

NSL FOODS NSL TB

THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE

BUY

UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB43.00
CLOSE	THB34.00
UP/DOWNSIDE	+26.5%
PRIOR TP	THB43.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+11.1%

Expect solid growth in 3Q-4Q24

- We expect 3Q24 net profit to grow q-q and y-y, potentially peaking in 4Q24.
- New businesses are coming, including cheese product and coconut water exports.
- Retain BUY call with the same TP of THB43.

Expect strong profit in 3Q24, contrary to seasonal trend

We expect a 3Q24 net profit of THB135m (+2.7% q-q, +84% y-y). Excluding an impairment loss in 2Q24, we assume core profit to be flat q-q, which is contrary to the seasonal trend. The main reason is the robust sales from bakery products and NSL brands through 7-Eleven. Hence, we expect 3Q24 total revenue to grow by 2% q-q and 20% y-y. We project the 3Q24 gross margin to remain stable q-q at 20.5%, up from 17.7% in 3Q23. Although we have seen an increase in global cheese and butter prices, NSL has locked in prices for the entire year, and the strengthening Thai baht further helps to mitigate some of the impact.

Out with the old, in with the new

The subsidiary NSL Inno Foods has been generating revenue since July, but most of it has been from selling cheese to NSL, so there may be some intercompany eliminations. However, it has begun to earn revenue from external customers, which is expected to gradually increase in the coming quarters. NSL is also preparing to wind up its joint venture, Pen1, which is expected to be completed in 2H24. The company has already recognized a significant impairment in 2Q24, which is not expected to have a substantial impact on its performance in 2H24.

4Q24 profit may be the peak of the year

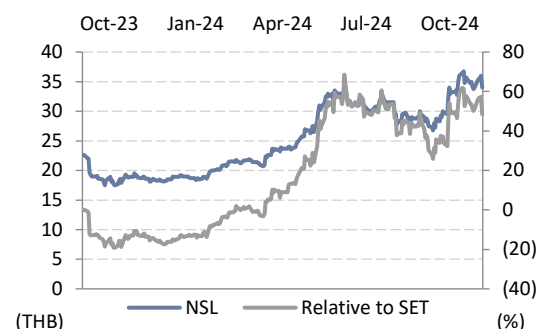
The profit outlook for 4Q24 is likely to continue growing both q-q and y-y, potentially reaching a new high, as it is the high season for the business. The new product, Egg Tart Sandwich, has received a very positive response and has recently become a permanent product at 7-Eleven. Meanwhile, NSL continues to introduce new products and may start recognizing revenue from the coconut water brands Jus Cool and COCO Cool in 4Q24 or 1Q25, after signing an MOU and beginning to make partial payments. We expect to see a significant impact in 2025.

Retain BUY call with TP of THB43

We maintain our 2024-25E net profit at THB523m (+57% y-y) and THB591m (+13% y-y), respectively, with upside potential from the coconut water deal – not yet included in our estimates. We are optimistic about the upward profit momentum, not only from the strong core business (7-Eleven) but also from NSL's efforts to increase non-7-Eleven revenue both domestically and internationally to find new growth stories.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	4,793	5,743	6,592	7,509
Net profit	333	523	591	673
EPS (THB)	1.11	1.74	1.97	2.24
vs Consensus (%)	-	4.5	1.3	(0.3)
EBITDA	557	789	918	1,049
Recurring net profit	333	523	591	673
Core EPS (THB)	1.11	1.74	1.97	2.24
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	12.1	56.9	13.1	13.7
Core P/E (x)	30.6	19.5	17.2	15.2
Dividend yield (%)	1.9	2.9	3.4	3.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.4	12.8	11.0	9.5
Price/book (x)	6.5	5.7	5.0	4.4
Net debt/Equity (%)	1.4	(6.0)	(5.2)	(10.4)
ROE (%)	22.5	31.3	31.0	31.0



