539	639	739	839
Associates & minorities	16	(15)	1	0	0
Other non-cash items	-	-	-	-	-
Change in working capital	(2,972)	(578)	(842)	(966)	(788)
Cash flow from operations	1,841	2,258	3,989	3,953	4,629
Capex - maintenance	(817)	(1,532)	(1,053)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Capex - new investment	0	0	0	0	0
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	(222)	(838)	779	(58)	(52)
Cash flow from investing	(1,039)	(2,370)	(275)	(1,058)	(1,052)
Dividends paid	(7,471)	(3,791)	(2,759)	(2,926)	(3,205)
Equity finance	20,795	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(1,559)	4	(264)	(5)	(19)
Other financing cash flows	(16)	(50)	(201)	39	34
Cash flow from financing	11,749	(3,837)	(3,223)	(2,893)	(3,190)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	12,551	(3,949)	491	2	388
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	884.37	(101.04)	3,718.59	2,899.36	3,581.79
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(773.10)	(157.69)	3,249.72	2,928.50	3,592.33
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.29	(0.03)	1.24	0.97	1.19
FCFE per share	(0.26)	(0.05)	1.08	0.98	1.20
Recurring cash flow per share	2.80	0.95	1.61	1.64	1.81
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	7,968	8,905	9,449	9,853	10,162
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,075)	(3,423)	(3,560)	(3,703)	(3,851)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	4,893	5,482	5,889	6,150	6,312
Intangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Long-term financial assets	42	923	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-
Cash & equivalents	13,254	9,305	9,796	9,799	10,186
A/C receivable	3,517	3,860	4,032	4,455	4,833
Inventories	4,454	3,243	3,619	4,149	4,488
Other current assets	1,526	2,165	2,575	2,846	3,087
Current assets	22,750	18,573	20,022	21,248	22,594
Other assets	493	452	552	610	661
Total assets	28,178	25,431	26,462	28,008	29,567
Common equity	25,029	23,118	24,247	25,502	26,875
Minorities etc.	16	1	2	2	2
Total shareholders' equity	25,045	23,119	24,249	25,504	26,877
Long term debt	29	33	28	23	4
Other long-term liabilities	588	569	368	407	441
Long-term liabilities	617	602	396	430	444
A/C payable	2,353	1,520	1,628	1,867	2,020
Short term debt	14	14	5	5	5
Other current liabilities	150	177	184	203	220
Current liabilities	2,517	1,710	1,817	2,075	2,245
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	28,178	25,431	26,462	28,008	29,567
Net working capital	6,994	7,572	8,413	9,380	10,167
Invested capital	12,422	14,429	14,854	16,140	17,140
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt					
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	8.34	7.71	8.08	8.50	8.96
Tangible book value per share	8.34	7.71	8.08	8.50	8.96
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	(52.8)	(40.0)	(40.3)	(38.3)	(37.9)
Net debt/total assets (%)	(46.9)	(36.4)	(36.9)	(34.9)	(34.4)
Current ratio (x)	9.0	10.9	11.0	10.2	10.1
CF interest cover (x)	(8.4)	(13.3)	813.4	651.8	817.4
Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	9.4	30.0	16.5	16.6	15.1
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	12.2	38.9	21.5	21.5	19.7
Reported P/E (x)	9.0	30.4	17.6	16.6	15.1
Dividend yield (%)	7.2	2.6	4.0	4.2	4.6
Price/book (x)	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6
Price/tangible book (x)	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6
EV/EBITDA (x) **	11.4	20.0	12.0	11.8	10.6
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	15.6	27.0	16.2	15.9	14.4
EV/invested capital (x)	4.5	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.4
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted ** EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income					

