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Banks (OVERWEIGHT) – UPGRADE

Recovery Is Underway; U/G To OVERWEIGHT

Sector Update

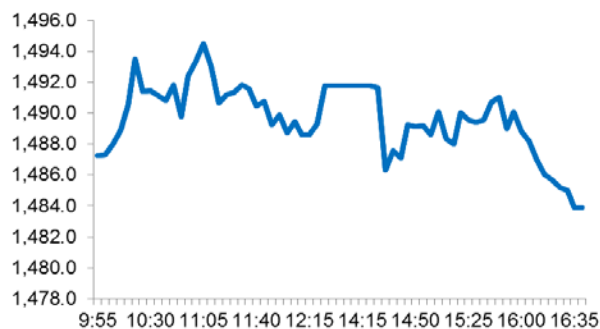
Upgrade sector rating to OVERWEIGHT from Neutral, as we turn more positive on the outlook for Thai banks, given the positive developments relating to COVID-19 vaccines. Bank stocks have rallied by 32% since early November, yet valuations remain compelling, at a prospective P/BV of 0.7x (below -1SD from the historical mean). We expect the rotation to cyclical sectors to gain traction in 2021, as investors gain confidence about a recovery ahead – even as the path remains challenging.

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Chart 1: SET intra-day graph



	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%)
Thailand (SET)	1483.89	1.80	0.12%	-6.1%
Thailand (SET50)	948.99	-1.91	-0.20%	-11.2%
Thailand (SET100)	2120.24	-0.91	-0.04%	-9.5%
USA (Dow Jones)	30303.37	148.83	0.49%	6.2%
USA (S&P500)	3722.48	21.31	0.58%	15.2%
USA (Nasdaq)	12764.75	106.56	0.84%	42.3%
UK (FTSE)	6551.06	-19.85	-0.30%	-13.1%
Singapore (FSSTI)	2858.02	-14.78	-0.51%	-11.3%
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	26678.38	218.09	0.82%	-5.4%
Japan (Nikkei)	26772.66	32.58	0.12%	13.2%
Malaysia (KLCI)	1674.35	-7.06	-0.42%	5.4%
China (SHANGHAI SE)	3404.87	37.89	1.13%	11.6%
Indonesia (JCI)	6113.38	-5.02	-0.08%	-3.0%

Foreign Exchange Rates / Oil Market

USD	Closed	Chg	Chg (%)
Baht (Onshore)	29.79	0.01	-0.03
Yen	103.19	0.08	-0.08
Euro	1.23	0.00	-0.08
Oil Price (USD/barrel)			
Brent	51.14	0.25	0.49
Nymex-Crude Light	48.37	0.01	0.02

Note: *As at 17 Dec 2020 closing

Table 1: Key market indices (18 Dec 2020)

SET	2018	2019	2020F	2021F		
PE (x)	16.25	18.02	27.50	18.64		
P/BV (x)	1.74	1.71	1.70	1.62		
Yield (%)	3.35	3.26	2.15	2.60		
SET Value by investor Type: Daily		Sell (THBm) Net (THBm)				
Institution	8,368.77	7,500.12	868.64			
Proprietary	9,797.38	8,623.91	1,173.46			
Foreign	30,173.07	32,809.02	-2,635.96			
Retail	64,417.63	63,823.78	593.85			
SET Value by investor Type		MTD (THBm)	YTD (THBm)			
Institution		-6,440.58	45,512.45			
Proprietary		1,280.22	17,830.39			
Foreign		4,865.27	-262,041.20			
Retail		295.08	198,698.33			
SET50 Index Future		Long	Short	Net	MTD	YTD
Institution		41,208	41,399	-191	2,189	-20,716
Foreign		81,985	82,288	-303	-12,573	64,462
Local		104,603	104,109	494	10,384	-43,746
Foreign Fund Flows (USDm)				MTD	YTD	YoY
Thailand		-87.8	-100.6	161.6	-8206.6	-7055.3

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Top BUYs

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Advance Info Service (ADVANC TB)	220.00	16.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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..90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 pent-up 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	23.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	11.66	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	8.81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Thai Union Group (TU TB)	17.50	18.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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