#### EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

# SYNNEX (THAILAND)

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# Prolonged robust growth despite GPM pressure

- SYNEX set a sales growth target of 13% to reach a record high of THB47b with projected strength across all segments.
- We cut our 2025-26E earnings forecast by 12% due to GPM. Apple remains the product champion but carries a low margin.
- Maintain BUY rating at a lower TP of THB15/shr.

#### A neutral view on the meeting, target 13% sales growth

We have a neutral view of the meeting on 5 Mar. SYNEX set a 2025 sales target of THB47.3b (+12.8% y-y), aligning closely with our estimate (+12%). Potential drivers behind this growth include Apple and Smartphone & Wearable, benefiting from new product launches and expanded sales channels, including Honor, Huawei, and Samsung. The Gaming segment should see growth from Nintendo, while Commercial & Enterprise Solutions would expand through Network Security and its role as an AWS distributor. Additionally, IT Consumer could recover following Microsoft ending its support for Windows 10 by 14 Oct 2025 and the anticipated launch of Windows 12.

#### 4Q24 core profit misses due to ECL despite record-high revenue

The 4Q24 core profit of THB116m (-15% y-y) missed our estimate due to increased provisions, leading to a 53% y-y increase in SG&A expenses and SG&A to sales of 2.9% (+60bps y-y). Despite 22% y-y revenue growth, reaching a record-high THB11.6b (+22% y-y), and a stable 4.0% gross margin, the profit saw pressure from higher SG&A. In 2024, SYNEX achieved record-high revenue of THB41.9b (+15% y-y), mainly from Apple, Smartphone & Wearable, and Commercial & Enterprise Solutions, resulting in a core profit of THB511m (+18% y-y).

#### Cut earnings forecast as challenges loom

We slashed our 2025-26E earnings forecast by 12% due to more anticipated challenges around the gross margin. Apple remains the product champion but carries a low margin. However, SYNEX is working to offset this by focusing on high-margin products, such as IT Secured Network and Cloud solutions as an AWS authorized distributor. Hence, we expect a 2025 core profit of THB635m (+24% y-y), with revenue expected to reach an all-time high of THB47b (+12% y-y) and control measures put in place for employee and warehouse expenses.

#### Maintain BUY rating at a lower TP of THB15/shr

We maintain our BUY rating despite a lower target price of THB15/shr (20x P/E target). In the short run, SYNNEX remains on track, with sales growth of c10% in the first two months of 2025, driven by Phones, Gaming, and Commercial after commercial project inflows gaining momentum. Management was confident that 4Q24 provisions for doubtful accounts were sufficient.



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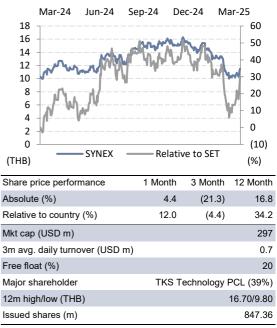
# UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB15.00
CLOSE	THB11.50
UP/DOWNSIDE	+30.4%
PRIOR TP	THB17.60
CHANGE IN TP	-14.8%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-4.3%

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

SYNEX TB

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	41,904	46,987	51,674	55,364
Net profit	628	635	703	759
EPS (THB)	0.74	0.75	0.83	0.90
vs Consensus (%)	-	(6.6)	(6.0)	-
EBITDA	812	963	1,031	1,110
Recurring net profit	511	635	703	759
Core EPS (THB)	0.60	0.75	0.83	0.90
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	(10.4)	(10.1)	nm
EPS growth (%)	18.0	24.3	10.7	8.0
Core P/E (x)	19.1	15.3	13.9	12.8
Dividend yield (%)	3.1	3.9	4.3	4.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.0	16.6	15.9	15.1
Price/book (x)	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.8
Net debt/Equity (%)	164.1	131.7	132.5	131.4
ROE (%)	12.0	13.9	14.5	14.8



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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#### **Investment thesis**

SYNEX is a leading IT distributor. It has been in the business for more than 30 years. SYNEX aims to become a leading one-stop service distributor of IT products and services, leading to sustainable and stable growth under its No.1 IT ecosystem strategy. We expect 2025-27 core profit growth of c14% CAGR due to a recovery in consumer electronics, the AI implementation in NPU (neural processing unit) to help improve efficiency, a focus on the high-value gaming market, and aggressive marketing in the software market, generating recurring income with a healthy margin. Also, the communication segment should see continued growth due to Apple and the solid gains of Honor and Huawei, for which SYNEX is an exclusive distributor.

