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## SISB SISB TB THAILAND / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

# 4Q24 results at first glance

#### Profit in line with our expectation

#### Highlights

- SISB posted an in-line record net profit of THB245m in 4Q24 (+12.4% q-q, +16.0% y-y).
- In 4Q24, the number of students increased by 33. It declined from the previous quarter, which was the start of the new academic year (August), while 4Q24 remained within the first term. However, revenue grew by 7.0% q-q and 13.0% y-y to THB637m, benefiting from a full-quarter impact of increased student enrollment and higher tuition fees, which had been adjusted since mid-3Q24.
- The Thonburi and Nonthaburi campuses remained popular among parents, with 85% (28 students) of the total increase in student enrollment in 4Q24 coming from these two campuses - 15 students at the Thonburi campus and 13 students at the Nonthaburi campus.
- Costs and expenses did not increase significantly. Due to operating leverage, the gross margin rose to 53.9% from 51.9% in 3Q24, while the net profit margin increased to 38.5% from 36.6% in 3Q24.
- For 2024, which marked the first full-year recognition of the performance of two new schools Nonthaburi and Rayong campuses the number of students increased by 423. Approximately 50% (214 students) of this growth came from the Nonthaburi campus, bringing the total number of students at the end of the year to 4,620. With a 4.7% y-y increase in tuition fees to THB0.57m, revenue from education rose by 24.5% y-y to THB2.4b.
- The gross and net profit margin in 2024 reached new highs at 54.2% and 37.6%, respectively. This was driven by the Nonthaburi campus generating sufficient profits to offset the losses from the Rayong campus since 1Q24. As a result, SISB reported a net profit of THB885m, +35.4% y-y.

#### Outlook

- The stock price declined by 19% YTD due to concerns that the school may not be able to increase tuition fees by approximately 5% next year if the economic downturn persists. Based on our assessment, in a scenario where the school does not raise tuition fees for the 2025-26 academic year, we expect 2026 profit growth to be 7%, lower than our current projection of 15%. In this case, our TP would be THB39.
- We maintain our projections, expecting profit growth for 2025-27 to average 13.7% CAGR, with a TP of THB42 (8% WACC, 5% LTG).



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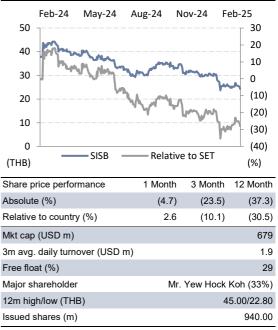
# BUY

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TARGET PRICE	THB42.00
CLOSE	THB24.30
UP/DOWNSIDE	+72.8%
PRIOR TP	THB42.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+14.8%

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	2,353	2,697	3,114	3,537
Net profit	885	1,063	1,225	1,374
EPS (THB)	0.94	1.13	1.30	1.46
vs Consensus (%)	-	20.9	12.7	6.5
EBITDA	1,116	1,318	1,486	1,639
Recurring net profit	885	1,063	1,225	1,374
Core EPS (THB)	0.94	1.13	1.30	1.46
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	(0.8)	(0.6)	nm
EPS growth (%)	35.4	20.1	15.2	12.2
Core P/E (x)	25.8	21.5	18.7	16.6
Dividend yield (%)	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.5	16.6	14.7	13.4
Price/book (x)	6.8	6.1	5.3	4.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	(30.4)	(26.5)	(21.9)	(19.7)
ROE (%)	28.7	29.9	30.5	30.0



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

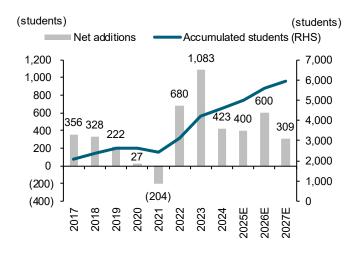
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#### Exhibit 1: SISB - 4Q24 results summary

