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TARGET PRICE THB1.78
CLOSE THB1.96
UP/DOWNSIDE -9.2%
PRIOR TP THB2.00
CHANGE IN TP -11.0%
TP vs CONSENSUS -15.4%

3Q24 surprised to the downside

- THANI รายงานกำไรสุทธิ 3Q24 ที่น่าผิดหวังจากตันทุนความเสี่ยงในการปล่อยสินเชื่อ (Credit cost) ที่สูงเกินคาด
- เราปรับลดประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี 2024-26 ของเราส่วนมากเพื่อรวมสมมติฐานคุณภาพ สินทรัพย์และ Credit cost ที่อ่อนตัวลง
- เราคงคำแนะนำถือหลังปรับลดราคาเป้าหมายปี 2025 เป็น 1.78 บาท

ECL ที่สูงขึ้นกดดันกำไร 3Q24

THANI รายงานกำไรสุทธิ 3Q24 ต่ำกว่าคาดโดยอยู่ที่เพียง 80 ลบ. ลดลงแรงถึง 68.7% q-q และ 68.1% y-y กำไรดังกล่าวต่ำกว่าที่เราและตลาดคาด 69% ส่วนมากจากผลขาดทุนทางเครดิตที่คาดว่า จะเกิดขึ้น (ECL) ที่สูงกว่าคาด กำไรก่อนหักสำรอง (PPOP) อยู่ที่ 508 ลบ. ลดลง 15.1% q-q และ 21.6% y-y สินเชื่อหดตัว 3.4% q-q, 10.5% y-y, และ 8.7% YTD ลดลงเป็นไตรมาสที่ 5 ติดต่อกัน เนื่องจากบริษัทฯ ยังคงนโยบายการปล่อยสินเชื่อด้วยความระมัดระวังจากแนวโน้มอุตสาหกรรมเชิง ลบซึ่งทำให้รายได้ดอกเบี้ยสุทธิ (NII) ออกมาที่ 533 ลบ. (-1.0% q-q, -14.0% y-y) ในขณะที่รายได้ที่ ไม่ใช่ดอกเบี้ยสุทธิ (non-NII) อยู่ที่ 203 ลบ. (-10.5% q-q, -13.9% y-y) พึ่งเห็นผลจากการปล่อย สินเชื่อใหม่ที่ลดลง ค่าใช้จ่ายในการดำเนินงานรวมอยู่ที่ 228 ลบ. (+36.9% q-q, +9.7% y-y) พร้อม สัดส่วนค่าใช้จ่ายในการดำเนินงานต่อรายได้ (CIR) ที่ 30.9% ทั้งนี้กำไรสุทธิ 9M24 อยู่ที่ 678 ลบ. ลดลง 39.8% y-y และคิดเป็น 72% ของประมาณการทั้งปีของเรา

คุณภาพสินทรัพย์ที่เสื่อมลงส่งสัญญาณถึงแรงกดดันต่อเนื่อง

แม้ว่าบริษัทจะมีความพยายามอย่างต่อเนื่องในการบริหารหนี้เสียเชิงรุก คุณภาพสินทรัพย์ยังอ่อนตัว กว่าคาดโดยมีสัดส่วนหนี้ด้อยคุณภาพเพิ่มสูงเป็น 3.80% จาก 3.41% ใน 2Q24 สูงกว่าที่เราคาดไว้ที่ 3.53% นอกจากนี้สินเชื่อขั้นที่ 2 ยังเพิ่มเป็น 13.9% จาก 13.4% ใน 2Q24 ซึ่งส่งสัญญาณถึงแรง กดดันต่อคุณภาพสินทรัพย์อย่างต่อเนื่อง นอกจากนี้ Credit cost ยังเพิ่มเป็น 3.21% จาก 2.03% ใน 2Q24 และสูงกว่าประมาณการของเราที่ 2.15% อย่างไรก็ดีสัดส่วนสำรองต่อหนี้ด้อยคุณภาพ (Coverage ratio) กลับเพิ่มเป็น 93% จาก 92% ใน 2Q24 ซึ่งสะท้อนถึงการปรับแบบจำลอง ECL ของบริษัทฯ เพื่อสะท้อนถึงความเสี่ยงการตกชั้นของลูกหนี้ที่สูงขึ้น

ลดประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี 2024-26 เพิ่มเพื่อสะท้อน Credit cost ที่สูงขึ้น

เราปรับลดประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี 2024-26 ของเราลงอีก 11-15% ส่วนมากเพื่อสะท้อนสมมติฐาน Credit cost ที่สูงขึ้นเป็น 175bp-210bp จาก 150bp-170bp ก่อนหน้า นอกจากนี้เรายังตั้งสมมติฐาน CIR ในปี 2024-26 สูงขึ้นเป็น 26-27% จาก 24% เพื่อสะท้อนค่าใช้จ่ายทางกฎหมายจากการยึด หลักทรัพย์ค้ำประกัน เราคาดว่ากำไรสุทธิ 2024 จะลดลง 26% y-y ก่อนฟื้นตัวโดยมีอัตราการเติบโต เฉลี่ยอยู่ที่ 12% CAGR ในปี 2025-26 จากแนวโน้มคุณภาพสินทรัพย์ที่ค่อย ๆ ฟื้นตัวดีขึ้น