#### **Company profile**

SYNEX distributes computers, computer peripherals, software, IT systems, and computer-related supplies. Its customer base includes retailers and wholesalers nationwide, local-branded computer manufacturers, department stores, and superstores.

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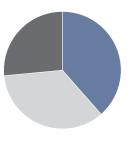
#### Principal activities (revenue, 2024)

- Consumer 30.9 %
- Communication 47.4 %
- Commercial 21.3 %
  Others 0.1 %
- Services 0.2 %

Source: Synnex (Thailand)

#### Major shareholders

- TKS Technology PCL 38.5 %
- King's Eye Investments Ltd 35.0
- Others 26.5 %



Source: Synnex (Thailand)

#### Catalysts

Key catalysts for SYNEX include 1) a domestic purchasing power recovery; 2) government stimulus measures; 3) IT investments in the public and private sectors, which would help stimulate commercial sales (8% of sales were governmentbased); and 4) new technological developments, such as Al processors.

#### **Risks to our call**

Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-thanexpected PC recovery; 2) later-than-expected government budget disbursement; and 3) slower-than-expected AI-capable PC/smartphone adoption.

#### Event calendar

 Date
 Event

 May 2025
 1Q25 results announcement

#### Key assumptions

	Actual		Current			
	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E		
Revenues (THB m)	41,802	46,874	51,550	55,230		
- Consumer growth (%)	(6.4)	0.4	0.4	0.4		
- Communication growth (%)	36.2	22.1	16.1	10.0		
- Commercial growth (%)	9.0	6.9	7.3	7.8		
Gross margin (%)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0		
SG&A to sales (%)	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3		
Core profit (THB m)	511	635	703	759		

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Earnings sensitivity**

- For every 1.0% increase in revenue, we estimate 2025 core profit to rise by 1.0%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in GPM, we estimate 2025 core profit to rise by 5.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A to sales, we estimate 2025 core profit to fall by 5.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

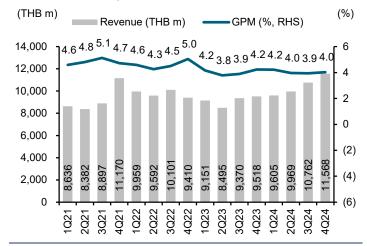


#### Exhibit 1: SYNEX – 4Q24 results summary

	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	Char	ige	2023	2024	Change
Year to Dec 31	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)
Revenue	9,518	9,605	9,969	10,762	11,568	7	22	36,534	41,904	15
COGS	(9,115)	(9,200)	(9,573)	(10,338)	(11,101)	7	22	(35,063)	(40,211)	15
Gross profit	403	405	396	424	466	10	16	1,470	1,692	15
Operating costs	(217)	(227)	(228)	(230)	(331)	44	53	(906)	(1,016)	12
Operating profit	186	178	168	195	135	(30)	(27)	564	677	20
Other income	20	20	20	22	25	16	29	85	87	3
FX Gain (Loss)	12	30	30	27	31	16	162	80	117	45
Interest expense	(42)	(43)	(47)	(50)	(44)	(11)	7	(145)	(185)	27
Profit before tax	176	184	171	193	147	(24)	(16)	584	696	19
Tax	(38)	(38)	(23)	(39)	(26)	(32)	(31)	(134)	(126)	(6)
Associates	10	5	12	14	26	78	167	63	57	(9)
Minority interests	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	(5)	(25)	1	1	(11)
Non-recurring items	12	30	30	27	31	16	162	80	117	45
Reported net profit	148	152	160	169	147	(13)	(1)	513	628	22
Recurring net profit	136	122	130	142	116	(19)	(15)	433	511	18
EPS (THB)	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.17	(13)	(1)	0.61	0.74	22
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.17	0.14	(19)	(15)	0.51	0.60	18
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.0	0.1	(0.2)	4.0	4.0	0.0
Operating margin	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.2	(0.6)	(0.8)	1.5	1.6	0.1
Recurring net margin	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	(0.3)	(0.4)	1.2	1.2	0.0
SG&A / Sales	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.9	0.7	0.6	2.5	2.4	(0.1)

