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# ราคาหุ้นสะท้อนข่าวร้ายไปหมดแล้ว

- สมมติฐานในปี 2025 ของเราใกล้เคียงกับเป้าหมายของ NEO โดยคาดว่ากำไรจะลดลง
   5.5% y-y
- ราคาหุ้นสะท้อนข่าวร้ายไปหมดแล้วหลังลดลง 27% ในช่วง 3 เดือนที่ผ่านมา
- ปัจจุบันหุ้นมีการซื้อขายที่เพียง 9.5x P/E ซึ่งต่ำกว่ากลุ่มฯ

### กำไร 4Q24 อาจต่ำกว่าที่เคยคาดเล็กน้อย

กำไร 4Q24 ของ NEO อาจต่ำกว่าที่เคยคาด 5% โดยน่าจะอยู่ที่ 256 ลบ. (+11% q-q, +77% y-y) ดัวเลขดังกล่าวสะท้อนการเติบโตใน 4Q24 ซึ่งรายได้น่าจะโตทั้ง q-q และ y-y โดยอาจพุ่งทำสถิติ สูงสุดใหม่จากการฟื้นตัวหลังสถานการณ์น้ำท่วมบรรเทาและ High season เริ่มต้น อย่างไรก็ดีเรา คาดว่าอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นจะอ่อนตัวลงจากต้นทุนวัตถุดิบที่สูงขึ้นและ Product mix ที่เปลี่ยนไป เรา คาดว่าค่าใช้จ่ายในการดำเนินงานจะยังทรงตัว q-q สำหรับในปี 2024 NEO อาจรายงานรายได้รวม โต 5.5% y-y ต่ำกว่าเป้าหมายของบริษัทฯ ที่ 10%

### ตั้งเป้าให้รายได้โตต่อเนื่องในปี 2025 แต่อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นอาจลดลง

ผู้บริหารตั้งเป้าให้รายได้ในปี 2025 โต 10-15% y-y โดยได้ปัจจัยผลักดันจากการเติบโตของรายได้ ในประเทศซึ่งมุ่งเน้นไปที่รายได้จากกลุ่มสินค้าอุปโภคในครัวเรือนซึ่งตั้งเป้าให้โตในอัตราสองหลัก ตามแนวโน้มตลาดและฐานที่ค่อนข้างต่ำในปี 2024 นอกจากนี้ NEO ยังวางแผนเพิ่มสัดส่วนรายได้ จากกลุ่มสินค้า Premium (อาทิเช่นสินค้าสำหรับกลุ่ม Silver age และ Pet parents) ในขณะที่เรา คาดว่ารายได้จากเวียดนามจะฟื้นตัวใน 2Q25 (1Q25 น่าจะอยู่ในระดับต่ำจากเทศกาล Tet) อย่างไร ก็ดี NEO ส่งสัญญาณว่าอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นในปี 2025 อาจลดลงเหลือ 42-43% (จาก 44-45% ในปี 2024) จากการรับรู้ค่าเสื่อมของโรงงานใหม่ตั้งแต่เดือน ก.พ. (ประมาณ 80-100 ลบ. ต่อปีซึ่งจะ กระทบอัตรากำไรขั้นต้น 0.7-0.9%) ต้นทุนวัตถุดิบที่สูงขึ้นและ Product mix ที่เปลี่ยนไป

### ราคาน้ำมันปาล์มได้ผ่านจุดสูงสุดไปแล้ว

ผู้บริหารระบุว่าราคาน้ำมันปาล์มได้ผ่านจุดสูงสุดไปแล้วใน 4Q24 ทั้งนี้ราคาน้ำมันปาล์มดิบได้แตะ ระดับสูงสุดที่ MYR5,300/ตัน (ปัจจุบันลดลงเหลือ 4,200) และราคาน้ำมันเมล็ดในปาล์มดิบได้แตะ ระดับสูงสุดที่ MYR8,300/ตัน (ปัจจุบันลดลงเหลือ 7,600) เราคาดว่าราคาที่สูงใน 4Q24 จะกระทบ ต้นทุนใน 1Q25 และน่าจะลดลงใน 2Q25 เราคงประมาณการกำไรสุทธิปี 2025 ของเราที่ 982 ลบ. (-5.5% y-y) บนสมมติฐานที่ใกล้เคียงกับเป้าหมายของบริษัทฯ