คงคำแนะนำถือหลังปรับลดราคาเป้าหมายเป็น 1.78 บาท

เราคงคำแนะนำถือ THANI หลังปรับลดราคาเป้าหมายปี 2025 ของเราเป็น 1.78 บาท (GGM) อ้างอิง P/BV ที่ 0.79x ด้วยสมมุติฐาน LT ROE ที่ลดลงเป็น 8.7% (จาก 9.2%) และ COE ที่ 10.0% โดยราคาหุ้นปัจจุบันไม่มี Upside ขณะที่คาดว่า THANI จะให้ผลตอบแทนในรูปเงินปันผลในปี 2024-26 อยู่ที่ 4-5% ต่อปี โดยอ้างอิงอัตราการจ่ายเงินปันผลที่ 55%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit	1,641	1,184	1,386	1,490
Net profit	1,287	947	1,109	1,192
EPS (THB)	0.23	0.16	0.18	0.19
vs Consensus (%)	-	(17.1)	(13.5)	(16.7)
Recurring net profit	1,287	947	1,109	1,192
Core EPS (THB)	0.23	0.16	0.18	0.19
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(15.1)	(10.9)	(11.2)
EPS growth (%)	(26.6)	(31.1)	13.6	7.5
Core P/E (x)	8.6	12.5	11.0	10.2
Dividend yield (%)	1.0	4.4	5.0	5.4
Price/book (x)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
ROE (%)	10.3	7.2	8.0	8.3
ROA (%)	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.3



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(6.7)	14.6	(25.7)
Relative to country (%)	(9.0)	(1.4)	(28.8)
Mkt cap (USD m)			363
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.6
Free float (%)			41
Major shareholder	Thanachart	SPV1 Co.,	LTD (57%)
12m high/low (THB)			2.76/1.67
Issued shares (m)			5,663

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

We have a HOLD recommendation for THANI due to:

- We have a soft outlook for the hire-purchase truck industry, as companies' asset quality should not unwind rapidly over a backdrop of delayed government spending, soft export/import performance, and declining farm income.
- Regarding THANI's unfavorable landscape, we expect it to focus on proactive asset quality management, while the new lending volume is likely to decline sharply y-y, pressuring loan growth and revenue performance. Therefore, our projections suggest a 2024 bottom-line contraction of 26% y-y before a recovery in 2025-26 at an average of 12% CAGR.
- Our GGM-based 2025 TP of THB1.78, implying a P/BV ratio of 0.79x (LT ROE 8.7%, COE 10.0%), offers limited upside to the current share price.

Company profile

Main businesses of the company are hire purchase loans, targeting new and used trucks, and financial leasing, as well as services related to its core businesses.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

■ Net interest income - 72.9 %

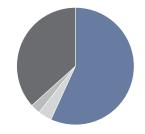


■ Non-interest income - 27.1 %

Source: Ratchthani Leasing

Major shareholders

- Thanachart SPV1 Co., LTD -56.8 %
- Thanachart Capital PCL 3.8 %
- C.S.B. DRUG FACTORY CO.,LTD. - 2.7 %
- Others 36.7 %



Source: Ratchthani Leasing

Catalysts

- Better-than-expected new loan bookings and loan growth.
- 2. Better-than-expected improvement in asset quality.
- Lower-than-expected credit cost and losses on NPA sales.
- 4. Increases in the average price of trucks.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our GGM-derived TP include 1) an economic slowdown, especially for logistics activities and private investment; 2) deteriorating asset quality; and 3) changes in financial regulations from the Bank of Thailand. Upside risks include 1) a better-than-expected macroeconomic improvement; 2) a downtrend in the policy rate could reduce cost of funds and enhance interest spreads; and 3) a faster-than-expected decline in ECL

Event calendar

Date	Event	
Mid-Nov 2024	3Q24 Opportunity Day	
Feb 2025	4Q24 results announcement	

Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)
Net profit	947	1,109	1,192
Growth (y-y %)	(26.4)	17.1	7.5
Loan receivables	47,358	49,919	52,661
Growth (y-y %)	(12.4)	5.4	5.5
Cost-to-income (%)	26.0	26.8	27.0
Credit cost (bp)	210	180	175
Interest spreads (%)	3.45	3.54	3.52

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

			2025E	
Loan growth (%)	±1ppt	4.4	5.4	6.4
% change in net profit		(0.8)	-	0.8
Interest spreads (%)	±5bp	3.49	3.54	3.59
% change in net profit		(2.1)	-	2.1
Credit cost (bp)	±10bp	170	180	190
% change in net profit		3.5	-	(3.5)

Source: FSSIA estimates

3Q24 credit costs surged higher than expected

THANI surprised the market negatively with a 3Q24 net profit of just THB80m, a sharp decline of 68.7% q-q and 68.1% y-y. This fell 69% below our estimate and the Bloomberg consensus, primarily due to higher-than-anticipated ECL expenses.