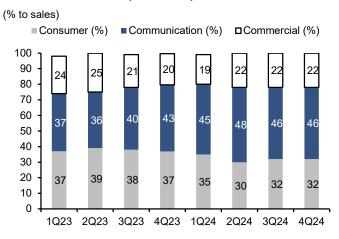
Sources: SYNEX; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 2: Quarterly revenue and %GPM



Sources: SYNEX; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 3: Product mix (% to sales)



Sources: SYNEX; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 4: Quarterly core profit and % margin

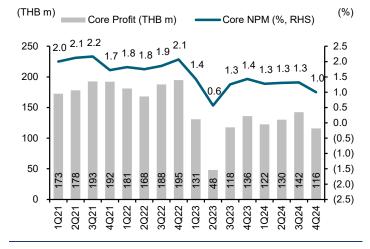
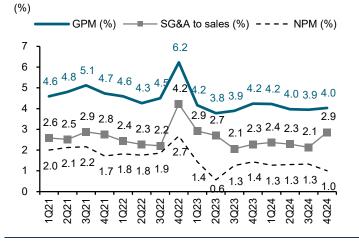


Exhibit 5: Profitability

Sources: SYNEX; FSSIA estimates



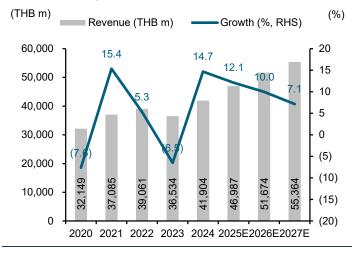
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#### Exhibit 6: Changes in key assumptions

		Current			- Previous		Change		
	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenues (THB m)	46,874	51,550	55,230	45,594	47,663	55,230	2.8	8.2	nm
- Consumer growth (%)	0.4	0.4	0.4	7.9	5.0	0.4	(7.5)	(4.6)	nm
- Communication growth (%)	22.1	16.1	10.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	12.1	11.1	nm
- Commercial growth (%)	6.9	7.3	7.8	5.0	3.0	7.8	1.9	4.3	nm
Gross margin (%)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.0	(0.1)	(0.3)	nm
SG&A to sales (%)	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.2	0.2	nm
Core profit (THB m)	635	703	759	722	797	759	(12.0)	(11.8)	nm

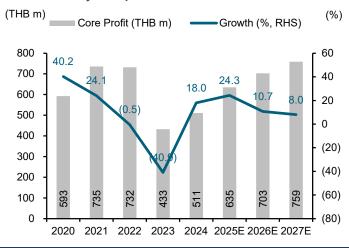
Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 7: Yearly revenue



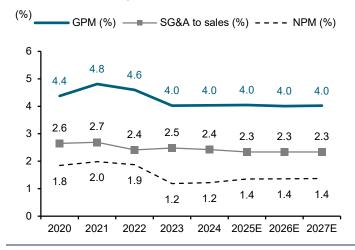
Sources: SYNEX; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 8: Yearly core profit



Sources: SYNEX; FSSIA estimates

#### **Exhibit 9: Profitability**



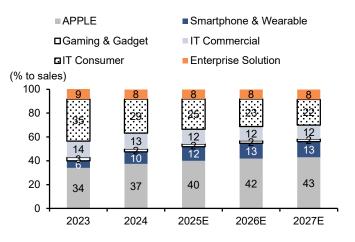
Sources: SYNEX; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 11: Rolling one-year forward P/E band

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Exhibit 10: Product mix



Sources: SYNEX; FSSIA estimates



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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#### Exhibit 13: Commerce peers as of 6 March 2025