Year to Dec 31	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	Chai	1ge	2023	2024	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Service revenue	564	561	559	596	637	7.0	13.0	1,891	2,353	24.5
Cost of service	(261)	(252)	(247)	(286)	(294)	2.5	12.6	(898)	(1,078)	20.2
Gross profit	303	309	312	309	344	11.2	13.4	993	1,275	28.3
Operating costs	(104)	(111)	(115)	(107)	(116)	8.9	12.1	(382)	(449)	17.6
Operating profit	200	198	197	203	228	12.4	14.1	611	826	35.1
Operating EBITDA	270	272	269	278	300	8.0	11.3	863	1,119	29.7
Other income	9	11	10	10	10	(7.9)	11.9	41	41	0.1
Interest expense	(4)	(4)	(4)	(7)	(9)	27.7	113.1	(10)	(25)	154.8
Profit before tax	213	214	211	221	248	12.6	16.9	656	894	36.3
Associates	7	7	8	8	10	24.9	49.2	20	32	64.9
Net profit	211	212	210	218	245	12.4	16.5	654	885	35.4
Core profit	211	212	210	218	245	12.4	16.5	654	885	35.4
Reported EPS (THB)	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.0	3.7	0.70	0.91	31.3
Core EPS (THB)	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.0	3.7	0.70	0.91	31.3
Key ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin	53.8	55.1	55.8	51.9	53.9	2.0	0.2	52.5	54.2	1.6
Operating margin	38.1	38.6	38.5	37.1	38.7	1.7	0.7	34.5	38.0	3.5
EBITDA margin	47.8	48.5	48.2	46.6	47.1	0.4	(0.7)	45.6	47.6	1.9
Net margin	37.3	37.8	37.5	36.6	38.5	1.8	1.2	34.6	37.6	3.1
Admin. expense / revenue	18.4	19.8	20.6	17.9	18.2	0.3	(0.1)	20.2	19.1	(1.1)
Number of students (no.)						(q-q %)	(y-y %)			(y-y %)
Total students	4,197	4,278	4,357	4,587	4,620	0.7	10.1	4,197	4,620	10.1
Net additions	72	81	79	230	33	(85.7)	(54.2)	1,083	423	(60.9)

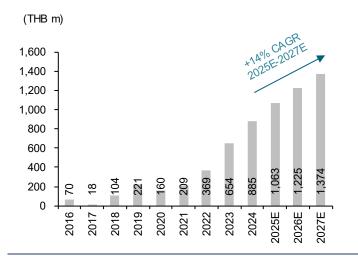
Sources: SISB, FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 2: Net enrolments and accumulated students



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#### Exhibit 3: Core profit



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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	1,889	2,353	2,697	3,114	3,537
Cost of goods sold	(898)	(1,078)	(1,164)	(1,366)	(1,552)
Gross profit	992	1,275	1,533	1,748	1,984
Other operating income	51	66	61	60	69
Operating costs	(382)	(449)	(518)	(576)	(679)
Operating EBITDA	851	1,116	1,318	1,486	1,639
Depreciation	(191)	(225)	(242)	(255)	(265)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	661	891	1,076	1,232	1,374
Net financing costs	(26)	(30)	(36)	(34)	(28)
Associates	20	32	33	38	41
Recurring non-operating income	20	32	33	38	41
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	655	894	1,073	1,236	1,387
Tax	(1)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Profit after tax	654	885	1,063	1,225	1,374
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	654	885	1,063	1,225	1,374
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	654	885	1,063	1,225	1,374
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.70	0.94	1.13	1.30	1.46
Reported EPS	0.70	0.94	1.13	1.30	1.46
DPS	0.31	0.42	0.49	0.56	0.63
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	940	940	940	940	940
Growth					
Revenue (%)	43.2	24.5	14.6	15.4	13.6
Operating EBITDA (%)	54.6	31.1	18.1	12.7	10.2
Operating EBIT (%)	69.4	34.9	20.7	14.5	11.5
Recurring EPS (%)	77.0	35.4	20.1	15.2	12.2
Reported EPS (%)	77.0	35.4	20.1	15.2	12.2
Operating performance	11.0	00.1	20.1	10.2	12.2
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	52.5	54.2	56.8	56.1	56.1
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	62.6	63.7	65.8	64.3	63.6
	45.1	47.4	48.9	47.7	46.3
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	45.1 35.0	37.9	48.9 39.9	39.6	40.3 38.8
Operating EBIT margin (%) Net margin (%)	35.0 34.6	37.9 37.6	39.9 39.4	39.0 39.3	38.8 38.9
Net margin (%)	0.2	37.6 1.0		39.3 0.9	38.9 0.9
Effective tax rate (%)			0.9		
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	44.6 26.3	44.6	43.0	43.0 37.1	43.0 49.7
Interest cover (X)		30.8	30.6		
Inventory days	5.7	6.9	7.0	6.1	5.5
Debtor days	21.4	20.3	19.2	21.2	23.4
Creditor days	55.7	28.5	25.8	22.8	16.6
Operating ROIC (%)	34.3	41.5	44.0	41.3	38.4
ROIC (%)	28.4	35.0	37.3	36.2	34.5
ROE (%)	25.7	28.7	29.9	30.5	30.0
ROA (%)	15.9	18.1	19.3	20.5	21.1
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Tuition fees and service income	1,875	2,339	2,683	3,098	3,520
Education equipment revenue	14	13	15	16	17