Highlights

- (-) Loans and revenue: 3Q24 loans contracted by 3.4% q-q, 10.5% y-y, and 8.7% YTD, marking the fifth consecutive quarter of loan contraction, as the company maintained a cautious lending stance due to its bearish outlook on the industry. Consequently, 3Q24 NII came in at THB533m (down 1.0% q-q and 14.0% y-y), with non-NII at THB203m (down 10.5% q-q and 13.9% y-y) both impacted by lower loan disbursements. The loan spread decreased by 12bp q-q to 3.34%, primarily due to a 17bp increase in funding costs to 3.26%, as the company repaid a portion of its borrowings during the quarter.
- **(-) OPEX and CIR:** 3Q24 OPEX totaled THB228m, rising by 36.9% q-q and 9.7% y-y. Despite a decline in lending commissions due to a lower underwriting rate for new loans, overall expenses increased from the rise in legal costs related to the firm's repossession activities. The 3Q24 CIR was at 30.9%, while 9M24 CIR was at 25.3%, above our full-year forecast of 24.4%.
- (-) Asset quality: Despite ongoing efforts to proactively manage bad debt, THANI's asset quality fell short in the quarter, with the NPL ratio rising sharply to 3.80% from 3.41% in 2Q24, exceeding our forecast of 3.53%. Stage 2 loans also increased to 13.9% from 13.4% in 2Q24, signaling continued pressure on asset quality. Most of this deterioration remained concentrated in the HP truck segment (c70% of total loans), while the quality of the luxury car segment (c20%) remained stable. Additionally, 3Q24 credit costs surged to 3.21%, up from 2.03% in 2Q24 and surpassing our estimate of 2.15%. However, the coverage ratio rose to 93% from 92% in 2Q24, reflecting the firm's adjustments to its ECL model to account for risks associated with a higher PD.

Exhibit 1: THANI – 3Q24 operating summary

	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	Cha	ange	9M24	Change	% of	2024E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(y-y %)	24E	(THB m)	(у-у %				
Interest income	924	913	885	847	829	(2.1)	(10.3)	2,561	(7.1)	76	3,368	(8.2
Interest expense	304	319	316	308	296	(4.1)	(2.7)	920	7.8	<i>7</i> 5	1,226	4.
Net interest income	620	594	569	539	533	(1.0)	(14.0)	1,641	(13.7)	77	2,143	(14.2
Non-interest income	236	191	227	227	203	(10.5)	(13.9)	656	(11.2)	73	899	(3.3
Operating income	856	785	795	765	736	(3.8)	(14.0)	2,297	(13.0)	76	3,041	(11.2
Operating expenses	208	175	187	166	228	36.9	9.7	581	3.5	73	792	7.
Pre-provisioning operating profit	648	610	608	599	508	(15.1)	(21.6)	1,716	(17.5)	76	2,249	(16.4
Expected credit loss	340	386	177	263	404	53.7	18.8	843	27.4	79	1,065	1.
Income tax	58	63	88	82	25	(69.4)	(56.9)	195	(33.2)	82	237	(33.2
Net profit	250	161	343	255	80	(68.7)	(68.1)	678	(39.8)	72	947	(26.
EPS (THB)	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.01	(68.7)	(70.2)	0.11	(43.0)	72	0.16	(31.
Key balance sheet items												
Gross loans	55,163	54,061	52,178	51,096	49,369	(3.4)	(10.5)	49,369	(10.5)		47,358	(12.
Interest bearing debt	42,140	41,742	41,773	37,958	34,638	(8.7)	(17.8)	34,638	(17.8)		34,999	(16.
_everage ratios	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)			(x)			(x)	
D/E	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.7			2.7			2.7	
IBD/E	3.4	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.6			2.6			2.6	
Asset quality ratio	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)		(%)	
Gross NPL (THB m)	1,506	1,726	1,719	1,741	1,874	7.6	24.4	1,874	24.4		1,853	7
NPL / TL	2.73	3.19	3.29	3.41	3.80			3.80			3.91	
LLR	1,542	1,678	1,642	1,609	1,739	8.1	12.8	1,739	12.8		1,678	0
Coverage ratio	102	97	95	92	93			93			91	
Credit cost	2.46	2.83	1.33	2.03	3.21			2.15			2.10	
Profitability ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)			(%)	
Cost-to-income ratio	24.27	22.34	23.49	21.75	30.95			25.30			26.05	
Average loan yield	6.69	6.69	6.66	6.56	6.60			6.53			6.64	
Cost of funds	2.86	3.04	3.03	3.09	3.26			3.20			3.19	
Loan yield spreads	3.83	3.65	3.64	3.47	3.34			3.34			3.45	
Net interest margins (NIM)	4.54	4.39	4.19	4.08	4.27			4.23			4.21	
Non-NII / Revenue	27.54	24.30	28.48	29.62	27.56			28.57			29.55	
Loan growth	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			(%)			(%)	
q-q	(0.3)	(2.0)	(3.5)	(2.1)	(3.4)							
у-у	3.9	0.7	(4.7)	(7.6)	(10.5)			(10.5)			(12.4)	
YTD	2.8	0.7	(3.5)	(5.5)	(8.7)			(8.7)				