Company	BBG	Rec	S	hare price	)	Market	P	E	R	0E	PE	3V	- EV/ EE	BITDA -
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	25E	26E	25E	26E	25E	26E	25E	26E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Consumer Staple														
CP All	CPALL TB	BUY	51.75	83.00	60	13,763	16.7	14.7	20.8	21.2	3.6	3.2	16.0	15.2
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	BUY	28.00	34.00	21	8,644	22.7	20.4	4.3	4.7	1.0	0.9	9.1	8.0
Berli Jucker	BJC TB	BUY	21.20	31.00	46	2,516	16.2	15.3	4.4	4.6	0.7	0.7	10.9	10.6
Consumer Staple average						25,006	18.2	16.3	11.1	11.5	1.9	1.8	11.6	10.8
Consumer Discretionary														
Com7	COM7 TB	BUY	21.20	30.00	42	1,478	14.8	13.7	36.6	34.5	5.1	4.4	10.2	9.2
Synnex Thailand	SYNEX TB	BUY	11.50	15.00	30	289	15.3	13.9	13.9	14.5	2.1	2.0	16.6	15.9
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	BUY	30.25	38.00	26	5,401	19.9	18.6	12.8	12.7	2.5	2.3	9.2	8.8
Consumer Discretionary avg.						7,168	16.7	15.4	21.1	20.6	3.2	2.9	12.0	11.3
Home Improvement														
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	BUY	14.00	17.00	21	209	8.7	8.2	12.8	13.1	1.1	1.1	5.6	5.3
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	BUY	7.90	13.20	67	3,076	15.0	14.2	25.4	26.0	3.7	3.6	8.8	8.4
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	HOLD	6.80	9.70	43	1,088	14.0	12.9	10.3	10.5	1.4	1.3	12.1	11.0
Dohome	DOHOME TB	BUY	6.40	9.50	48	641	23.3	17.2	6.9	8.7	1.6	1.4	13.9	11.9
Home Improvement avg.						5,014	15.3	13.1	13.9	14.6	1.9	1.9	10.1	9.1
Total average	•					37,188	16.7	14.9	14.8	15.1	2.3	2.1	11.2	10.3

Source: FSSIA estimates

### **Financial Statements**

Synnex (Thailand)

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	36,534	41,904	46,987	51,674	55,364
Cost of goods sold	(35,063)	(40,211)	(45,085)	(49,603)	(53,137)
Gross profit	1,470	1,692	1,902	2,072	2,227
Other operating income	85	87	99	109	116
Operating costs	(906)	(1,016)	(1,097)	(1,206)	(1,292)
Operating EBITDA	697	812	963	1,031	1,110
Depreciation	(48)	(48)	(60)	(57)	(60)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	C
Operating EBIT	648	764	904	974	1,051
Net financing costs	(65)	(68)	(186)	(175)	(186)
Associates	63	57	60	63	66
Recurring non-operating income	63	57	60	63	66
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	C
Profit before tax	646	753	778	862	931
Гах	(134)	(126)	(144)	(160)	(173)
Profit after tax	512	627	634	702	758
Ainority interests	1	1	1	1	1
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	513	628	635	703	759
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(80)	(117)	0	0	C
Recurring net profit	433	511	635	703	759
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.51	0.60	0.75	0.83	0.90
Reported EPS	0.61	0.74	0.75	0.83	0.90
DPS	0.62	0.36	0.45	0.49	0.53
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	847	847	847	847	847
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(6.5)	14.7	12.1	10.0	7.1
Operating EBITDA (%)	(29.0)	16.5	18.7	7.0	7.7
Operating EBIT (%)	(30.7)	17.8	18.3	7.8	7.9
Recurring EPS (%)	(40.9)	18.0	24.3	10.7	8.0
Reported EPS (%)	(37.1)	22.3	1.1	10.7	8.0
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0
Dperating EBIT margin (%)	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Net margin (%)	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
Effective tax rate (%)	20.8	16.7	18.5	18.5	18.6
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	121.4	59.7	59.4	59.4	59.4
nterest cover (X)	11.0	12.1	5.2	5.9	6.0
nventory days	37.9	34.3	31.1	29.9	30.3
Debtor days	58.9	54.2	50.5	48.9	49.5
Creditor days	26.3	20.2	20.4	24.6	25.3
Dperating ROIC (%)	6.4	6.7	7.7	8.4	8.5
ROIC (%)	5.7	5.9	6.7	7.3	7.4
ROE (%)	10.6	12.0	13.9	14.5	14.8
ROA (%)	3.6	4.0	5.3	5.3	5.3
Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
	13,825	12,946	12,997	13,051	13,107
Communication	14,593	19,873	24,272	28,188	31,007
Commercial	8,191	8,930	9,545	10,246	11,047
Others	(163)	53	60	65	70