### ราคาหุ้นสะท้อนข่าวร้ายไปหมดแล้ว

เราคงราคาเป้าหมายของเราที่ 49.5 บาท (15x P/E) ในขณะที่หุ้นขาดปัจจัยบวกระยะสั้นในแง่ ของแนวโน้มกำไร ราคาหุ้นได้สะท้อนแนวโน้มเชิงลบอย่างมีนัยสำคัญไปเรียบร้อยแล้วหลัง ปรับตัวลดลงถึง 27% ในช่วง 3 เดือนที่ผ่านมา ปัจจุบันหุ้นมีการซื้อขายที่เพียง 9.5x P/E ซึ่งต่ำ กว่า SETPERS ที่ 13x และคู่แข่งในต่างประเทศ (P&G Unilever Johnson และ Lion Corp) ที่ 18-21x นอกจากนี้เรายังคาดด้วยว่าหุ้นจะให้ผลตอบแทนในรูปเงินปันผลที่ 4-5% สำหรับผล ประกอบการในปี 2024

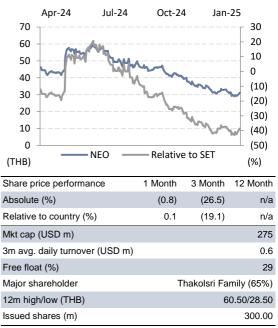


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TARGET PRICE	THB49.50
CLOSE	THB31.25
UP/DOWNSIDE	+58.4%
PRIOR TP	THB49.50
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+10.6%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	9,484	10,009	10,711	11,537
Net profit	830	1,039	982	1,103
EPS (THB)	3.74	3.46	3.27	3.68
vs Consensus (%)	-	3.7	4.5	7.8
EBITDA	1,461	1,883	1,925	2,149
Recurring net profit	830	1,039	982	1,103
Core EPS (THB)	3.74	3.46	3.27	3.68
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	(0.4)	(0.1)
EPS growth (%)	47.0	(7.3)	(5.5)	12.4
Core P/E (x)	8.4	9.0	9.5	8.5
Dividend yield (%)	15.8	5.5	5.2	5.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.3	5.7	6.1	5.7
Price/book (x)	4.5	2.0	1.7	1.5
Net debt/Equity (%)	143.7	22.5	35.1	40.1
ROE (%)	45.0	33.1	19.0	18.7



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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### **Investment thesis**

Despite high competition in the Thai consumer products industry, NEO's products stand out with one unique characteristic – their scent. It is a leader in almost every product category, such as D-nee (#1 in laundry detergent and fabric softener), Fineline (#2 in laundry detergent), and BeNice (#2 in shower cream).

Although we expect the growth to be exciting, it is projected to be steady due to its leadership in the Thai consumer products market and its well-known reputation. In addition, NEO plans to expand its international market, particularly CLMV, which prefers Thai consumer goods brands. If it grows better than expected, it would be an upside to our estimate.

### **Company profile**

NEO operates in the marketing, production, and distribution of consumer products. The company has been in business for over 34 years and has three main product segments: 1) household products; 2) personal care products; and 3) baby and kids' products. For 2023, these product segments accounted for 43.5%/24.1%/32.4% of total revenue, respectively. The majority of revenue was in Thailand, representing 87% of total revenue, while 13% came from exports.

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### Catalysts

Potential catalysts for NEO's earnings growth in 2025 are 1) revenue growth driven by sales volumes; 2) gaining higher domestic market share; 3) declining raw material and packaging costs; and 4) the success of its new product launches.