Sources: THANI; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: THANI – Staged loans and ECL

	2022	2023	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	2022	2023	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24
	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				
Staged loans										
Stage 1	46,181	45,527	43,651	42,524	40,609	86.1	84.2	83.7	83.2	82.3
Stage 2	6,132	6,808	6,807	6,831	6,887	11.4	12.6	13.0	13.4	13.9
Stage 3	1,347	1,726	1,719	1,741	1,874	2.5	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.8
Total	53,660	54,061	52,178	51,096	49,369	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Allowance for ECL										
Stage 1	289	254	235	227	226	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Stage 2	845	855	833	798	846	13.8	12.6	12.2	11.7	12.3
Stage 3	424	568	574	585	667	31.5	32.9	33.4	33.6	35.6
Total	1,558	1,678	1,642	1,609	1,739	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.5
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)					
NPL / TL	2.5	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.8					
NPL + Stage 2 loans / TL	13.9	15.8	16.3	16.8	17.7					
LLR / NPL	116	97	95	92	93					
LLR / (NPL + Stage 2)	21	20	19	19	20					

Sources: THANI; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: 2024-26E earnings revisions

		(THB m) (THB m) (TH 947 1,109 1 (26.4) 17.1 47,358 49,919 52 (12.4) 5.4 26.0 26.8			Previous		Change			
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Net profit	947	1,109	1,192	1,116	1,244	1,342	(15.1)	(10.9)	(11.2)	
Growth (y-y %)	(26.4)	17.1	7.5	(13.3)	11.5	7.9				
Loan receivables	47,358	49,919	52,661	49,870	52,518	55,341	(5.0)	(4.9)	(4.8)	
Growth (y-y %)	(12.4)	5.4	5.5	(7.8)	5.3	5.4				
Cost-to-income (%)	26.0	26.8	27.0	24.4	24.2	24.1				
Loan yield (%)	6.64	6.75	6.76	6.55	6.84	6.85				
Cost of funds (%)	3.19	3.22	3.25	3.21	3.29	3.32				
Loan spread (%)	3.45	3.54	3.52	3.34	3.55	3.53				
NPL ratio (%)	3.91	3.37	3.19	3.50	3.37	3.25				
Coverage ratio (%)	91	91	96	93	98	99				
Credit cost (%)	210	180	175	170	160	150				

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: THANI - GGM-based 2025 TP

	New	Previous
	(%)	(%)
Sustainable ROE	8.7	9.2
Terminal growth	3.9	4.1
Risk-free	3.0	3.0
Expected market return	8.0	8.0
Market risk premium	5.0	5.0
Cost of equity	10.0	10.0
Beta	1.4	1.4
Target PBV (x)	0.79	0.87
Fair price (THB)	1.78	2.00

Exhibit 5: Share price performance of non-banks under coverage, as of 5 November 2024

		Pr	ice performa	nce	
	1M	3M	6M	1Y	YTD
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
TIDLOR TB	(5.2)	11.5	(23.3)	(18.9)	(24.0)
MTC TB	3.6	23.5	11.1	25.0	11.1
SAWAD TB	0.6	42.7	14.8	(0.2)	13.4
SAK TB	10.0	7.7	7.7	26.8	27.4
AEONTS TB	0.0	27.2	(12.4)	(11.0)	(13.8)
KTC TB	0.0	23.2	10.4	3.2	9.8
ASK TB	(9.2)	8.2	(28.3)	(40.8)	(40.2)
THANI TB	(15.2)	5.3	(22.6)	(34.3)	(24.7)
JMT TB	12.1	90.2	(7.2)	(42.5)	(23.9)
BAM TB	(17.4)	20.6	(16.0)	(12.1)	(6.7)
CHAYO TB	(11.7)	38.3	(24.2)	(44.2)	(39.1)
SETFIN	(0.5)	25.7	(3.9)	(10.4)	(8.2)
SET	2.6	16.3	8.1	4.5	4.6

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: THANI - one-year prospective P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: THANI - one-year prospective PER band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 8: Peer comparisons, as of 5 November 2024