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	0.0	2.3	50.4
Relative to country (%)	(3.7)	(7.5)	49.0
Mkt cap (USD m)	306		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	1.3		
Free float (%)	0		
Major shareholder	Mr. Somchai Asavapiyanon (72%)		
12m high/low (THB)	37.25/17.30		
Issued shares (m)	300.00		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates


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Investment thesis

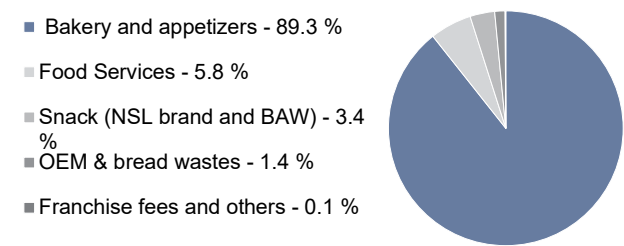
Besides growth in tandem with 7-Eleven, NSL continues to launch new bakery products to create a good impression and cope with rapidly changing consumer needs. It also plans to raise non-7-Eleven revenue to diversify dependency risks by introducing branded snacks and entering the food services business. In its latest move, NSL has invested in three subsidiaries, Bake A Wish, NSL Intertrade, and NSL Inno Foods, to further its future growth.

Company profile

NSL is a manufacturer and distributor of bakery products, appetizers (under CPALL brands, such as EZY Taste, EZY Sweet, and 7 Fresh), and snacks (under NSL brands). It is also in the food services business covering seafood, fish, meats, and frozen vegetables. NSL earns its revenue mainly from domestic sales, with CPALL as its key account. Moreover, it sells food service products to the HoReCa market and other modern trade distributors. It currently has four factories in Chonburi and Nontaburi.

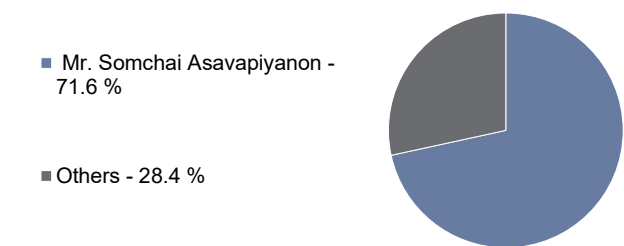
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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)



Source: NSL Foods

Major shareholders



Source: NSL Foods

Catalysts

Potential catalysts for NSL’s earnings growth in 2024-25 are 1) revenue growth driven by new product launches and a tourism recovery; 2) new 7-Eleven branch expansions; and 3) a decline in raw material costs that should offset higher utility costs.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in raw material prices; 3) the failure of new products; and 4) changing consumer demand and lifestyles.

Event calendar

Date	Event
11 November 2024	3Q24 results announcement

Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Total revenue (THB m)	5,743	6,592	7,509
Revenue growth (%)	19.8	14.8	13.9
Gross margin (%)	20.5	20.3	20.4
SG&A to sales (%)	9.5	9.4	9.5

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in revenue, we estimate 2025 net profit to rise by 0.9%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2025 net profit to rise by 5.2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in SG&A to sales, we estimate 2025 net profit to fall by 5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

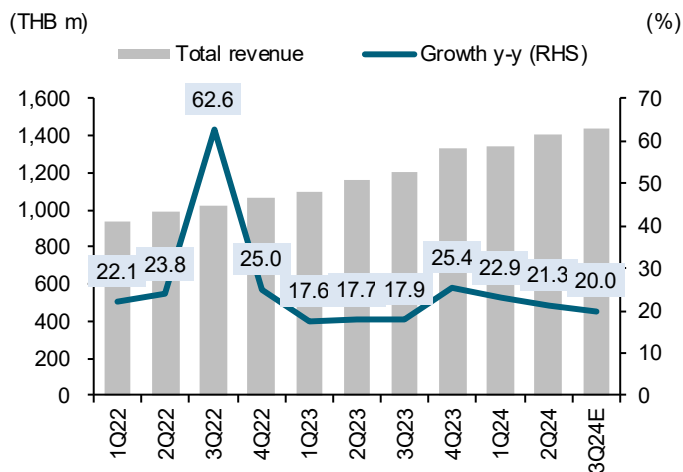
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 1: NSL – 3Q24 earnings preview