#### **Financial Statements** Synnex (Thailand)

Synnex (Thailand)					
Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring net profit	433	511	635	703	759
Depreciation	48	48	60	57	60
Associates & minorities	(63)	(57)	(60)	(63)	(66)
Other non-cash items	(74)	(28)	111	111	107
Change in working capital	(519)	(1,275)	788	(766)	(712)
Cash flow from operations	(174)	(802)	1,534	42	148
Capex - maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Capex - new investment	(44)	(21)	(59)	(47)	(49)
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	(214)	(212)	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(258)	(233)	(59)	(47)	(49)
Dividends paid	(523)	(298)	(377)	(418)	(451)
Equity finance	(1)	(1)	0	0	0
Debt finance	725	1,091	(1,100)	461 5	396 4
Other financing cash flows Cash flow from financing	(17) <b>185</b>	66 <b>858</b>	5 (1,472)	<b>48</b>	4 (50)
-	105		(1,472)	40	(50)
Non-recurring cash flows	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Other adjustments Net other adjustments	80	117	0	0	0
Novement in cash	(167)	(59)	2	44	48
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(287.09)	(849.46)	1.660.02	170.39	284.34
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	356.90	(849.46) 239.72	379.15	461.45	204.34 499.08
	550.80	200.12	519.10		+33.00
Per share (THB) FCFF per share	(0.24)	(1.00)	1.96	0.20	0.34
FCFF per share FCFE per share	(0.34) 0.42	(1.00) 0.28	0.45	0.20	0.34
Recurring cash flow per share	0.42	0.28	0.43	0.95	1.01
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	1,050	1,071	1,115	1,159	1,203
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(690)	(732)	(783)	(839)	(898)
Fangible fixed assets (net)	359	338	332	(009) 320	(030) <b>305</b>
Intangible fixed assets (net)	335	32	37	39	44
,	31	32	31	39	44
ong-term financial assets	- 1,328	- 1,383	- 1,383	- 1,383	- 1,383
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries Cash & equivalents	1,320	78	1,363	1,303	1,303
A/C receivable	6,548	7,744	8,107	8,931	9,592
Inventories	3,734	3,816	3,863	4,250	4,553
Other current assets	1,109	594	649	699	743
Current assets Other assets	<b>11,528</b> 564	<b>12,233</b> 653	<b>12,699</b> 664	<b>14,005</b> 674	<b>15,060</b> 683
Fotal assets	<b>13,817</b> 4,073	14,639	<b>15,116</b> 4,704	<b>16,421</b> 4,989	<b>17,474</b> 5,297
Common equity	4,073	4,446 5	4,704	4,969	5,297
Vinorities etc.	4,079		4,709		5,302
Fotal shareholders' equity	<b>4,079</b> 471	<b>4,451</b> 253	<b>4,709</b> 144	<b>4,994</b> 68	<b>5,302</b> 68
₋ong term debt Dther long-term liabilities			94		
Long-term liabilities	102 <b>573</b>	83 <b>336</b>	94 238	105 <b>173</b>	114 <b>182</b>
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A/C payable	2,880	2,301	3,553	4,049	4,344
Short term debt Other current liabilities	5,820	7,129	6,138	6,674	7,070
	466	422	478	531	576
Current liabilities	9,165	9,852	10,169	11,254	11,991
Fotal liabilities and shareholders' equity	13,817	14,639	15,116	16,421	17,474
Net working capital nvested capital	8,045 10,334	9,432	8,588	9,301 11,718	9,968
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bein		11,838	11,005	11,710	12,382
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	4.81	5.25	5.55	5.89	6.25
Tangible book value per share	4.76	5.21	5.51	5.84	6.20
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	150.9	164.1	131.7	132.5	131.4
Vet debt/total assets (%)	44.5	49.9	41.0	40.3	39.9
Current ratio (x)	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
CF interest cover (x)	7.2	4.8	3.4	3.9	4.0
/aluation	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring P/E (x) *	22.5	19.1	15.3	13.9	12.8
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	29.4	24.9	20.0	18.1	16.8
Reported P/E (x)	19.0	15.5	15.3	13.9	12.8
Dividend yield (%)	5.4	3.1	3.9	4.3	4.6
Price/book (x)	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.8
Price/tangible book (x)	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x) **	22.8	21.0	16.6	15.9	15.1
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	27.1	24.7	19.6	18.7	17.7
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EV/invested capital (x)	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3