Company name	BBG	Rec	Share	Target	Up	F	PE	PE	3V	R0	DE	Div	yld
	code		price	price	side	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)
Auto title													
Muangthai Capital	MTC TB	BUY	50.75	62.00	22.2	17.1	13.2	2.9	2.4	18.1	19.7	0.5	0.7
Srisawad Corp	SAWAD TB	HOLD	42.25	37.00	(12.4)	12.2	10.9	1.9	1.7	17.0	16.2	0.3	0.9
Ngern Tid Lor	TIDLOR TB	HOLD	17.10	17.64	3.2	11.3	9.7	1.6	1.4	14.5	15.1	2.7	3.1
Saksiam Leasing	SAK TB	BUY	5.40	5.28	(2.2)	13.6	11.9	1.8	1.7	13.7	14.4	3.1	3.5
Unsecured finance													
AEON Thana Sinsap (Thailand)	AEONTS TB	HOLD	136.50	142.00	4.0	11.5	10.6	1.3	1.2	11.7	11.9	3.7	4.0
Krungthai Card	KTC TB	HOLD	48.00	44.00	(8.3)	16.6	15.6	3.1	2.8	19.8	18.9	2.7	2.9
Hire-purchase truck													
Asia Sermkij Leasing	ASK TB	HOLD	11.80	11.00	(6.8)	14.0	11.0	0.6	0.6	4.2	5.3	3.6	4.5
Ratchthani Leasing	THANI TB	HOLD	1.96	1.78	(9.2)	12.5	11.0	0.9	0.9	7.2	8.0	4.4	5.0
AMCs													
Bangkok Commercial Asset Mgmt.	BAM TB	HOLD	7.75	9.00	16.1	18.6	15.6	0.6	0.6	3.1	3.6	4.3	5.1
JMT Network services	JMT TB	HOLD	19.70	11.00	(44.2)	17.6	14.5	1.1	1.0	6.1	7.2	3.4	4.1
Chayo Group	CHAYO TB	BUY	3.32	4.00	20.5	13.4	7.9	1.0	0.9	7.9	11.8	2.0	1.9
Average						14.4	12.0	1.5	1.4	11.2	12.0	2.8	3.3

The Chairman of The Board of Directors of Finansia Syrus Securities PCL is also AEONTS's Director Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
nterest Income	3,511	3,668	3,368	3,285	3,470
nterest expense	(926)	(1,172)	(1,226)	(1,146)	(1,209)
Net interest income	2,585	2,496	2,143	2,139	2,261
Net fees & commission	469	439	408	436	467
Foreign exchange trading income	-	-	-	-	-
Securities trading income	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	464	491	491	515	541
Non interest income	933	929	899	952	1,008
Total income	3,518	3,426	3,041	3,091	3,269
Staff costs	(666)	(623)	(673)	(707)	(752)
Other operating costs	(108)	(114)	(119)	(123)	(129)
Operating costs	(774)	(737)	(792)	(829)	(881)
Pre provision operating profit	2,744	2,689	2,249	2,262	2,387
Expected credit loss	(555)	(1,048)	(1,065)	(875)	(898)
Other provisions	-	-	-	· · ·	
Dperating profit	2,189	1,641	1,184	1,386	1,490
Recurring non operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Goodwill amortization	-	-	-	-	
Non recurring items	0	0	0	0	C
Profit before tax	2,189	1,641	1,184	1,386	1,490
Tax	(436)	(354)	(237)	(277)	(298)
Profit after tax	1,753	1,287	947	1,109	1,192
Non-controlling interest	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	_	_	_	_	_
Reported net profit	1,753	1,287	947	1,109	1,192
Non recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	1,753	1,287	947	1,109	1,192
	1,700	1,201	047	1,100	1,102
Per share (THB) Recurring EPS *	0.21	0.22	0.16	0.19	0.19
	0.31	0.23	0.16	0.18	
Reported EPS DPS	0.31 0.17	0.23	0.16 0.09	0.18	0.19 0.11
Growth	0.17	0.02	0.09	0.10	0.11
		(0.4)	(4.4.0)	(0.4)	
Net interest income (%)	2.7	(3.4)	(14.2)	(0.1)	5.7
Non interest income (%)	17.1	(0.3)	(3.3)	5.9	5.9
Pre provision operating profit (%)	0.6	(2.0)	(16.4)	0.6	5.6
Operating profit (%)	2.2	(25.0)	(27.8)	17.1	7.5
Reported net profit (%)	2.5	(26.6)	(26.4)	17.1	7.5
Recurring EPS (%)	2.5	(26.6)	(31.1)	13.6	7.5
Reported EPS (%)	2.5	(26.6)	(31.1)	13.6	7.5
ncome Breakdown					
Net interest income (%)	73.5	72.9	70.5	69.2	69.2
Net fees & commission (%)	13.3	12.8	13.4	14.1	14.3
Foreign exchange trading income (%)	-	-	-	-	
Securities trading income (%)	-	-	-	-	
Dividend income (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Other income (%)	13.2	14.3	16.1	16.7	16.6
Operating performance					
Gross interest yield (%)	6.94	6.88	6.61	6.73	6.81
Cost of funds (%)	2.40	2.85	3.19	3.22	3.25
Net interest spread (%)	4.54	4.03	3.42	3.51	3.56
Net interest margin (%)	5.1	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.4
Cost/income(%)	22.0	21.5	26.0	26.8	27.0
Cost/assets(%)	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7
Effective tax rate (%)	19.9	21.6	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	54.9	8.8	55.0	55.0	55.0
ROE (%)	14.7	10.3	7.2	8.0	8.3
ROE (%)	4.7	0.3	(2.7)	(1.9)	(1.7)
ROA (%)	3.4	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.3
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Sources: Ratchthani Leasing; FSSIA estimates

