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Minor International (MINT TB) The Cabinet, on Tuesday, resolved to offer long-stay special tourist visas (STVs) to visitors from every country, instead of only those with low risk of COVID-19. The decision was made after the earlier limitation of the STV measure brought in fewer visitors than expected. The STV attracted only 825 visitors of 29 nationalities, and brought in only six yachts, since the measure took effect in late

The Cabinet also approved a 30-day period for visitors on yachts to seek visas, after the new STV measure takes effect. Despite the access relaxation, long-stay visitors would still have to give clear information on their planned accommodations in Thailand, and be quarantined for 14 days. STV is initially valid for 90 days, and is renewable twice. (*Bangkok Post*)

COMMENT

The approval should unlock the arrival of tourists from across the globe, who are looking to visit Thailand for long-stay purposes. Upscale and luxury-end hoteliers joining the alternative state quarantine (ASQ) program may benefit from the scheme, as they should attain more international guests with high purchasing power, to help ramp-up their average occupancy rates of ASQ properties, from c.20% currently.

Nonetheless, we maintain our view that there will not be material improvement in foreign arrival numbers during 4Q20F-2Q21F, given that the resurgence of COVID-19 cases continues, and as vaccines have not been widely distributed yet. We also expect international air travel to stay limited, as the bottleneck for logistics – given that overall travel demand remains poor under the current economic slowdown, and many airlines' financials are still unhealthy – continues to be affected by the pandemic.

We keep our forecasts of 6.7m (-83% YoY) and 6.5m (-3% YoY) international visitors in 2020 and 2021, and foreign receipts of THB333bn (-83% YoY) and THB325bn (-2% YoY) for this year and the next. Hotel operators' earnings may improve QoQ, but we expect their bottomlines to remain in the red for at least the next three quarters. We only like Minor International, for its location diversification strategy, which may allow it to absorb domestic travel demand recovery globally, and its food business, which could support its earnings recovery quicker than those with pure hotel properties in their portfolio.

RATING

Sector: UNDERWEIGHT

Stock: MINT: TRADING BUY, TP: THB27.00



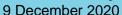
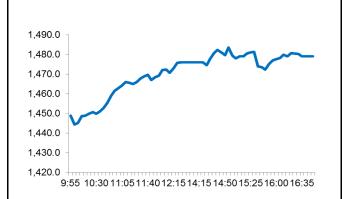




Chart 1: SET intra-day graph



	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%)
Thailand (SET)	1478.92	29.09	2.01%	-6.4%
Thailand (SET50)	955.75	15.58	1.66%	-10.6%
Thailand (SET100)	2129.41	35.07	1.67%	-9.1%
USA (Dow Jones)	30173.88	104.09	0.35%	5.7%
USA (S&P500)	3702.25	10.29	0.28%	14.6%
USA (Nasdaq)	12582.77	62.82	0.50%	40.2%
UK (FTSE)	6558.82	3.43	0.05%	-13.0%
Singapore (FSSTI)	2825.63	0.12	0.00%	-12.3%
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	26304.56	-202.29	-0.76%	-6.7%
Japan (Nikkei)	26666.26	269.84	1.02%	12.7%
Malaysia (KLCI)	1631.70	8.81	0.54%	2.7%
China (SHANGHAI SE)	3410.18	-6.43	-0.19%	11.8%
Indonesia (JCI)	5944.41	13.65	0.23%	-5.6%

Foreign Exchange Rates / Oil Market				
USD	Closed	Chg	Chg (%)	
Baht (Onshore)	30.02	-0.01	0.02	
Yen	104.13	-0.03	0.03	
Euro	1.21	0.00	0.07	
Oil Price (USD/barrel)				
Brent	48.35	0.16	0.33	
Nymex-Crude Light	45.57	-0.03	-0.07	

Table 1: Key market indices (9 Dec 2020)

