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Top Story

Bangkok Chain Hospital (BCH TB, BUY, TP: THB25)

Mild YoY Growth Expected In 2Q22; Keep BUY

Company Update

Keep BUY and DCF-based THB25 TP, 24% upside and 4% yield. Bangkok Chain Hospital should post a slight 2% YoY profit growth (-43% QoQ) in 2Q22 while its challenging 2H22 outlook remains – with 3Q22 as the weakest quarter due to COVID-19-related revenue drops. While this may undermine stock sentiment and valuations, it could be an opportunity to accumulate for long-term investments, given that BCH's 2023F earnings may still grow 52% above 2020's levels on normalised operations.

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Chart 1: SET intra-day graph



SET	2020	2021	2022F	2023F
PE (x)	37.27	15.12	15.81	14.45
P/BV (x)	1.56	1.77	1.59	1.51
Yield (%)	2.75	2.65	2.86	3.19

SET Value by investor Type: Daily	Buy			Sell			Net		
	(THBm)			(THBm)			(THBm)		
Institution	5,084.64			4,439.89			644.74		
Proprietary	5,505.80			5,587.79			-81.99		
Foreign	26,718.26			26,578.32			139.94		
Retail	20,417.52			21,120.21			-702.69		

SET Value by investor Type	MTD		YTD	
	(THBm)		(THBm)	
Institution	-10,162.23		-99,136.83	
Proprietary	-802.56		641.00	
Foreign	345.23		112,974.66	
Retail	10,619.55		-14,478.82	

SET50 Index Future	Long		Short		Net		MTD		YTD	
Institution	42,292		47,036		-4,744		-4,113		9,218	
Foreign	89,518		82,228		7,290		1,759		-26,445	
Local	136,636		139,182		-2,546		2,354		17,227	

Foreign Fund Flows (USDm)	MTD		YTD		YoY	
Thailand	3.8	24.1	8.9	3450.8	8793.5	

Note: *As at 22 Jul 2022 closing

Table 1: Key market indices (25 Jul 2022)

	Index	Chg	Chg (%)	YTD (%)
Thailand (SET)	1552.73	6.42	0.42%	-6.3%
Thailand (SET50)	950.20	5.21	0.55%	-4.1%
Thailand (SET100)	2146.39	11.02	0.52%	-5.2%
USA (Dow Jones)	31899.29	-137.61	-0.43%	-12.2%
USA (S&P500)	3961.63	-37.32	-0.93%	-16.9%
USA (Nasdaq)	11834.11	-225.50	-1.87%	-24.4%
UK (FTSE)	7276.37	5.86	0.08%	-1.5%
Singapore (FSSTI)	3181.34	29.04	0.92%	1.8%
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	20609.14	34.51	0.17%	-11.9%
Japan (Nikkei)	27914.66	188.36	0.68%	-3.0%
Malaysia (KLCI)	1465.80	15.48	1.07%	-6.5%
China (SHANGHAI SE)	3269.97	-2.03	-0.06%	-10.2%
Indonesia (JCI)	6886.96	22.83	0.33%	4.6%

Foreign Exchange Rates / Oil Market

USD	Closed	Chg	Chg (%)
Baht (Onshore)	36.67	0.04	-0.10
Yen	136.43	0.31	-0.23
Euro	1.02	0.00	-0.15

Oil Price (USD/barrel)		Chg	Chg (%)
Brent	103.15	-3.54	-3.32
Nymex-Crude Light	95.06	0.36	0.38

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Bulletin

STOCK/SECTOR	NEWS	COMMENT	RATING
Industrial Estates WHA Corp (WHA TB)	<p>According to the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) last Friday, industrial sentiment picked up for the first time in three months in June thanks to an easing of COVID-19 restrictions and improved economic activity. Its Industries Sentiment Index rose to 86.3 in June from 84.3 in May. However, the FTI said negative factors continued to affect sentiment – these include rising raw materials and energy prices, supply shortages, and a global economic slowdown.</p> <p>During a news conference, aside from the aforementioned information and observations, FTI Chairman Kriengkrai Thiennukul said the impact of a recession and weakening global purchasing power on Thai exports would also be monitored. Thiennukul said that, while a weak THB was good for exports, it also increased the import costs.</p> <p>“So, the central bank should ensure currency stability to help trade. The THB traded at 36.66 per dollar on Wednesday, near the weakest level in more than 15 years. The central bank is expected to raise its key rate from a record low of 0.50% next month, which will affect financial costs,” he added. (<i>Bangkok Post</i>)</p>	<p>From month to month, the sentiment over the manufacturing sector has been improving in tandem with: i) The Government’s lessening restrictions in terms of the pandemic, ii) Thailand’s re-opening, iii) normalisation of overall economic activities within the kingdom, and iv) China’s policies towards easing its pandemic lockdowns. While there should be a few negative factors lying ahead – which include a prolonged Russia-Ukraine war affecting production and raw material costs, and major countries’ economic slowdowns (especially within the US and European countries) – the 3-month forecasts collected from 45 industry representatives still remain positive. This is because the majority of them foresee a gradual recovery of domestic demand, economic stimulus packages (especially the corporate income tax reduction), and Thailand Pass cancellation to stimulate business travel activities. However, they also see the upward interest rate trend and a global recession affecting the export sector as still threatening towards foreign direct investment (FDI) activities.</p> <p>Under such circumstances, we expect the competition within the industrial estates industry to remain intensive. We also believe the success chances for each player – in terms of achieving their internal full-year targets – should be reliant solely on macroeconomic factors. Between Thailand and Vietnam, we maintain our view that the latter will be more robust in terms of new FDI inflows and that both key players under our coverage – Amata Corp (AMATA TB, SELL, TP: THB13.20) and WHA Corp (WHA) – will gain benefits due to their presences in Vietnam’s major industrial cities. We also note that both firms have to put in strong efforts to boost their performances in Thailand.</p> <p>We maintain our call on the industrial estates sector. Our stock Top Pick is WHA, given that its performance is highly weighted towards recurring-income businesses (especially electricity and water utilities) and the asset monetisation plan slated for execution in 4Q22. We retain our call and TP for this counter.</p>	<p>Sector: NEUTRAL</p> <p>Stock: WHA: BUY, TP: THB4.35</p>