### **Risks to our call**

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

### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 February 2025
 4Q24 results announcement

### Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

- Household products 43.5 %
- Personal care products 24.1 %
- Baby and kids products 32.4 %

Source: Neo Corporate

### Major shareholders

- Thakolsri Family 65.3 %
- Finansa Fund Management 6.3 %
- Others 28.4 %

Source: Neo Corporate

### Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Household revenue growth (%)	(0.4)	6.0	7.0
Personal care revenue growth (%)	11.0	5.0	7.0
Baby and kids revenue growth (%)	12.5	10.1	9.2
Total revenue growth (%)	5.5	7.0	7.7
Gross margin (%)	45.1	43.0	43.4
SG&A to sales (%)	31.7	31.1	31.0

Source: FSSIA estimates

### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in revenue, we estimate 2025 net profit to rise by 1.2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2025 net profit to rise by 4.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.2% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2025 net profit to fall by 1.6%, and vice versa, all else being equal

Source: FSSIA estimates

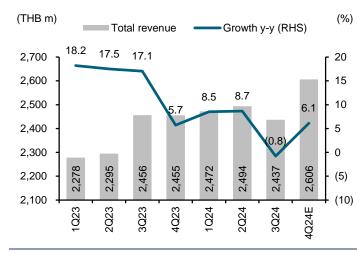


### Exhibit 1: NEO - 4Q24 earnings preview

	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24E	Cha	nge	2023	2024E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Sales	2,455	2,472	2,494	2,437	2,606	6.9	6.1	9,484	10,009	5.5
Cost of sales	1,381	1,337	1,326	1,355	1,485	9.7	7.5	5,449	5,495	0.8
Gross profit	1,074	1,136	1,168	1,082	1,121	3.5	4.3	4,035	4,514	11.9
SG&A	881	780	827	788	795	0.9	(9.7)	2,957	3,175	7.4
Operating profit	207	364	361	314	345	9.7	66.5	1,106	1,406	27.1
Interest expense	20	24	21	22	22	1.8	10.4	55	89	62.5
Tax expense	37	68	67	58	64	10.2	73.3	212	264	24.3
Reported net profit	144	268	269	231	256	10.6	77.4	830	1,039	25.2
Core profit	144	268	269	231	256	10.6	77.5	830	1,039	25.2
Key Ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	43.7	45.9	46.8	44.4	43.0	(1.4)	(0.7)	42.5	45.1	2.6
SG&A / Sales	35.9	31.5	33.2	32.3	30.5	(1.8)	(5.4)	31.2	31.7	0.5
Operating margin	8.4	14.7	14.5	12.9	13.2	0.3	4.8	11.7	14.0	2.4
Net margin	5.9	10.8	10.8	9.5	9.8	0.3	3.9	8.7	10.4	1.6
Core margin	5.9	10.8	10.8	9.5	9.8	0.3	3.9	8.7	10.4	1.6
Operating Statistics (THB m)										
Household products revenue	1,065	1,024	1,004	1,025	1,059	3.3	(0.6)	4,127	4,112	(0.4)
Personal care products revenue	553	699	643	705	706	0.1	27.7	2,287	2,753	20.4
Baby and kids' products revenue	837	749	847	707	841	19.0	0.5	3,070	3,144	2.4
Domestic revenue	2,136	2,250	2,206	2,244	2,356	5.0	10.3	8,238	9,056	9.9
Export revenue	319	223	288	193	250	29.5	(21.7)	1,246	954	(23.5)
Crude palm oil (MYR/tonne)	3,660	3,721	3,969	4,076	5,103	25.2	39.4	3,762.9	4,217.3	12.1
Crude palm kernel oil (MYR/tonne)	3,920	4,343	5,069	5,402	7,527	39.3	92.0	3,928.8	5,585.4	42.2

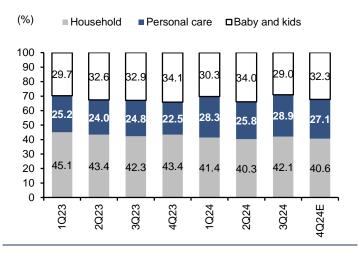
Sources: NEO, FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 2: Quarterly total revenue and growth



Sources: NEO, FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 3: Quarterly revenue breakdown by product segment