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Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross customer loans	59,772	60,023	52,543	55,363	58,375
Allowance for expected credit loss	(1,558)	(1,678)	(1,678)	(1,532)	(1,609)
interest in suspense	(6,113)	(5,966)	(5,185)	(5,443)	(5,715)
Net customer loans	52,100	52,380	45,680	48,388	51,052
Bank loans	-	-	-	-	-
Government securities	-	-	-	-	-
Trading securities	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities	0	0	0	0	0
Cash & equivalents	652	1,434	2,243	1,215	1,085
Other interesting assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible fixed assets	380	576	490	420	410
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	-
Other intangible assets	50	49	49	49	49
Other assets	726	817	907	1,108	1,274
Total assets	53,909	55,260	49,369	51,180	53,869
Customer deposits	-	-	-	-	-
Bank deposits	-	-	-	-	-
Other interest bearing liabilities	40,593	41,742	34,999	36,203	38,289
Non interest bearing liabilities	955	833	851	870	890
Hybrid Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	41,548	42,575	35,850	37,073	39,180
Share capital	5,663	5,663	6,229	6,229	6,229
Reserves	6,698	7,022	7,290	7,878	8,460
Total equity	12,361	12,685	13,519	14,107	14,689
Non-controlling interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities & equity	53,909	55,260	49,369	51,180	53,869
Supplementary items					
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Average interest earning assets	50,614	53,351	50,937	48,832	50,942
Average interest bearing liabilities	38,555	41,168	38,371	35,601	37,246
CET 1 capital	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total capital	0	0	0	0	0
Gross non performing loans (NPL)	51,528	53,860	50,709	48,639	51,290
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	2.18	2.24	2.17	2.26	2.36
Tangible book value per share	2.17	2.23	2.16	2.26	2.35
Growth					
Gross customer loans	9.1	0.4	(12.5)	5.4	5.4
Average interest earning assets	5.2	5.4	(4.5)	(4.1)	4.3
Total asset (%)	9.5	2.5	(10.7)	3.7	5.3
Risk weighted assets (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Customer deposits (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Leverage & capital measures					
Customer loan/deposits (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Equity/assets (%)	22.9	23.0	27.4	27.6	27.3
Tangible equity/assets (%)	22.8	22.9	27.3	27.5	27.2
RWA/assets (%)	-	-	-	-	-
CET 1 CAR (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Total CAR (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Asset Quality (FSSIA's calculation)					
Change in NPL (%)	5.8	4.5	(5.9)	(4.1)	5.5
NPL/gross loans (%)	86.2	89.7	96.5	87.9	87.9
Allowance for ECL/gross loans (%)	2.6	2.8	3.2	2.8	2.8
Allowance for ECL/NPL (%)		3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1
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Valuation				20055	20005
Valuation	3.0 2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Valuation Recurring P/E (x) *				2025E 11.0	2026E 10.2
	2022	2023	2024E		
Recurring P/E (x) *	2022 6.3	2023 8.6	2024E 12.5	11.0	10.2
Recurring P/E (x) * Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	2022 6.3 5.8	2023 8.6 7.8	2024E 12.5 11.4	11.0 10.0	10.2 9.3
Recurring P/E (x) * Recurring P/E @ target price (x) * Reported P/E (x)	2022 6.3 5.8 6.3	2023 8.6 7.8 8.6	2024E 12.5 11.4 12.5	11.0 10.0 11.0	10.2 9.3 10.2
Recurring P/E (x) * Recurring P/E @ target price (x) * Reported P/E (x) Dividend yield (%)	2022 6.3 5.8 6.3 8.7	2023 8.6 7.8 8.6 1.0	2024E 12.5 11.4 12.5 4.4	11.0 10.0 11.0 5.0	10.2 9.3 10.2 5.4
Recurring P/E (x) * Recurring P/E @ target price (x) * Reported P/E (x) Dividend yield (%) Price/book (x)	2022 6.3 5.8 6.3 8.7 0.9	2023 8.6 7.8 8.6 1.0 0.9	2024E 12.5 11.4 12.5 4.4 0.9	11.0 10.0 11.0 5.0 0.9	10.2 9.3 10.2 5.4 0.8

Sources: Ratchthani Leasing; FSSIA estimates

Ratchthani Leasing PCL (THANI TB)



Exhibit 9: FSSIA ESG score implication

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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 10: 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
ASK	25.25				4.00	5.00	Certified	Medium							
SAK	45.28		Υ	Y	4.00	4.00	Certified	High	40.10			43.87		2.02	36.23
SAWAD	46.52		Υ	Y	4.00	5.00		Medium	43.97	BB		20.18	13.00	1.93	40.04
THANI	55.07		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	41.07	В		53.43	23.00	2.29	41.91
TIDLOR	36.71				4.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	37.03			23.69	19.00	1.66	

