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Bulletin

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STOCK/SECTOR	NEWS	COMMENT	RATING
Construction CH Karnchang (CK TB)	The State Enterprise Policy Office (SEPO) has approved government investments this year in four public-private partnership (PPP) infrastructure projects worth THB162.95bn in total. The four are among 10 projects worth THB200bn that SEPO's Public-Private Partnership Committee is screening for government investments in FY21. The four PPP projects are: i) The Purple-Line southern extension (Tao Poon-Rat Burana) valued at THB124.7bn, ii) construction and management of rest areas on the Bang Pa-In- Nakhon Ratchasima highway (THB1.6bn), iii) construction and management of rest areas on the Bang Yai-Kanchanaburi highway (THB1.45bn), and iv) Phase 1 of Phuket's mass transit system from Phuket International Airport to the Chalong Intersection (THB35.2bn). The committee also revised the draft plan for long-term PPP investments (FY20-27), reducing the number of projects to 77 projects worth THB1trn from 92 worth THB1.09trn. Meanwhile, Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand (MRTA) Governor Pakapong Sirikantaramas said MRTA expects to sell bidding envelopes for construction of the Purple-Line Tao Poon-Rat Burana section by June, with bidding due to take no more than two months. Construction should start by December, and the section will open for public use in Mar 2027. (<i>The Nation</i>)	Among these projects approved by SEPO, the Purple-Line Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) extension seems to be the most interesting for Thailand's large developers, as this project represents MRT construction work with likely healthy GPMs above 7.5%. MRTA has also promised for the bidding to occur within 3Q21. The second most attractive project, in our view, should be the first phase of the Phuket MRT project. While it may not trigger interest among all large construction players, it will at least be the pilot project under new MRT networks in provincial areas, which include Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen, Nakhon Ratchasima, and more. When these projects show consistent progress, this will help reduce concerns over the bidding pipeline after the Orange-Line MRT bid finishes (likely in 3Q21). For the rest areas within the two motorway projects, we expect them to be snapped up by Sino-Thai Engineering & Construction (STEC TB, BUY, TP: THB16.00), as it was the main contractor responsible for constructing these motorway routes. Within FY21, we forecast new public infrastructure projects worth about THB300bn in total to be launched for bids. Among the projects mentioned above, the Purple-Line MRT seems to be one with the highest potential to be concluded within this year. As this 23.6km project comprises 10 underground and seven elevated stations, construction companies with a track record mix in underground tunnel and elevated construction developments should have an advantage. When the timeline for these projects become more clear cut, this will help enhance the industry outlook, in	Sector: OVERWEIGHT Stock: CK: BUY, TP: THB22.50

our view. We maintain our sector call while retaining the recommendation and TP of our

industry Top Pick, CH Karnchang (CK).



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Chart 1: SET intra-day graph



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SET		2019	2020	2021F	2022F
PE (x)		18.02	25.96	20.41	17.16
P/BV (x)		1.71	1.61	1.76	1.69
Yield (%)		3.28	3.26	2.46	2.77
SET Value by investor Type	: Daily		Buy	Sell	Net
			(THBm)	(THBm)	(THBm)
Institution			11,029.30	6,799.61	4,229.69
Proprietary			21,423.10	22,457.80	-1,034.70
Foreign			29,501.41	27,188.30	2,313.11
Retail			45,270.47	50,778.57	-5,508.10
SET Value by investor Type				MTD	YTD
				(THBm)	(THBm)
Institution				8,891.59	-21,177.60
Proprietary				1,909.30	3,410.57
Foreign				320.90	-29,280.12
Retail				-11,121.80	47,047.14
SET50 Index Future	Long	Short	Net	MTD	YTD
Institution	31,200	34,933	-3,733	-16,829	27,979
Foreign	81,276	75,569	5,707	32,872	-12,908
Local	83,857	85,831	-1,974	-16,043	-15,071
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Table 1: Key market indices (31 Mar 2021)

	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%)
Thailand (SET)	1589.53	5.64	0.36%	9.7%
Thailand (SET50)	972.70	5.01	0.52%	6.8%
Thailand (SET100)	2207.07	9.07	0.41%	8.3%
USA (Dow Jones)	33066.96	-104.41	-0.31%	8.0%
USA (S&P500)	3958.55	-12.54	-0.32%	5.4%
USA (Nasdaq)	13045.39	-14.26	-0.11%	1.2%
UK (FTSE)	6772.12	35.95	0.53%	4.8%
Singapore (FSSTI)	3190.89	15.32	0.48%	12.2%
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	28577.50	239.20	0.84%	4.9%
Japan (Nikkei)	29432.70	48.18	0.16%	7.2%
Malaysia (KLCI)	1609.19	-2.09	-0.13%	-1.1%
China (SHANGHAI SE)	3456.68	21.38	0.62%	-0.5%
Indonesia (JCI)	6071.44	-95.38	-1.55%	1.5%