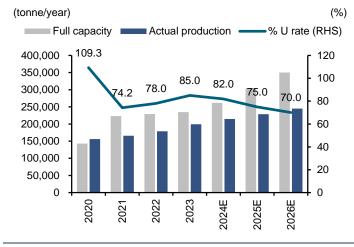
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#### Exhibit 4: Quarterly gross margin and SG&A to sales



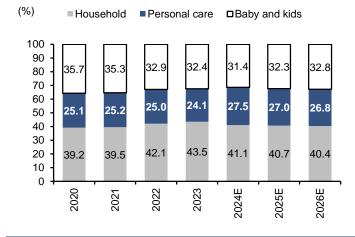
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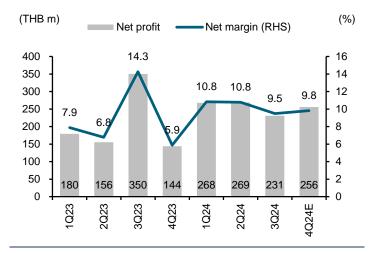
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### Exhibit 8: Revenue contribution by product segment



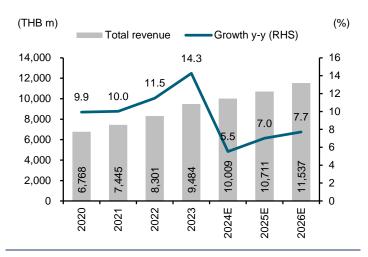
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#### Exhibit 5: Quarterly net profit and net margin



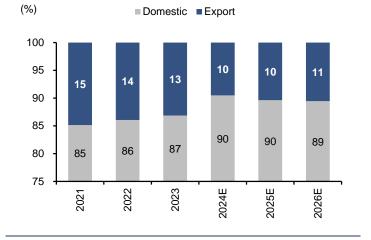
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### Exhibit 7: Yearly total revenue and growth



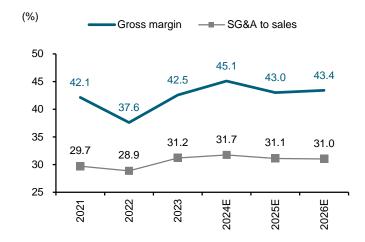
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### Exhibit 9: Revenue contribution by destination

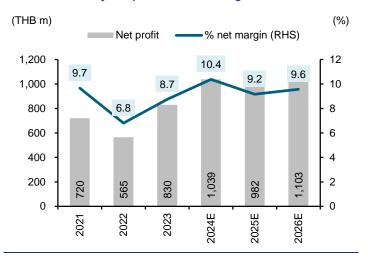


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### Exhibit 10: Yearly gross margin and SG&A to sales



### Exhibit 11: Yearly net profit and net margin



Sources: NEO, FSSIA estimates

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### Exhibit 12: Peers comparison as of 21 January 2025