Sources: Synnex (Thailand); FSSIA estimates



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#### Exhibit 14: 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 15: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA	Domestic ratings						Global ratings						Bloomberg	
	ESG score	DJSI	SET ESG	SET ESG Rating	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar	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
ITEL	38.30			Y	5.00	5.00	Certified		40.60			41.18		2.05	39.11
ILINK	37.92			Y	5.00	5.00	Certified		57.40			45.96			
SYNEX	35.18		Y	Y	4.00	4.00			53.33			27.64			41.24
ADVANC	84.07	Y	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	59.80	AA	40.00	73.60	90.00	3.62	59.09
FORTH	23.00				4.00	4.00		Low							

Sources: <u>SETTRADE.com</u>; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 16: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	—	_
BESG environmental pillar score	_	—
BESG social pillar score	_	—
BESG governance pillar score	4.06	4.01
ESG disclosure score	42.99	41.24
Environmental disclosure score	21.41	14.59
Social disclosure score	23.82	25.39
Governance disclosure score	83.59	83.59
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	714	622
GHG scope 2 location-based	_	_
GHG Scope 3	_	_
Carbon per unit of production	_	—
Biodiversity policy	No	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	1	1
Renewable energy use	0	_
Electricity used	1	1
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 17: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	0	0
Total waste	0	0
Waste recycled	=	_
Waste sent to landfills	—	
Environmental supply chain management	No	No
Water policy	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	11	14
Social		
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No
Pct women in workforce	—	_
Pct disabled in workforce	—	1
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	0	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_
Training policy	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No
Number of employees – CSR	698	704
Employee turnover pct	_	_
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	17,450	14,784
Social supply chain management	No	No
Governance		
Board size	12	12
No. of independent directors (ID)	4	4
No. of women on board	4	4
No. of non-executive directors on board	9	10
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	4	4
Board meeting attendance pct	100	100
Board duration (years)	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No
Age of the youngest director	40	41
Age of the oldest director	71	72
No. of executives / company managers	13	11
No. of female executives	6	6
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No
Size of audit committee	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3
Audit committee meetings	5	5
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100
Size of compensation committee	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	- 1	1
No. of compensation committee meetings	2	2
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100
Size of nomination committee	3	100
No. of nomination committee meetings	2	2
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100
Sustainability governance		