	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24E	----- Change -----		9M24E	Change	2024E	Change	% 9M24E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	to 2024E
Sales	1,201	1,333	1,346	1,411	1,441	2.1	20.0	4,197	21.3	5,743	19.8	73.1
Cost of sales	988	1,081	1,064	1,118	1,145	2.5	15.9	3,327	17.6	4,566	16.8	72.9
Gross profit	212	253	282	293	295	0.9	39.2	870	38.1	1,177	33.4	73.9
SG&A	117	129	126	130	130	(0.4)	10.8	386	15.9	546	18.1	70.7
Operating profit	98	132	161	168	171	1.6	74.1	500	64.0	649	48.5	77.0
Interest expense	2	3	2	2	2	0.7	(23.7)	6	(28.9)	8	(29.5)	76.0
Profit (loss) sharing	(4)	(3)	(0)	(5)	0	nm	nm	(5)	nm	(5)	nm	100.0
Tax expense	19	27	32	30	34	12.4	80.1	96	62.3	115	35.0	82.9
Reported net profit	73	102	128	131	135	2.7	84.2	394	69.9	523	56.9	75.3
Core profit	73	102	128	135	135	0.1	84.2	397	69.1	523	56.9	75.9
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)					
Gross margin	17.7	19.0	21.0	20.7	20.5	(0.2)	2.8	18.5	0.7	20.5	0.0	
SG&A / Sales	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.2	9.0	(0.2)	(0.7)	9.2	(0.6)	9.5	0.0	
Operating margin	8.2	9.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	(0.1)	3.7	9.2	(0.6)	11.3	0.0	
Net margin	6.1	7.6	9.5	9.3	9.4	0.1	3.3	7.4	1.1	9.1	2.2	
Core margin	6.1	7.6	9.5	9.5	9.4	(0.2)	3.3	7.4	1.1	9.1	2.2	
Operating statistics (THB m)												
Bakery sales	1,060	1,152	1,186	1,238	1,272	2.7	20.0	3,695	18.1	5,037	17.6	73.4
Food service sales	64	75	66	68	68	0.3	6.8	202	0.7	272	(1.4)	74.2
Snack sales (NSL brands)	45	45	82	91	98	7.2	116.8	271	317.7	376	131.1	72.1
OEM sales	19	17	9	10	12	16.5	(36.8)	32	(38.4)	46	(33.2)	69.4
Franchise sales	1	3	3	3	3	(2.9)	183.7	9	776.5	12	177.7	76.1

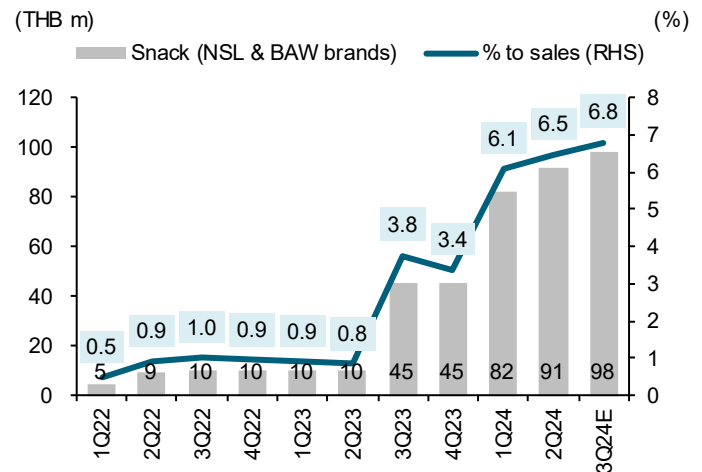
Sources: NSL, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Total revenue and growth