Foreign Exchange Rates / Oil Market				
USD	Closed	Chg	Chg (%)	
Baht (Onshore)	31.31	0.00	-0.01	
Yen	110.40	0.04	-0.04	
Euro	1.17	0.00	0.04	
Oil Price (USD/barrel)				
Brent	63.49	0.11	0.17	
Nymex-Crude Light	60.52	-0.03	-0.05	

Note: *As at 30 Mar 2021 closing





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Top BUYs

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	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Advance Info Service (ADVANC TB)	220.00	27.17	 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	16.67	 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 Social Security Office or 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 the pandemic
Bangkok Expressway & Metro (BEM TB)	11.50	31.43	 Its expressway unit has recovered rapidly in terms of traffic numbers and is currently approaching prepandemic levels The Blue-Line Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) is underway towards a recovery towards pre-pandemic levels. Although the recovery seems slow, organic growth in this business will be more aggressive than growth in the expressway unit. This is because the full-loop network of the Blue-Line MRT is currently in operation
Central Pattana (CPN TB)	66.00	13.79	 Improving sentiment for its retail mall operations, based on indirect benefits from the year-end tax rebate for shopping campaigns Rental rate discounts may marginally improve, with no material impact from temporary political rallies, on store traffic Efficient cost control measures have lowered its variable and fixed costs, mainly utility and marketing expenses, while profit margins are likely on the uptrend on the back of reviving retail mall operations Residential business sees stronger sales momentum in 4Q20 – the industry's high season – based on more high-rise unit transfers, along with low-rise projects in Bangkok and upcountry
CH Karnchang (CK TB)	22.50	25.70	 The company's orderbooks turnaround can be anticipated within the near term For the construction work of the west side route, as well as the operations and maintenance concessions for the entire route, CK partnered with its associate. It will be the frontrunner due to its experience in constructing and operating underground MRT networks The Luang Prabang hydropower project should be next and negotiations will likely be concluded soon. With a construction size of THB80-90bn – comparable to Xayaburi – this project's construction will span a 7-year period and start contributing to revenue in FY22
CP ALL (CPALL TB)	77.00	10.00	 V-shaped earnings recovery, with continued opening of new stores, while Siam Makro's operations remain solid As it has the most extensive store network, CPALL 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 To finance the acquisition of Tesco Lotus with a combination of debt and perpetual debentures to balance its leverage
Home Product Center (HMPRO TB)	17.00	13.33	 Expecting normalising earnings in FY21 – to be supported by full-year operations of all stores and retail malls vs a temporary closure from late March to mid-May, with profit margins approaching pre-pandemic levels HMPRO's investment in Vietnam may strongly benefit growing urbanisation and a potential rise in the construction sector Quarterly earnings momentum will continue its upward trajectory in 1Q21 Rapid improvement in sustainability development may allow the stock to continue trading at a premium





Top BUYs

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Krung Thai Bank (KTB TB)	14.30	17.21	 We upgrade KTB to BUY from Neutral. The stock has been a laggard due to its weaker asset quality and NIM. But at 0.45 FY21F P/BV against ROE of 5%, we believe much of the negatives have been priced in We expect KTB to be a beneficiary of new investment projects that will be rolled out by the Government next year
Osotspa PCL (OSP TB)	46.00	31.43	 C-Vitt Vitamin C drinks' popularity and its production hike to strengthen domestic sales amid a U-shaped recovery for OSP's local energy drinks Full-year operations of its beverage filling facilities in Myanmar to improve market penetration and profit margins in 2021, while the highly efficient "Fit Fast Firm" corporate cost-savings programme should continue strengthening its profit margins Seeking inorganic growth via partnerships, as well as both vertical and horizontal integrations
Ratch Group (RATCH TB)	68.00	32.68	 A laggard play of the sector Provides dividend yield c.4% pa, higher than average peer Share price is undemanding at this level, which discount to peer in term of P/E, while 2021 earnings are expected to grow due to recognition of new projects
Siam Cement (SCC TB)	440.00	9.45	 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
WHA Corp (WHA TB)	3.80	9.83	 WHA should be the major local industrial estate player that turns around its industrial land sales business, especially after international travel restrictions are lifted in FY21. This is while its recurring-income units – including utility services and rental spaces – provide downside protection for its earnings prospects Top industries that will dominate the next foreign direct investment cycle include: i) Auto & parts, ii) electronics, iii) consumer products, and iv) medical products. The latter, in our view, will bode well for WHA's premium warehouse spaces, while auto & parts, electronics, and consumer products can spur demand for its industrial land and conventional warehouse spaces





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