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

#### **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating									
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) 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 npanies' Total Sustainabi pal Corporate Sustainabil nanies within each industr	lity Scores resulting ity Assessment (CSA). y are selected for	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.									
SET ESG Ratings List (SETESG) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing bu Candidates r 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. So 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing r	isiness with tr nust pass the ar trading of th shareholders ome key disq pendent direc related to CG	ponsibility in Environmenta cansparency in Governan e preemptive criteria, with the board members and e s, and combined holding r ualifying criteria include: ctors and free float violati , social & environmental earnings in red for > 3 yea	ice, updated annually. two crucial conditions: xecutives; 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,	th in sustainable develop with support from the Sto ts are from the perspectiv is.	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 su exercised. The and verifiability	e incorporated and sufficientl e CG compor AGM proced and after the i ufficient information second assess r; and 3) openne	which shareholders' rights d into business operation y disclosed. All form impu- nents to be evaluated and dures before the meeting meeting (10%). (The first a stion for voting; and 2) facilitat ses 1) the ease of attending n ess for Q&A. The third involve res, resolutions and voting re-	s and information is ortant elements of two nually. The assessment (45%), at the meeting ssesses 1) advance ting how voting rights can be neetings; 2) transparency as the meeting minutes that	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)	establishmer policies. The (Companies de Declaration of Certification, in managers and	nt of key contr Certification eciding to becom Intent to kick offi cluding risk ass employees, est	Checklist include corrupti rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. me a CAC certified member s f an 18-month deadline to sul sessment, in place of policy a tablishment of whistleblowing ul stakeholders.)	and developing of tart by submitting a bmit the CAC Checklist for nd 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.									
<u>Morningstar</u> <u>Sustainalytics</u>	based on an risk is unmar regulatory filing information, co	assessment naged. Source gs, news and ot mpany feedbac	isk rating provides an ove of how much of a compar s to be reviewed include corp her media, NGO reports/web kk, ESG controversies, issuer	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									
ESG Book	The ESG sco positioned to the principle helps explair over-weightir	outperform o of financial m future risk-a ng features w	sustainable companies th over the long term. The m ateriality including inform djusted performance. Ma ith higher materiality and	ethodology considers nation that significantly teriality is applied by	0-10 10-20 20-30 30-40 40+ The total ESG score is calculated as a weighted sum of the features scores using materiality-based weights. The score is scaled between 0 and 100 with higher scores indicating better performance.									
MSCI	weights on a rolling quarterly basis. MSCI ESG ratings aim to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. It uses a rules-based methodology to identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers.													
	AAA AA	8.571-10.00 7.143-8.57(	00 Leader: 0		leading its industry in managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities									
	A BBB BB	5.714-7.142 4.286-5.713 2.857-4.285	3 <b>Average:</b> 5	a mixed or unexception industry peers	al track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to									
	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high exposi	ure and failure to	o manage significan	t ESG risks						
<u>Moody's ESG</u> solutions	Moody's assesses the degree to which companies take into account ESG objectives in the definition and implementation of their strategy policies. It believes that a company integrating ESG factors into its business model and relatively outperforming its peers is better positioned to mitigate risks and create sustainable value for shareholders over the medium to long term.													
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. (Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 = satisfactory; >50 to 75 = good; and >75 to 100 = excellent.)													
raung	The S&P Global ESG Score is a relative score measuring a company's performance on and management of ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.													
S&P Global		its peers with	in allo banno indubary blac			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.								
	compared to	its peers with	Bloomberg score evalu score is based on Bloo	mberg's view of ESG fina	incial materiality.	The score is a	a weighted gener	alized mean	(power mean)					

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks		
Synnex (Thailand)	SYNEX TB	THB 11.50	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected PC recovery, 2 product shortages, and 3) currency fluctuations.		
Com7	COM7 TB	THB 21.20	BUY	Risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) lower/higher domestic consumption and purchasing power, 2) store cannibalization/expansion, and 3) lower/higher-than-expected gross margin.		
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	THB 30.25	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a decline in domestic purchasing power, 2) lower-than-expected tourist arrivals, 3) an absence of the government's stimulus, and 4 a slower-than-expected economic recovery in Vietnam.		
CP All	CPALL TB	THB 51.75	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-derived TP include 1) lower-than-expected SSSG, 2) lower-than-expected gross margin, and 3) higher-than-expected SG&A to sales ratio.		
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	THB 28.00	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; 3) higher-than-expected SG&A expenses; 4) an operating los from its overseas units; 5) lower-than-expected synergy value; and 6) lower-than-expecter losses in Happitat project.		
Berli Jucker	BJC TB	THB 21.20	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP could come from 1) competition with Lotus wh could impact its sales and gross margin; and 2) a higher in raw material prices.		
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	THB 14.00	BUY	Risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than- expected GPM; and 3) a higher-than-expected SG&A.		
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	THB 7.90	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) slower-than-expected recovery in domestic consumption and tourist arrivals, and 3) operating losses from overseas units.		
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	THB 6.80	HOLD	Key risks to our DCF-based TP are 1) lower/higher farm income, which would affect purchasing power in the agricultural sector, 2) government disbursement, 3) a lower/high private brand mix and margin, 4) higher/lower expenses than expected, and 5) a higher/lower impact than expected from the El Nino.		
Dohome	DOHOME TB	THB 6.40	BUY	Key risks to our DCF-based TP are 1) lower steel price and heavy clearance stock 2) lower farm income, which would affect purchasing power in the agricultural sector, 3) government disbursement, 4) a lower private brand mix and margin, and 5) higher expenses than expected.		

Source: FSSIA estimates

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