Company	BBG	Market	Gross margin	Net margin		- PE		R	0E	PE	3V	- EV/ EB	BITDA -
		Сар	24E	24E	5Y-avg	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
		(USD m)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand													
Osotspa*	OSP TB	1,893	41.6	10.3	34.2	21.8	20.2	17.3	17.6	3.6	3.5	12.3	11.5
Srinanaporn Marketing*	SNNP TB	337	32.2	11.5	28.8	17.6	15.9	20.1	21.4	3.5	3.4	11.5	10.4
Neo Corporate*	NEO TB	275	49.9	10.4	n/a	9.0	9.5	33.1	19.0	2.0	1.7	5.7	6.1
Berli Jucker*	BJC TB	2,691	31.8	2.6	28.3	20.8	18.0	3.7	4.2	0.8	0.7	11.9	11.5
Taokaenoi Food&Marketing	TKN TB	350	33.4	14.0	42.5	14.6	14.5	35.5	33.0	5.0	4.6	10.9	10.3
Karmarts	KAMART TB	402	46.7	22.4	18.1	18.8	16.6	20.5	21.6	3.1	3.4	14.5	12.6
Thailand average		5,948			30.4	17.1	15.8	21.7	19.5	3.0	2.9	11.1	10.4
Regional													
Procter & Gamble	PG US	380,857	51.2	19.1	24.3	24.7	23.4	32.9	32.3	7.9	7.2	17.6	16.8
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ US	356,689	74.6	27.2	21.0	14.9	14.0	31.8	32.4	4.9	4.6	12.0	11.2
Unilever	ULVR LN	140,904	44.8	12.0	20.0	18.8	17.5	38.7	38.3	7.1	6.6	12.9	12.2
Lion Corporation	4912 JP	3,048	45.7	4.9	23.7	23.4	22.2	7.0	7.1	1.6	1.5	9.4	8.8
KAO Corporation	4452 JP	17,845	38.5	6.7	35.2	25.8	23.7	10.7	11.3	2.7	2.6	11.7	10.9
Colgate-Palmolive	CLUS	72,085	60.7	14.6	26.7	24.7	23.3	369.6	224.8	87.5	73.1	15.9	15.3
Beiersdorf AG	BEI GY	32,197	58.0	9.8	35.6	29.1	26.2	11.1	11.5	3.3	3.0	15.3	14.2
Regional average		1,003,626			26.7	23.0	21.5	71.7	51.1	16.4	14.1	13.5	12.8
Overall average		1,009,574			28.2	20.3	18.8	48.6	36.5	10.2	8.9	12.4	11.7

Sources: Bloomberg; \*FSSIA estimates

### **Financial Statements**

Neo Corporate

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	8,301	9,484	10,009	10,711	11,537
Cost of goods sold	(5,181)	(5,449)	(5,495)	(6,105)	(6,530)
Gross profit	3,120	4,035	4,514	4,606	5,007
Other operating income	22	28	67	64	69
Operating costs	(2,395)	(2,957)	(3,175)	(3,331)	(3,576)
Operating EBITDA	1,070	1,461	1,883	1,925	2,149
Depreciation	(323)	(355)	(476)	(586)	(649)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	746	1,106	1,406	1,339	1,500
Net financing costs	(36)	(55)	(89)	(96)	(100)
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	710	1,052	1,318	1,243	1,400
Tax Box it of the form	(142)	(212)	(264)	(249)	(280)
Profit after tax	569	840	1,054	995	1,120
Minority interests	(4)	(10)	(15)	(13)	(17)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	565	830	1,039	982	1,103
Recurring net profit	- 565	- 830	- 1,039	982	- 1,103
Per share (THB)			,		,
Recurring EPS *	2.54	3.74	3.46	3.27	3.68
Reported EPS	2.54	3.74	3.46	3.27	3.68
DPS	2.56	4.95	1.73	1.64	1.84
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	222	222	300	300	300
Growth					
Revenue (%)	11.5	14.3	5.5	7.0	7.7
Operating EBITDA (%)	(15.2)	36.6	28.9	2.3	11.6
Operating EBIT (%)	(21.1)	48.2	27.1	(4.8)	12.0
Recurring EPS (%)	(21.5)	47.0	(7.3)	(5.5)	12.4
Reported EPS (%)	(21.5)	47.0	(7.3)	(5.5)	12.4
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	37.6	42.5	45.1	43.0	43.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	41.5	46.3	49.9	48.5	49.0
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.9	15.4	18.8	18.0	18.6
Operating EBIT margin (%)	9.0	11.7	14.0	12.5	13.0
Net margin (%)	6.8	8.7	10.4	9.2	9.6
Effective tax rate (%)	19.9	20.2	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	100.8	132.5	50.0	50.0	50.0
Interest cover (X)	20.6	20.3	15.9	14.0	15.0
Inventory days	59.3	58.6	60.9	63.1	64.5
Debtor days	80.7	75.4	76.3	77.4	77.1
Creditor days	84.5	127.3	130.7	84.1	85.9
Operating ROIC (%)	18.3	23.8	21.9	14.7	13.7
ROIC (%)	17.5	22.5	20.9	14.3	13.4
ROE (%)	28.0	45.0	33.1	19.0	18.7
ROA (%)	9.8	13.0	12.8	9.6	9.5
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Household products	3,498	4,127	4,112	4,359	4,664
Personal care products	2,071	2,287	2,753	2,891	3,093
	2,731	3,070	3,144	3,462	3,780