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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 THSI inclusion , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. SETTHSI Index is extended from the THSI companies whose 1) market capitalization > THB5b (~USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity >0.5% of paid-up capital for at least 9 out of 12 months. The SETTHSI Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.																				
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	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&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 & 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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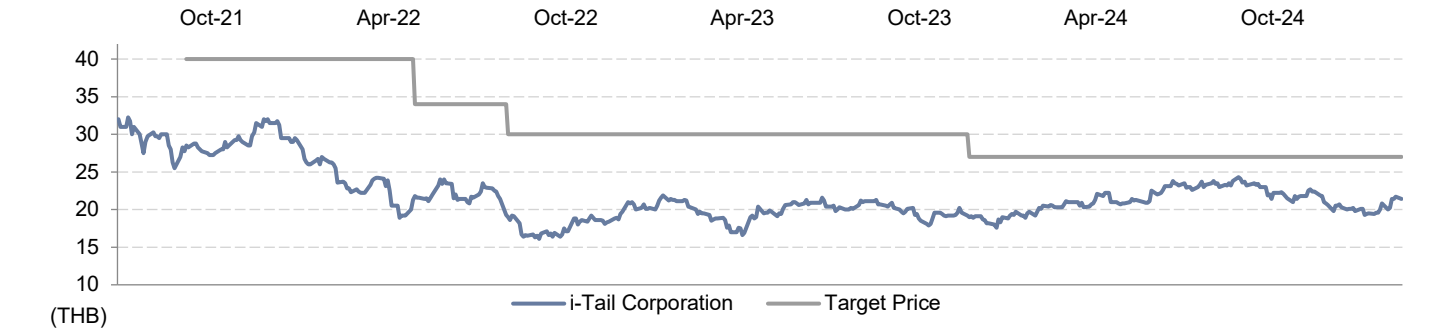
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History of change in investment rating and/or target price

i-Tail Corporation (ITC TB)



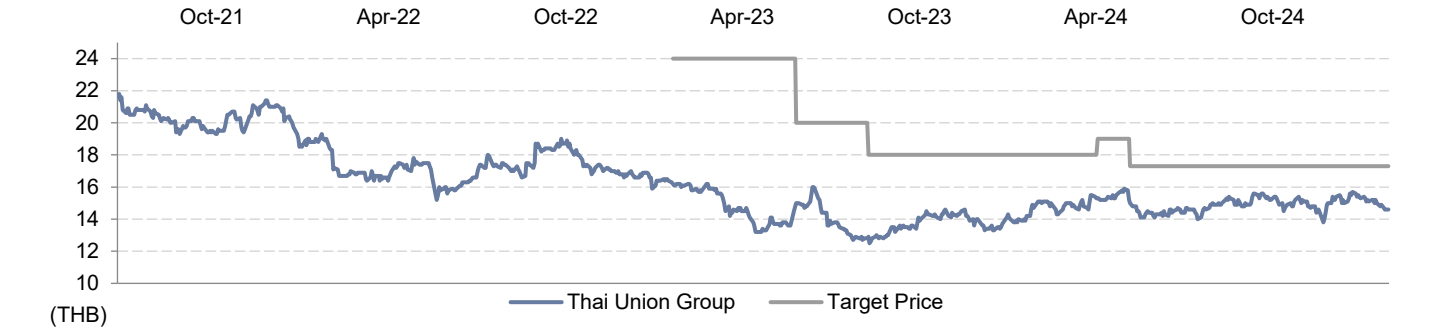
Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
11-Jan-2023	BUY	40.00	26-Jun-2023	BUY	30.00	-	-	-
09-May-2023	BUY	34.00	19-Feb-2024	BUY	27.00			

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 11-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

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Thai Union Group (TU TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
23-Jan-2023	BUY	24.00	10-Jul-2023	BUY	18.00	20-Feb-2024	BUY	17.30
09-May-2023	BUY	20.00	23-Jan-2024	BUY	19.00			

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 23-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
i-Tail Corporation	ITC TB	THB 23.10	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected recovery in purchasing power, 2) more fluctuating raw material prices than expected, 3) a stronger-than-expected THB, and 4) labour shortages.
Thai Union Group	TU TB	THB 14.90	BUY	Downside risks to our SoTP-based 2024 TP include 1) a slower-than-expected revenue recovery; 2) a disruption on shipping routes, resulting in higher-than-expected freight costs; 3) a slower decrease in raw material costs than expected; 4) higher-than-expected labor costs and labor shortages; and 5) stronger Baht than expected.

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All share prices are as at market close on 01-Oct-2024 unless otherwise stated.

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Stock ratings

Stock ratings are based on absolute upside or downside, which we define as (target price* - current price) / current price.

BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

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

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Neutral. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months.

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