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 11: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	2.23	3.10
BESG environmental pillar score	3.25	3.80
BESG social pillar score	1.24	2.51
BESG governance pillar score	3.87	3.92
ESG disclosure score	42.22	42.56
Environmental disclosure score	25.28	25.28
Social disclosure score	20.13	21.16
Governance disclosure score	81.10	81.10
Environmental		
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No
GHG scope 1	_	_
GHG scope 2 location-based	0	0
GHG Scope 3	_	_
Carbon per unit of production	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	_	_
Renewable energy use	_	_
Electricity used	1	1
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 12: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2021	FY 202
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	Ne
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Ye
Hazardous waste	_	_
Total waste	0	
Waste recycled	_	-
Waste sent to landfills	_	-
Environmental supply chain management	Yes	Ye
Water policy	Yes	Ye
Water consumption	4	
Social		
Human rights policy	Yes	Υe
Policy against child labor	No	N
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	N
Consumer data protection policy	No	Υe
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Ye
Gender pay gap breakout	No	٨
Pct women in workforce	55	5
Pct disabled in workforce	0	
Business ethics policy	Yes	Ye
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Ye
Health and safety policy	Yes	Ye
Lost time incident rate - employees	0	
Total recordable incident rate - employees	0	
Training policy	No	1
Fair remuneration policy	No	1
Number of employees – CSR	465	4
Employee turnover pct		
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	1,339	2,9
Social supply chain management	Yes	Ye
Governance		
Board size	12	•
No. of independent directors (ID)	5	
No. of women on board	2	
No. of non-executive directors on board	10	
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Y
No. of board meetings for the year	6	
Board meeting attendance pct	100	10
Board duration (years)	3	1,
Director share ownership guidelines	No	1
. 5	45	
Age of the youngest director	83	•
Age of the oldest director No. of executives / company managers	6	
No. of female executives	1	
Executive share ownership guidelines Size of audit committee	No 5	1
No. of ID on audit committee	5	
Audit committee meetings	4	4.
Audit meeting attendance %	100	1
Size of compensation committee	3	
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	
No. of compensation committee meetings	2	
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	1
Size of nomination committee	3	
No. of nomination committee meetings	2	
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	10
Sustainability governance		
Verification type	No	١

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

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ESG score	Methodolog	ly			Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	process bas	ed on the com nual S&P Glob	transparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabi al Corporate Sustainabil anies within each indust	ility Scores resulting ity Assessment (CSA).	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 nvestment .ist (<u>THSI</u>) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand SET)	managing bu Candidates in 1) no irregulation of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) indeferrongdoing	usiness with tr must pass the ar trading of th shareholders ome key disque ependent direct related to CG,	ility in Environmental and cansparency in Governar a preemptive criteria, with the board members and ear, and combined holding ualifying criteria include: tors and free float violatie, social & environmental earnings in red for > 3 ye	nce, updated annually. It wo 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 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 th 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 maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.					
CG Score by Thai nstitute of Directors Association Thai IOD)	annually by the Thailand (SE	the Thai IOD,	h in sustainable develop with support from the St ts are from the perspecti s.	ock Exchange of	Good (80-89), and not rated for equitable treatr	3 for Good (70 or scores belo nent of shareh (5%); 4) disclo	ories: 5 for Excel 0-79), 2 for Fair (6 w 50. Weightings nolders (weight 2 sure & transpare	60-69), 1 for P include: 1) th 5% combined	lass (60-69), ne rights; 2) an); 3) the role o	
AGM level By Thai nvestors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	treatment and transparent and tof five the criteria cover date (45%), circulation of sexercised. The and verifiability	e incorporated and sufficiently e CG compon r AGM proced and after the r sufficient informa e second assess y; and 3) openne	which shareholders' right d into business operation y disclosed. All form impenents to be evaluated an lures before the meeting meeting (10%). (The first either for voting; and 2) facilitates for Q&A. The third involves, resolutions and voting re	is and information is ortant elements of two nually. The assessment (45%), at the meeting assesses 1) advance ting how voting rights can be meetings; 2) transparency as the meeting minutes that	nt 3 n be					
Thai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption CAC)	establishmen policies. The (Companies di Declaration of Certification, in managers and	nt of key contr e Certification i eciding to becon Intent to kick off ncluding risk ass	Checklist include corrupt rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. The a CAC certified member ser an 18-month deadline to su essment, in place of policy a tablishment of whistleblowing Il stakeholders.)	and developing of start by submitting a bmit the CAC Checklist for and 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.					
Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unma	assessment on aged. Sources	sk rating provides an ove of how much of a compa s to be reviewed include corp her media, NGO reports/web	ny's exposure to ESG porate publications and	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.					
		ompany feedbac uality & peer rev	k, ESG controversies, issuer riews.	feedback on draft ESG	NEGL 0-10	Low 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+	
SG Book	positioned to the principle helps explain over-weighti	o outperform o of financial m n future risk-ad	sustainable companies the long term. The materiality including inform djusted performance. Matth higher materiality and erly basis.	nethodology considers nation that significantly ateriality is applied by	The total ESG scores using m	score is calcul ateriality-base	lated as a weight ed weights. The s ndicating better p	ed sum of the core is scaled	features	
<u>MSCI</u>				anagement of financially their exposure to ESG ris					nethodology to	
	AAA	8.571-10.00		5,4554.5 to 255	one and new men	ino) manago	inoco nono roidi.	10 to poolo.		
	AA	7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in m	anaging the most s	gnificant ESG ri	sks and opportunitie	es		
	Α	5.714-7.142								
	BBB	4.286-5.713		a mixed or unexception	al track record of ma	anaging the mos	st significant ESG ris	ks and opportu	nities relative to	
	ВВ	2.857-4.285	-	industry peers						
	В	1.429-2.856								
	ccc	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high expos	ure and failure to	o manage significan	t ESG risks		
loody's ESG	Moody's ass			take into account ESG of	bjectives in the d	efinition and i	mplementation of	their strateav	policies. It	
olutions	believes that	t a company ir		nto its business model and						
Refinitiv ESG ating	based on pu	blicly available	e and auditable data. Th	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 performar	nce and insufficie	nt degree of t		
S&P Global				asuring a company's perfessification. The score ran			of ESG risks, op	oortunities, an	id impacts	
	compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100. 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	ESG Score		score is based on Bloo							