Sources: Neo Corporate; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Neo Corporate

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
ecurring net profit	565	830	1,039	982	1,103
Depreciation	323	355	476	586	649
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
Other non-cash items	4	(243)	259	5	4
Change in working capital	(152)	157	(162)	(15)	(34)
Cash flow from operations	740	1,098	1,612	1,558	1,723
Capex - maintenance	(663)	(704)	(3,156)	(2,034)	(1,708)
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	
let acquisitions & disposals Dther investments (net)	- 3	- (132)	- 105	(9)	(11)
Cash flow from investing	(660)	(132)	(3,051)	(9) (2,044)	(1,719)
Dividends paid	(307)	(1,657)	(520)	(491)	(1,713)
Equity finance	(307)	(1,007)	3,078	(431)	(002)
Debt finance	(106)	1,652	(668)	767	218
Other financing cash flows	79	9	9	28	33
Cash flow from financing	(335)	3	1,899	304	(301)
Ion-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	<b>(</b>
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	C
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	C
lovement in cash	(255)	265	460	(182)	(297)
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	116.06	315.80	(1,350.86)	(390.25)	104.00
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	52.45	1,921.90	(2,098.79)	309.32	255.15
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	0.39	1.05	(4.50)	(1.30)	0.35
FCFE per share	0.39	6.41	(7.00)	1.03	0.85
Recurring cash flow per share	4.02	4.24	5.91	5.24	5.86
			-00045	20255	
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
angible fixed assets (gross)	4,900	4,900	7,452	9,762	11,085
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(1,781)	(1,204)	(1,490)	(1,952)	(2,217)
angible fixed assets (net)	3,119	3,696	5,961	7,809	8,868
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	47	47	47
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	11	6	6	6	6
Cash & equivalents	224	488	948	766	470
/C receivable	1,929	1,992	2,194	2,348	2,529
iventories	864	772	903	1,004	1,073
Other current assets	45	52	50	54	58
Current assets Dther assets	<b>3,061</b> 144	<b>3,304</b> 282	<b>4,095</b> 130	<b>4,171</b> 139	<b>4,130</b> 150
iotal assets	6,335	7,287	10,239	12,172	13,200
Common equity	<b>6,335</b> 2,144	1,544	4,727	5,618	6,170
Ainorities etc.	2,144	24	283	287	291
otal shareholders' equity	2,411	1,568	5,010	5,905	6,461
ong term debt	726	1,740	1,748	2,065	2,390
Other long-term liabilities	383	392	400	428	461
ong-term liabilities	1,108	2,131	2,148	2,493	2,851
VC payable	1,162	2,391	1,204	1,338	1,431
Short term debt	364	1,001	325	775	668
Other current liabilities	1,290	196	1,551	1,660	1,788
Current liabilities	2,816	3,588	3,081	3,773	3,887
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	6,335	7,287	10,239	12,172	13,200
let working capital	386	229	391	406	440
nvested capital	3,659	4,212	6,535	8,407	9,510
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	g treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	9.66	6.95	15.76	18.73	20.57
angible book value per share	9.66	6.95	15.60	18.57	20.01
inancial strength					
let debt/equity (%)	35.9	143.7	22.5	35.1	40.1
let debt/total assets (%)	13.7	30.9	11.0	17.0	40.
Current ratio (x)	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.1
F interest cover (x)	2.5	36.2	(22.7)	4.2	3.6
aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	20265
Recurring P/E (x) *	12.3	8.4	9.0	9.5	8.5
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	19.5	13.2	14.3	15.1	13.5
teported P/E (x)	12.3	8.4	9.0	9.5	8.5
Dividend yield (%)	8.2	15.8	5.5	5.2	5.9
Price/book (x)	3.2	4.5	2.0	1.7	1.5
Price/tangible book (x)	3.2	4.5	2.0	1.7	1.5
V/EBITDA (x) **	7.5	6.3	5.7	6.1	5.7
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	11.3	9.1	8.6	8.9	8.2
V/invested capital (x)	2.2	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.3

