EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT



MK RESTAURANT GROUP M TB

THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE

HOLD

UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE THB24.00
CLOSE THB20.00
UP/DOWNSIDE +20.0%
PRIOR TP THB24.00
CHANGE IN TP UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS +5.7%

Still waiting for big changes ahead

- We have a positive view on the new strategies, but results are not likely to be quick because the company will adapt cautiously.
- 2025 revenue target at 4-5% growth is challenging, as SSSG for 2MTD is still down by 10% y-y.
- Maintain HOLD and categorize M as a dividend stock.

The company aims for gradual recovery

Management set its 2025 total revenue growth target at 4-5% y-y, primarily driven by SSSG with expectations for a gradual recovery. They also plan to open 15 new branches (representing only 2% of the current number of branches). The target is to maintain the gross margin and SG&A to sales ratio near the levels of 2024, at 67.4% and 58.4%, respectively, in order to preserve a net profit margin of c9-10%. We think these targets represent good margins, even though the revenue mix is likely to gradually shift due to the increase in income from new brands and retail businesses, which have lower-than-average profit margins.

Adjusting the strategy carefully

M also emphasized the adjustment of strategies, with plans to open 15 new branches, consisting of 5 MK, 5 LCS, 3 Yayoi, 1 multi-brand store, and 1-2 Hikiniku To Come branch. The company will also enhance existing brands by adding more vibrancy, such as organizing revenue-boosting activities, alongside steadily expanding the Hikiniku brand without rushing. Management stressed its core values, particularly the quality and safety of food, and they will not enter areas outside their expertise. Instead, they will step out of their comfort zone by striving to create positive changes for existing brands to retain current customers and attract new ones.

Positive outlook on new strategy, but results are not guick

We are optimistic about the new strategies being implemented by MK Group under the leadership of both Gen 1 and the new management team. However, we have yet to see significant results in terms of numbers. The share of new brands and retail products still accounts for only c2-3% of total revenue, so we need to continue monitoring the recovery. In 1Q25, SSSG for 2MTD is still negative by 10% y-y, despite a good response to the "Moo Marathon" campaign. However, the campaign lasted only nine days, so it has not been able to turn the overall revenue growth positive yet. Nonetheless, we expect lower SG&A expenses to support 1Q25 net profit in maintaining steady levels both q-q and y-y.

Maintain HOLD while waiting for the recovery

We have not yet seen clear signs of a profit recovery. We maintain our 2025E net profit as stable y-y at THB1.46b, and we are keeping our TP at THB24 (based on a P/E ratio of 15x). Given the current situation, M has become a dividend stock, supported by a strong financial position with no debt, and we expect a dividend yield of c6-7% per year.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	15,418	15,933	16,443	16,970
Net profit	1,442	1,461	1,528	1,539
EPS (THB)	1.57	1.59	1.66	1.67
vs Consensus (%)	-	6.9	10.7	11.3
EBITDA	3,769	3,794	3,881	3,904
Recurring net profit	1,442	1,461	1,528	1,539
Core EPS (THB)	1.57	1.59	1.66	1.67
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	(14.3)	1.4	4.5	0.7
Core P/E (x)	12.8	12.6	12.1	12.0
Dividend yield (%)	7.5	6.7	7.1	7.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.8	3.7	3.8	4.0
Price/book (x)	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	(33.4)	(32.5)	(27.9)	(21.3)
ROE (%)	10.6	10.8	11.1	11.0



1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
9.9	(22.3)	(44.1)
18.8	(5.6)	(35.0)
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Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

M is a leading chain restaurant company in Thailand. It has several branches across the country, in Bangkok, its vicinity, and other provinces. M's strengths lie in its professional management, training centers, distribution centers, and central kitchens. It focuses on offering fresh and quality food to its customers and excellent services.

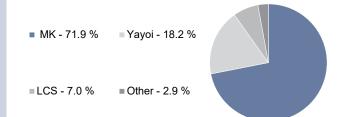
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Company profile

M opened its first Sukiyaki restaurant in Thailand in 1984 and Japan in 1994. At the end of 2023, it had 703 branches under several brands, led by MK (448), Yayoi (198), and several others, such as Miyazaki, Hakata, Na Siam, and Le Siam. In 2020, it invested in Laem Charoen, which had 40 branches in 2024.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2024)

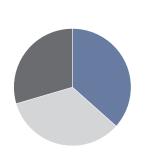


Source: MK Restaurant Group

Major shareholders

- Thirakomen Family 36.6 %
- Hanjitkasem Family 33.9 %
- Others 29.5 %

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Catalysts

Potential catalysts for M's earnings growth in 2025 include 1) foot traffic growth and food price hikes; 2) tourism recovery, which would drive international customers; 3) lower raw material costs; and 4) new store expansions.