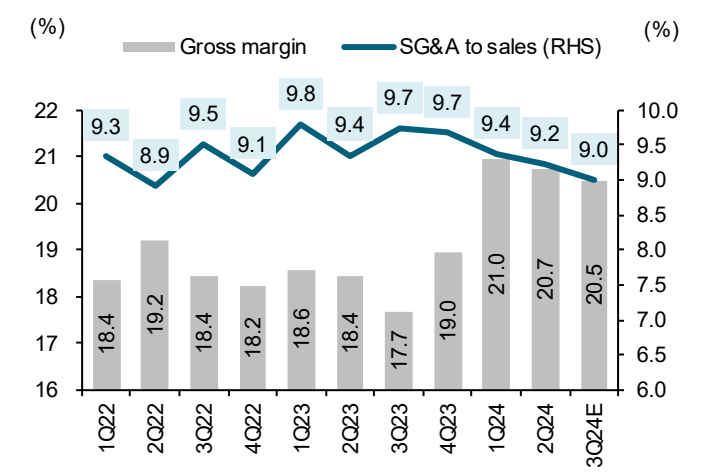
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Exhibit 3: Revenue from NSL brands



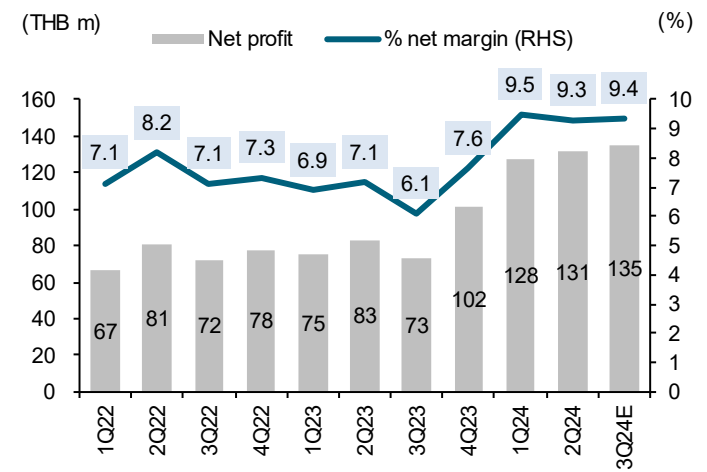
Sources: NSL, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: Quarterly gross margin and SG&A to sales



Sources: NSL, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 5: Quarterly net profit and net margin



Sources: NSL, FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

NSL Foods

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	4,001	4,793	5,743	6,592	7,509
Cost of goods sold	(3,259)	(3,910)	(4,566)	(5,254)	(5,977)
Gross profit	742	883	1,177	1,338	1,532
Other operating income	8	17	17	20	20
Operating costs	(369)	(462)	(546)	(620)	(713)
Operating EBITDA	484	557	789	918	1,049
Depreciation	(102)	(120)	(140)	(180)	(210)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	382	437	649	738	839
Net financing costs	(10)	(11)	(8)	(11)	(11)
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Recurring non-operating income	0	(9)	(5)	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	372	418	637	728	828
Tax	(74)	(85)	(115)	(138)	(157)
Profit after tax	298	332	521	590	670
Minority interests	0	1	2	2	2
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	298	333	523	591	673
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	298	333	523	591	673
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.99	1.11	1.74	1.97	2.24
Reported EPS	0.99	1.11	1.74	1.97	2.24
DPS	0.55	0.65	1.00	1.14	1.30
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	300	300	300	300	300
Growth					
Revenue (%)	31.7	19.8	19.8	14.8	13.9
Operating EBITDA (%)	40.0	15.1	41.6	16.4	14.2
Operating EBIT (%)	53.3	14.5	48.5	13.8	13.6
Recurring EPS (%)	41.5	12.1	56.9	13.1	13.7
Reported EPS (%)	41.5	12.1	56.9	13.1	13.7
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	18.5	18.4	20.5	20.3	20.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	21.1	20.9	22.9	23.0	23.2
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.1	11.6	13.7	13.9	14.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	9.5	9.1	11.3	11.2	11.2
Net margin (%)	7.4	7.0	9.1	9.0	9.0
Effective tax rate (%)	19.9	20.4	18.1	19.0	19.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	55.4	58.5	57.5	58.0	58.0
Interest cover (X)	37.1	40.2	85.9	70.3	74.9
Inventory days	26.4	26.1	26.8	29.0	29.2
Debtor days	49.8	50.5	48.3	46.8	46.9
Creditor days	58.5	58.2	57.8	58.1	58.4
Operating ROIC (%)	25.9	27.2	36.9	36.9	37.0
ROIC (%)	22.3	21.3	30.1	31.2	32.2
ROE (%)	22.4	22.5	31.3	31.0	31.0
ROA (%)	13.9	14.2	19.9	20.1	20.3