SEI		2018	2019	2020F	2021F
PE (x)		16.25	18.02	27.45	18.74
P/BV (x)		1.74	1.71	1.70	1.62
Yield (%)		3.35	3.26	2.16	2.61
SET Value by investor Typ	e: Daily			Sell (THBm)	Net (THBm)
Institution			6,969.11	8,527.34	-1,558.23
Proprietary			13,901.56	13,838.65	62.90
Foreign			53,840.21	47,152.13	6,688.08
Retail			48,751.62	53,944.37	-5,192.75
SET Value by investor Typ	е			MTD	YTD
				(THBm)	(THBm)
Institution				1,967.50	53,920.53
Proprietary				-542.97	16,007.21
Foreign				10,467.21	-256,439.26
Retail				-11,891.74	186,511.51
SET50 Index Future	Long	Short	Net	MTD	YTD
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Institution	61,263	57,275	3,988	-1,407	-24,312
Foreign	61,263 121,677	57,275 123,449	-1,772	-1,407 6,243	-24,312 83,278
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Foreign	121,677 126,608	123,449	-1,772	6,243	83,278

Note: *As at 8 Dec 2020 closing



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Top BUYs					
	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts		
Advance Info Service (ADVANC TB)	220.00	18.92	 Outlook should continue to recover with cost management on focus. While we expect the normalisation of prepaid segment demand, subs acquisition activities and easing competition to gradually drive topline to recovery in 2H20, we think a value-to-money strategy through a bundling package should continue to yield additional revenue to the group The toning down of capex guidance should ease investor concern over the imminent margins pressure, We expect the impact from the roll-out of 5G network to be limited, as it should be partially absorbed by network cost saving initiative, staggered payment profile, and tax incentive scheme 		
Bangkok Chain Hospital (BCH TB)	17.50	25.00	 We still expect to see robust COVID-19 screening services demand throughout 2H20 on the continuous return of students studying abroad, migrant workers, and business travellers after border restrictions are relaxed. The doubling of its capacity under the alternative state quarantine should boost upside from this new revenue stream and bolster FY20 earnings We expect to see strong 2H20 recovery in SSO revenue, driven by the resumption of pentup demand from high-cost care, trauma, and dental services. We also think global budget disbursements could bring further upsides this year, thanks to relatively lower insured patients traffic during COVID-19 		
CP ALL (CPALL TB)	77.00	25.20	 In 2H20, we expect a gradual recovery of convenience stores sales in 2H20, as a V-shaped recovery, while Siam Makro's operations remain solid As it has the most extensive store network, CP ALL may strongly benefit the new normal in terms of facilitating delivery of products and services through its developing omni-channel platform Still the best-in-class retailer with intact new store opening plan. Expect full-year earnings returning to pre-pandemic levels in 2021 		
Global Power Synergy (GPSC TB)	79.00	10.10	 We expect GPSC's earnings continue to grow steadily at least 2-3 years ahead, mainly on pipeline projects and efficiency improvements. Being power flagship of PTT Group, we believe GPSC would receive more long-term support from the group, e.g. Gas to Power 600 MW in Myanmar, electricity supply for New Yangon City. The current price doesn't reflect acquisition of GLOW and the current 20x P/E is trading below average P/E regional peers, making long-term investment risk/reward attractive. 		
Siam Cement (SCC TB)	420.00	5.53	 There are three growth drivers, including an upcycle of petrochemical spreads, a series of new infrastructure projects to start the construction process, and growth expansion in the packaging business especially after SCG Packaging raises funds from its IPO Its earnings going forward should rely mainly on petrochemical unit's performance starting to improve in 2H20 and growing stronger on a full-year basis in FY21 		
Supalai (SPALI TB)	19.40	2.11	 Earnings should improve significantly in 2H20, with four condominium projects starting to be transferred during this period. The revenue from these projects should enhance revenue growth and GPM in 2H20. Revenue upside could emerge if Supalai is able to transfer its mega-size Supalai Oriental Sukhumvit 39 condominium project, which is valued at THB10bn, within 4Q20. Consistent earnings growth in FY21F-22F is supported by orderbook of THB12-14bn per year to be recognised in the next two years. In addition, we expect the company to enjoy the advantages of being a well-known developer in the low-rise project segment. 		
Thai Union Group (TU TB)	17.50	16.67	 While we expect demand of canned food products to normalise after global lockdowns are lifted, revenue from chilled and frozen seafood and related business segment is likely to recover in 2H20 largely due to HORECA businesses gradually resuming operations. Margin should remain firm, supported by favourable raw materials prices and growth from its pet care business that has relatively high margin. 		







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