Sources: Neo Corporate; FSSIA estimates



# **Neo Corporate PCL (NEO TB)**

**FSSIA ESG rating** 

n/a

### Exhibit 13: FSSIA ESG score implication

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.
	>59-79 >39-59 >19-39

Source: FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 14: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA			Domestic	c ratings			Global ratings						Bloomberg	
	ESG score	DJSI	SET ESG	SET ESG Rating	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar ESG risk	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score
SET100	67.71	5.69	4.38	4.05	4.77	4.43	4.02	Medium	57.34	BBB	22.70	60.82	67.31	1.19	35.34
Coverage	66.17	5.16	4.33	3.94	4.81	4.43	3.83	Medium	56.41	BBB	18.92	59.20	65.82	1.38	35.46
APCO	16.00				4.00	4.00	Declared								
DDD	15.00				5.00	5.00									
NEO	n/a														

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 15: ESG disclosure from the company's one report

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2023
Environmental	
Climate change policy	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	
GHG scope 2 location-based policy	Yes
Biodiversity policy	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	Yes
Electricity used	Yes
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	Yes
Waste reduction policy	Yes
Water policy	Yes
Water consumption	Yes
Social	
Human rights policy	Yes
Policy against child labor	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	
Equal opportunity policy	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	
Pct women in workforce	Yes
Business ethics policy	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes
Health and safety policy	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	
Training policy	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	Yes
Number of employees - CSR	
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	
Social supply chain management	Yes

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2023
Governance	
Board size / Independent directors (ID) / Female	9/4/3
No. of board meetings for the year / % attendance	9 / 98.8%
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes
Number of non-executive directors on board	4
Director share ownership guidelines	No
Board age limit	No
Age of the youngest / oldest director	30 / 62
Number of executives / female	7 / 6
Executive share ownership guidelines	No
Size of audit committee / ID	3/3
Audit committee meetings	6
Audit committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Size of compensation committee	3/2
Number of compensation committee meetings	2
Compensation committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Size of nomination committee / ID	3/2
Number of nomination committee meetings	2
Nomination committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Board compensation (THB m)	2.87
Auditor fee (THB m)	3.93
(EY Office Limited)	