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Bakery and appetizers	3,643	4,282	5,037	5,793	6,592
Food Services	288	276	272	285	308
Snack (NSL brand and BAW)	35	163	376	451	542
OEM & bread wastes	35	68	46	50	55

Sources: NSL Foods; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

NSL Foods

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	298	333	523	591	673
Depreciation	102	120	140	180	210
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	0	26	6	0	0
Change in working capital	(54)	(36)	(62)	(52)	(57)
Cash flow from operations	346	443	607	720	825
Capex - maintenance	(146)	(200)	(200)	(400)	(300)
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	-
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	(301)	28	(12)	42	(9)
Cash flow from investing	(448)	(172)	(212)	(358)	(309)
Dividends paid	(144)	(180)	(301)	(343)	(390)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(100)	(93)	(35)	(25)	5
Other financing cash flows	1	20	31	(20)	9
Cash flow from financing	(243)	(252)	(305)	(388)	(376)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	(344)	19	90	(27)	140
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(91.06)	281.68	402.20	372.20	527.42
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(200.65)	198.69	390.73	316.48	530.40
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(0.30)	0.94	1.34	1.24	1.76
FCFE per share	(0.67)	0.66	1.30	1.05	1.77
Recurring cash flow per share	1.33	1.60	2.23	2.57	2.94
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	1,738	1,896	2,024	2,317	2,486
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(768)	(846)	(914)	(987)	(1,066)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	970	1,050	1,110	1,330	1,420
Intangible fixed assets (net)	6	47	47	47	47
Long-term financial assets	301	214	200	150	150
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	6	6	6	6
Cash & equivalents	115	134	224	197	338
A/C receivable	595	732	787	903	1,029
Inventories	267	274	375	432	491
Other current assets	3	7	3	3	4
Current assets	980	1,147	1,389	1,535	1,861
Other assets	32	36	57	66	75
Total assets	2,290	2,500	2,809	3,134	3,559
Common equity	1,406	1,560	1,782	2,030	2,313
Minorities etc.	0	17	18	18	19
Total shareholders' equity	1,406	1,576	1,800	2,049	2,332
Long term debt	80	14	0	35	40
Other long-term liabilities	30	49	86	66	75
Long-term liabilities	110	64	86	101	115
A/C payable	559	650	751	864	983
Short term debt	167	141	115	55	55
Other current liabilities	47	68	57	66	75
Current liabilities	774	859	923	985	1,113
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	2,290	2,500	2,809	3,134	3,559
Net working capital	259	295	357	409	466
Invested capital	1,568	1,648	1,777	2,007	2,164
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt					
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	4.69	5.20	5.94	6.77	7.71
Tangible book value per share	4.67	5.04	5.78	6.61	7.55
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	9.4	1.4	(6.0)	(5.2)	(10.4)
Net debt/total assets (%)	5.8	0.9	(3.9)	(3.4)	(6.8)
Current ratio (x)	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7
CF interest cover (x)	(18.5)	19.7	53.1	31.1	48.4
Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	34.3	30.6	19.5	17.2	15.2
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	43.3	38.7	24.7	21.8	19.2
Reported P/E (x)	34.3	30.6	19.5	17.2	15.2
Dividend yield (%)	1.6	1.9	2.9	3.4	3.8
Price/book (x)	7.3	6.5	5.7	5.0	4.4
Price/tangible book (x)	7.3	6.7	5.9	5.1	4.5
EV/EBITDA (x) **	21.3	18.4	12.8	11.0	9.5
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	26.9	23.2	16.2	14.0	12.1
EV/invested capital (x)	6.6	6.2	5.7	5.0	4.6
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted ** EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income					