Sources: SISB; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
lecurring net profit	654	885	1,063	1,225	1,374
epreciation	191	225	242	255	265
ssociates & minorities	(20)	(32)	(33)	(38)	(41
ther non-cash items	(404)	23	(304)	(144)	(212
hange in working capital	324	127	15	(80)	(47
ash flow from operations	745	1,228	984	1,218	1,339
apex - maintenance	-	-	-	-	
apex - new investment	(1,330)	(1,207)	(438)	(556)	(517
et acquisitions & disposals	1,047	20	0	0	(
Other investments (net)	28	18	(150)	(206)	(200
ash flow from investing	(254)	(1,169)	(588)	(762)	(717
lividends paid	(150)	(291)	(457)	(527)	(591
quity finance	0	0	0	0	(00
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other financing cash flows Cash flow from financing	(187)	(331)	(446)	(553)	(677
lon-recurring cash flows	(107)	(331)	(446)	(555)	(077
Other adjustments	0	735	0	0	(
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lovement in cash	304	462	(50)	(98)	(56
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	516.19	88.87	432.02	489.69	650.01
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	453.91	753.88	406.93	428.69	535.09
er share (THB)	0.55	0.00	0.40	0.50	0.00
CFF per share CFE per share	0.55	0.09	0.46	0.52	0.69
CFE per share Recurring cash flow per share	0.48 0.45	0.80 1.17	0.43 1.03	0.46 1.38	0.57 1.47
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
angible fixed assets (gross)	3,919	4,386	4,586	4,886	5,136
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(986)	(1,175)	(932)	(678)	(413
angible fixed assets (net)	2,933	3,211	3,653	4,208	4,723
ntangible fixed assets (net)	321	410	408	400	392
ong-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	(
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	60	73	60	60	60
Cash & equivalents	1,113	1,576	1,525	1,428	1,372
/C receivable	128	134	150	212	241
nventories	15	17	18	19	20
Other current assets	14	17	18	18	18
current assets	1,270	1,744	1,711	1,677	1,651
Other assets	52	49	52	53	56
otal assets	4,636	5,488	5,885	6,398	6,882
Common equity	2,788	3,382	3,733	4,300	4,855
linorities etc.	0	0	0	0	(
otal shareholders' equity ong term debt	<b>2,788</b> 431	<b>3,382</b> 531	<b>3,733</b> 521	<b>4,300</b> 469	<b>4,85</b> 398
Other long-term liabilities	362	388	409	409	419
ong-term liabilities	793	919	930	400 903	817
/C payable	67	66	64	<b>903</b> 75	43
hort term debt	14	15	16	17	17
ther current liabilities	974	1,106	1,142	1,103	1,150
current liabilities	1,055	1,187	1,222	1,194	1,130
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	4,636	5,488	5,885	6,398	6,882
et working capital	(884)	(1,003)	(1,020)	(929)	(913
vested capital	2,482	2,740	3,153	3,792	4,317
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bein					,
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	2.97	3.60	3.97	4.57	5.16
angible book value per share	2.62	3.16	3.54	4.15	4.75
inancial strength	1.72				
let debt/equity (%)	(23.9)	(30.4)	(26.5)	(21.9)	(19.7
let debt/total assets (%)	(14.4)	(18.8)	(16.8)	(14.7)	(19.7)
urrent ratio (x)	(14.4)	(18.8)	(10.0)	(14.7) 1.4	(13.9
F interest cover (x)	69.8	66.5	24.3	29.8	37.9
aluation	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	20276
ecurring P/E (x) *	35.0	25.8	21.5	18.7	16.0
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	60.4	44.6	37.1	32.2	28.
eported P/E (x)	35.0	25.8	21.5	18.7	16.6
ividend yield (%)	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.6
rice/book (x)	8.2	6.8	6.1	5.3	4.7
rice/tangible book (x)	9.3	7.7	6.9	5.9	5.1
V/EBITDA (x) **	26.0	19.5	16.6	14.7	13.4
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	45.6	34.5	29.2	25.9	23.5
V/invested capital (x)	8.9	8.0	6.9	5.8	5.1

Sources: SISB; FSSIA estimates



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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
SISB	SISB TB	THB 24.30	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) intensified competition; 2) less demand from China; 3) staff shortages; and 4) risks from legal requirements and government policies relating to the business of private schools.

#### Source: FSSIA estimates

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#### **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.