Source: FSSIA's compilation

### **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating							
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ( <u>DJSI</u> ) By S&P Global	process base from the ann Only the top- inclusion.	ed on the com ual S&P Glob ranked comp	transparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabi al Corporate Sustainabil anies within each industr	lity Scores resulting ity Assessment (CSA). ry are selected for	Sustainability A ESG Score of I scoring compa selected from t	Assessment (C ess than 45% ny are disqual he Eligible Un		ompanies with al ESG Score uents of the D	an S&P Global of the highest JSI indices are			
SET ESG Ratings List (SETESG) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing bu Candidates r 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	isiness with tr nust pass the ar trading of th shareholders ome key disqu pendent direct elated to CG,	possibility in Environmenta ansparency in Governan preemptive criteria, with he board members and e a, and combined holding r ualifying criteria include: ctors and free float violati , social & environmental earnings in red for > 3 year	ace, updated annually. a two crucial conditions: executives; and 2) free must be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' impacts; 4) equity in	To be eligible for <u>SETESG inclusion</u> , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. <u>SETESG Index</u> is extended from the SET ESG Ratings companies whose 1) market capitalization > THB5b (-USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity >0.5% of paid-up capital for at least 9 out of 12 months. The SETTHSI Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.							
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by t Thailand (SE	he Thai IOD,	h in sustainable develop with support from the St ts are from the perspecti s.	ock Exchange of	Scores are rated in six categories: 5 for Excellent (90-100), 4 for Very Good (80-89), 3 for Good (70-79), 2 for Fair (60-69), 1 for Pass (60-69), and not rated for scores below 50. Weightings include: 1) the rights; 2) and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined); 3) the role of stakeholders (25%); 4) disclosure & transparency (15%); and 5) board responsibilities (35%).							
AGM level By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	treatment are transparent a out of five the criteria cover date (45%), a circulation of s exercised. The and verifiability	e incorporatec and sufficiently e CG compon AGM proced and after the r ufficient informa second assess r; and 3) openne	which shareholders' right: d into business operation y disclosed. All form impu- tents to be evaluated anr lures before the meeting meeting (10%). (The first a tion for voting; and 2) facilita eves 1) the ease of attending m sess for Q&A. The third involve les, 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 neetings; 2) transparency es the meeting minutes that			o four categories: (80-89), and no					
Thai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)	establishmer policies. The (Companies de Declaration of Certification, in managers and	nt of key contr Certification is eciding to becon Intent to kick off cluding risk ass employees, est	Checklist include corrupti rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. In a CAC certified member s f an 18-month deadline to su ressment, in place of policy a tablishment of whistleblowing II stakeholders.)	and developing of start by submitting a bmit the CAC Checklist for ind control, training of	passed Checkl	ist will move fo se members a	ed by a committe or granting certifi re twelve highly achievements.	cation by the C	CAC Council			
<u>Morningstar</u> Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unmar regulatory filing	assessment of 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 sites, multi-sector	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.           NEGL         Low         Medium         High         Severe							
		nipany leedbac Iality & peer rev	k, ESG controversies, issuer iews.	reedback on drait ESG	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+			
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explair over-weightin	outperform o of financial m future risk-ad	sustainable companies the over the long term. The m ateriality including inform djusted performance. Ma th higher materiality and erly basis.	nethodology considers nation that significantly ateriality is applied by	The total ESG scores using m	ateriality-base	ated as a weight ad weights. The s ndicating better p	core is scaled				
<u>MSCI</u>		0		anagement of financially their exposure to ESG ri					nethodology to			
	AAA AA	8.571-10.00 7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in m	anaging the most s	ignificant ESG ri	sks and opportunition	es				
	A BBB BB	5.714-7.142 4.286-5.713 2.857-4.285	3 Average:	a mixed or unexception industry peers	al track record of m	anaging the mos	st significant ESG ri	sks and opportur	nities relative to			
	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high expos	ure and failure t	o manage significar	nt ESG risks				
Moody's ESG solutions	Moody's ass believes that	esses the deg a company ir	gree to which companies	take into account ESG on to its business model and medium to long term.								
Refinitiv ESG rating	based on pu	blicly available	e and auditable data. The	e a company's relative ES e score ranges from 0 to are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50	100 on relative E	SG performar	nce and insufficie	nt degree of t				
<u>S&amp;P Global</u>				asuring a company's perf ssification. The score ran			of ESG risks, op	portunities, an	d impacts			
Bloomberg	ESG Score		Bloomberg score evalu score is based on Bloo	ating the company's agg mberg's view of ESG fina the weights are determir	regated Environr ancial materiality.	nental, Social The score is	a weighted gene	ralized mean (	power mean)			

Rating regarding the sustainable development of Thai listed companies, both on the SET and MAI, are publicly available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand (SEC). Currently, ratings available are 1) "CG Score"; 2) "AGM Level"; 3) "Thai CAC"; and 4) THSI. The ratings are updated on an annual basis. FSSIA does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such ratings. Source: FSSIA's compilation

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Neo Corporate	NEO TB	THB 31.25	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) the high volatility of raw material prices; 3) changing consumer demand and lifestyles; and 4) the failure of new products.
Osotspa	OSP TB	THB 21.50	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) higher-than-expected competition; 3) high volatility in energy costs; and 4) changing legal policies both in Thailand and Myanmar.
Srinanaporn Marketing	SNNP TB	THB 12.10	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) a potential rise in raw material costs; 3) a slower-than-expected capacity expansion; and 4) unsuccessful new products.
Berli Jucker	BJC TB	THB 22.90	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP could come from 1) competition with Lotus which could impact its sales and gross margin; and 2) a higher in raw material prices.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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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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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.

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