Sources: NSL Foods; FSSIA estimates

NSL FOODS PCL (NSL TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

n/a

Exhibit 6: 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 7: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA ESG score	Domestic ratings						Global ratings						--- Bloomberg ---	
		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
ITC	8.00	--	--	--	--	--	Declared	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NSL	n/a	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
RBF	34.45	--	--	--	5.00	4.00	Declared	High	51.04	--	--	30.50	--	2.34	--
SNNP	13.00	--	--	--	4.00	4.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Sources: [SETTRADE.com](https://www.settrade.com); * FSSIA estimate; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 8: ESG disclosure from company's one report

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2023	FY ending Dec 31	FY 2023
Environmental		Governance	
Climate change policy	Yes	Board size / Independent directors (ID) / Female	8 / 4 / 2
Climate change opportunities discussed	--	No. of board meetings for the year / % attendance	6 / 100
GHG scope 2 location-based policy	Yes	Company conducts board evaluations	Yes
Biodiversity policy	--	Number of non-executive directors on board	6
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Director share ownership guidelines	No
Electricity used	Yes	Board age limit	No
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	Yes	Age of the youngest / oldest director	39 / 71
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Number of executives / female	6 / 1
Water policy	Yes	Executive share ownership guidelines	No
Water consumption	Yes	Size of audit committee / ID	3 / 3
Social		Audit committee meetings	5
Human rights policy	Yes	Audit committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Policy against child labor	Yes	Size of compensation committee / ID	-- / --
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Number of compensation committee meetings	--
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Compensation committee meeting attendance (%)	--
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Size of nomination committee / ID	-- / --
Gender pay gap breakout	--	Number of nomination committee meetings	--
Pct women in workforce	53.65	Nomination committee meeting attendance (%)	--
Business ethics policy	Yes	Board compensation (THB m)	2.48
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Executive compensation (THB m)	26.6
Health and safety policy	Yes	Auditor fee (THB m)	2.1
Lost time incident rate - employees	--	(Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Jaiyos Co., Ltd.)	
Training policy	Yes	Total employee (no.)	2781
Fair remuneration policy	Yes	Employee compensation (THB m)	572.3
Number of employees - CSR	Yes		
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	16,315		
Social supply chain management	Yes		

Source: FSSIA's compilation

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 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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Refinitiv ESG rating	Designed to transparently and objectively measure a company's relative ESG performance, commitment and effectiveness across 10 main themes, based on publicly available and auditable data. The score ranges from 0 to 100 on relative ESG performance and insufficient degree of transparency in reporting material ESG data publicly. <i>(Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 = satisfactory; >50 to 75 = good; and >75 to 100 = excellent.)</i>																					
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History of change in investment rating and/or target price

NSL Foods (NSL TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
18-Jan-2023	BUY	26.00	05-Feb-2024	BUY	26.00	26-Apr-2024	BUY	36.00
18-Oct-2023	BUY	24.00	02-Apr-2024	BUY	30.00	09-Sep-2024	BUY	43.00

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 18-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
NSL Foods	NSL TB	THB 34.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in raw material prices; 3) the failure of new products; and 4) changing consumer demand and lifestyles.

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

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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.

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