Risks to our call

Downside and upside risks to our TP include 1) a slower or faster-than-expected consumption recovery and more intense competition; 2) slower or faster-than-expected decreases in raw material costs; 3) a lower or higher-than-expected new store expansion; and 4) a minimum wage increase and labor shortages.

Event calendar

Date	Event
May 2025	1Q25 results announcement

Key assumptions

	2025E	2026E	2027E
SSSG (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0
Total stores (no.)	701	711	721
Total revenue growth (%)	3.3	3.2	3.2
Gross margin (%)	67.5	67.5	67.5
SG&A to sale (%)	58.5	58.3	58.0

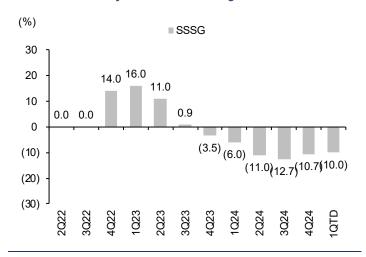
Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we estimate 2025 net profit to rise by 0.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2025 net profit to rise by 3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2025 net profit to fall by 3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

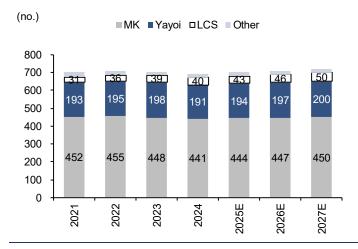
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Exhibit 1: Quarterly same-store-sales growth



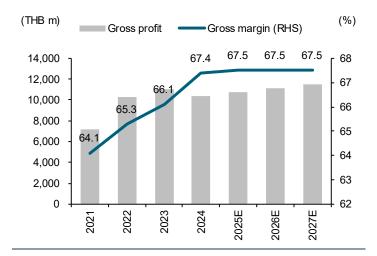
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Exhibit 3: Total branches by brand



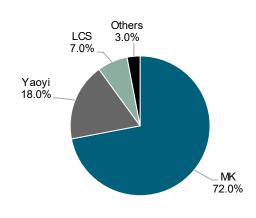
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Exhibit 5: Gross margin



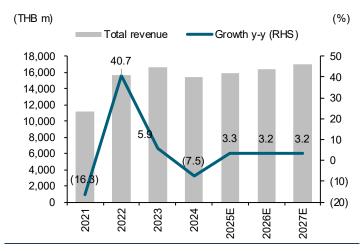
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Exhibit 2: Revenue breakdown by brand in 2024



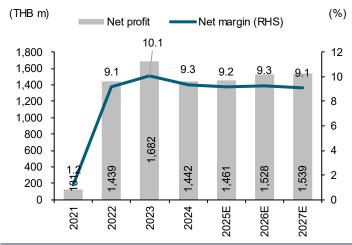
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Exhibit 4: Total revenue and growth



Sources: M; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: Net profit and net margin



Sources: M; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

MK Restaurant Group

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	16,661	15,418	15,933	16,443	16,970
Cost of goods sold	(5,648)	(5,028)	(5,178)	(5,344)	(5,515)
Gross profit	11,013	10,390	10,755	11,099	11,455
Other operating income	365	438	398	395	305
Operating costs	(9,288)	(9,006)	(9,321)	(9,586)	(9,843)
Operating EBITDA	4,072	3,769	3,794	3,881	3,904
Depreciation	(1,980)	(1,946)	(1,961)	(1,974)	(1,986)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	2,091	1,822	1,832	1,907	1,918
Net financing costs	(95)	(104)	(108)	(116)	(124)
Associates	(9)	8	4	12	21
Recurring non-operating income	(9)	8	4	12	21
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	1,987	1,726	1,728	1,803	1,814
Tax	(280)	(264)	(259)	(270)	(272)
Profit after tax	1,707	1,461	1,468	1,533	1,542
Minority interests	(25)	(20)	(7)	(5)	(3)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	1,682	1,442	1,461	1,528	1,539
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	1,682	1,442	1,461	1,528	1,539
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.83	1.57	1.59	1.66	1.67
Reported EPS	1.83	1.57	1.59	1.66	1.67
DPS	1.60	1.50	1.35	1.41	1.42
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	921	921	921	921	921
Growth					
Revenue (%)	5.9	(7.5)	3.3	3.2	3.2
Operating EBITDA (%)	5.3	(7.4)	0.7	2.3	0.6
Operating EBIT (%)	11.8	(12.9)	0.5	4.1	0.5
Recurring EPS (%)	16.9	(14.3)	1.4	4.5	0.7
Reported EPS (%)	16.9	(14.3)	1.4	4.5	0.7
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	66.1	67.4	67.5	67.5	67.5
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	78.0	80.0	79.8	79.5	79.2
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	24.4	24.4	23.8	23.6	23.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	12.6	11.8	11.5	11.6	11.3
Net margin (%)	10.1	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.1
Effective tax rate (%)	14.1	15.3	15.0	15.0	15.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	87.6	95.8	85.0	85.0	85.0
Interest cover (X)	21.9	17.5	17.0	16.5	15.6
Inventory days	40.1	44.9	45.0	46.8	46.2
Debtor days	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Creditor days	154.0	174.9	146.6	140.5	138.5
Operating ROIC (%)	450.4	104.0	58.4	60.5	59.8
ROIC (%)	17.9	14.9	14.1	14.0	12.9
ROE (%)	12.3	10.6	10.8	11.1	11.0
ROA (%)	8.9	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.9
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted		-	-		-
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
MK Variation	12,455	11,088	11,420	11,763	12,116
Yayoi	2,999	2,811	2,896	2,983	3,072
LCS	1,000	1,078	1,153	1,211	1,272
Other	207	441	463	487	511