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Ratchthani Leasing	THANI TB	THB 1.96	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-derived TP include 1) an economic slowdown, especially for logistics activities and private investment; 2) deteriorating asset quality; and 3) changes in financial regulations from the Bank of Thailand. Upside risks include 1) a better-than-expected macroeconomic improvement; 2) a downtrend in the policy rate could reduce cost of funds and enhance interest spreads; and 3) a faster-than-expected decline in ECL expense.
Muangthai Capital	MTC TB	THB 50.75	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) a further weakening of asset quality that could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 2) changes in financial regulations by the Bank of Thailand and the Office of Consumer Protection Board.
Ngern Tid Lor	TIDLOR TB	THB 17.10	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) further weakening asset quality could potentially hit both loan yields and credit costs; and 2) tighter supervision from related regulators. Upside risks are 1) lower-than-expected credit costs from better asset quality management; and 2) higher-than-expected loan and insurance premium growth from the positive effects of more favorable economic situations.
Krungthai Card	KTC TB	THB 48.00	HOLD	Downside risks are: 1) regulatory actions to curb industry growth; 2) a higher-than- expected policy rate; and 3) deteriorating asset quality. Upside risks are: 1) better-than- estimated economic improvement; 2) stronger-than-estimated improvement in the overall asset quality; and 3) less pressure from the market yield and cost of funds.
Aeon Thana Sinsap (Thailand	I) AEONTS TB	THB 136.50	HOLD	Downside risks are: 1) regulatory actions to curb industry growth; 2) a higher-than- expected policy rate; and 3) deteriorating asset quality. Upside risks are: 1) better-than- estimated economic improvement; 2) stronger-than-estimated improvement in the overall asset quality; and 3) less pressure from the market yield and cost of funds.
Srisawad Corp	SAWAD TB	THB 42.25	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) a further weakening of asset quality that could potentially hit both loan yield and credit cost; and 2) changes in financial regulations by the Bank of Thailand and the Office of Consumer Protection Board. Upside risks include 1) a faster-than-expected decline in losses on sales of repossessed cars for SCAP; and 2) an interest rate downtrend could push its interest spread.
Saksiam Leasing	SAK TB	THB 5.40	BUY	Downside risks include 1) competition from existing and new players 2) regulatory changes by the Bank of Thailand (BoT) and 3) a slower-than-expected reduction in its cost of funds due to a shift toward more long-term loans.
Asia Sermkij Leasing PCL	ASK TB	THB 11.80	HOLD	Downside risks to our GGM-derived TP include 1) an economic slowdown, especially for logistics activities and private investment; 2) deteriorating asset quality; and 3) changes in financial regulations from the Bank of Thailand. Upside risks include 1) a better-than-expected macroeconomic improvement; 2) downtrend of policy rate could reduce cost of funds and enhance interest spreads; and 3) a faster-than-expected decline in ECL expense.
Bangkok Commercial Asset Mngt.	BAM TB	THB 7.75	HOLD	Downside risks to our NAV-based TP include 1) lower cash collection than estimated; 2) lower-than-expected bad debt acquisition; and 3) a slowdown in the property market. Upside risks include 1) better-than-expected cash collection performance and lower pressure from ECL, 2) stronger-than-expected loan growth, and 3) better cost control than expected.
JMT Network Services	JMT TB	THB 19.70	HOLD	Downside risks to our P/BV-based TP include 1) lower cash collection from both debt management and debt tracking collection services; and 2) higher-than-expected funding costs and operating expenses. Upside risks include 1) better-than-expected purchasing power and cash collection 2) lower-than-expected operating and financing expense.
Chayo Group	CHAYO TB	THB 3.32	BUY	Downside risks to our GGM-based TP include 1) lower-than-expected bad debt acquisition; and 2) higher-than-expected operating expenses.

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 05-Nov-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.