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring net profit	1,682	1,442	1,461	1,528	1,539
Depreciation	1,980	1,946	1,961	1,974	1,986
Associates & minorities	37	12	(18)	(7)	(16)
Other non-cash items	0 214	0	0 93	0 34	0 35
Change in working capital Cash flow from operations	3,914	(456) 2,943	3, 499	3,529	3, 545
Capex - maintenance	(1,982)	(3,322)	(2,589)	(2,900)	(3,250)
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	-
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments (net)	(449)	999	126	(11)	(3)
Cash flow from investing	(2,431)	(2,322)	(2,463)	(2,911)	(3,253)
Dividends paid Equity finance	(1,270) 0	(1,856) 0	(1,242) 0	(1,299) 0	(1,308)
Debt finance	(10)	(219)	225	227	227
Other financing cash flows	(118)	39	19	36	37
Cash flow from financing	(1,397)	(2,036)	(998)	(1,036)	(1,044)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	4 577 49	(1,415) 725.50	38	(418) 734.00	(752) 416.01
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF) Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,577.48 1,355.18	725.50 440.98	1,143.77 1,279.98	734.00 880.59	555.83
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Per share (THB) FCFF per share	1.71	0.79	1.24	0.80	0.45
FCFF per share FCFE per share	1.71	0.79	1.24	0.80	0.45
Recurring cash flow per share	4.02	3.69	3.70	3.79	3.81
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	12,203	14,022	14,322	14,572	14,822
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(9,405)	(9,499)	(9,594)	(9,689)	(9,786)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	2,798	4,523	4,728	4,882	5,035
Intangible fixed assets (net)	5,434	5,060	5,494	6,266	7,377
Long-term financial assets	2 940	1 000	1 060	1 060	1 060
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries Cash & equivalents	2,840 7,865	1,868 6,449	1,868 6,487	1,868 6,069	1,868 5,317
A/C receivable	110	133	131	135	139
Inventories	391	368	426	439	453
Other current assets	76	132	80	82	85
Current assets	8,441	7,081	7,123	6,726	5,995
Other assets	834	839	717	740	764
Total assets	20,347	19,372	19,930	20,482	21,038
Common equity Minorities etc.	13,843 351	13,429 371	13,660 357	13,889 362	14,120 367
Total shareholders' equity	14,194	13,800	14,017	14,251	14,487
Long term debt	2,008	1,836	1,936	2,086	2,236
Other long-term liabilities	1,058	1,096	1,115	1,151	1,188
Long-term liabilities	3,065	2,933	3,052	3,237	3,424
A/C payable	1,646	1,307	1,277	1,318	1,360
Short term debt Other current liabilities	0	1 222	0 1.595	0 1 676	1 767
Current liabilities	1,441 3,087	1,332 2,639	1,585 2,862	1,676 2,994	1,767 3,127
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	20,347	19,372	19,930	20,482	21,038
Net working capital	(2,511)	(2,007)	(2,226)	(2,337)	(2,450)
Invested capital	9,395	10,283	10,581	11,419	12,594
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	ng treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	15.03	14.58	14.83	15.08	15.33
				8.28	7.32
·	9.13	9.09	8.87	0.20	7.02
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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
05-Jan-2023 22-Mar-2023 22-Jun-2023	BUY BUY BUY	66.00 59.00 55.00	12-Oct-2023 08-Jan-2024 20-Jun-2024	BUY BUY HOLD	54.00 47.00 34.00	21-Jan-2025	HOLD	24.00

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Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
MK Restaurant Group	М ТВ	THB 20.00	HOLD	Downside and upside risks to our TP include 1) a slower or faster-than-expected consumption recovery and more intense competition; 2) slower or faster-than-expected decreases in raw material costs; 3) a lower or higher-than-expected new store expansion; and 4) a minimum wage increase and labor shortages.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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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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Neutral. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months.

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