Top BUYs

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (BDMS TB)	32.50	20.37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The full-year recovery of non-COVID-19 patients (domestic and international), improving numbers of insurance and expatriate patients, and ongoing cost-control efficiencies may continue to drive BDMS outlook and deliver 2022F resilient core profit growth of 16% Improving trends for fly-in foreign patients since 4Q21 may improve further, benefitting its international patient contribution approaching the pre-outbreak levels of c.30% BDMS is gearing towards the digital health ecosystem development. As earnings upside, it targets this platform to attain 20m participating customers and contribute 10-15% of total revenue in the next five years from 1% now
Bangkok Expressway and Metro (BEM TB)	9.90	13.79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both BEM's expressway traffic and mass rapid transit (MRT) ridership decreased further in 3Q21, making it the hardest hit quarter YTD. For FY21, Aug-21 was the lowest month for recording expressway traffic and also MRT ridership We expect the company's performance to improve QoQ in 4Q21, as we expect BEM's expressway traffic and MRT ridership numbers to bounce back – when the number of vaccinated persons exceed >90% of the total in Bangkok and the surrounding areas Although the bidding process for the Orange Line MRT has been delayed due to legal issues between Mass Rapid Transit Authority and one bidder, BEM still has an edge over its competitor. We expect the results of this bid to occur to FY22
Central Retail Corporation (CRC TB)	45.00	25.87	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRC's recovery is on track, as existing businesses may improve throughout 2022, mainly the fashion and hardline segments, which should benefit revenue and GPMs Ramping up new outlets, with plans to open 10 construction material stores, three retail malls and three departmental stores in Thailand, along with a mall and 13 food stores in Vietnam in 2022. It will also open >100 stores in new small-size formats, including the entry to the Thai health and wellness retail segment 1Q22 momentum may continue from 4Q21's. SSSG will remain strong at around mid-teen levels, thanks to improving demand for spending post-COVID-19 lockdowns in Thailand and Italy. QTD malls' rent discounts may improve to 19-15% Core profit may jump from an extreme low base of THB189m in 2021 to THB4.89bn in 2022, and may achieve the pre-pandemic levels in 2023. Improving retail mall operations could be another support for the strong bottomline growth
Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF TB)	34.00	34.65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPF should benefit from high swine and broiler prices, owing to the recovery in demand, and a supply shortage. We believe it is in a good position to capture the recovery in consumer spending, post pandemic, thanks to its diversified business model and established brands The Russia-Ukraine conflict to have limited impact on CPF. Sales from Russia contribute only 3% of CPF's revenue, and the group has no business in Ukraine. The bulk of its business in Russia (c.98%) is the swine and broiler businesses – mainly sales of these products for consumption within Russia Corn prices are expected to reduce, leading to lower pressure from raw material costs. Normally, agricultural raw material cost contributes approximately 60-70%. When the raw material prices are more stable, it will be better for food producers to manage its costs Saudi Arabia starts to import chicken from Thailand after the ban for 17 years. Saudi Arabia is a potential market for Thai producers as it is among top 10 world major chicken importers
Home Product Center (HMPRO TB)	18.70	41.67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key earnings supports this year: i) Strong performance rebounds for stores in tourism-led cities on improved demand, ii) the new housing market that is set to grow 5% countrywide in value terms (2021: -10%), iii) ramping up launches of new stores to seven in 2022 (2021: 2), and iv) recurring income recovery in terms of mall occupancy rates and smaller rental rate discounts given to tenants Seeking stronger SSSG of 5-7% over 2022F from 3.4% in 2021, given the low base in 1Q21 and 3Q21. 2M22 SSSG is likely to be in positive territory HMPRO may enhance its EBIT margin and NPM by 1.0-1.3ppts this year. Its plan to enhance Mega Home's operational efficiencies and private label product mix should help maintain overall GPM. Its retail mall recovery may also benefit the bottomline and profit margins Expect resilient 2022 earnings growth of 14% - returning to the pre-outbreak levels, up from 5% in 2021
Kasikornbank (KBANK TB)	175.00	25.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KBANK is ready for the new digital era, as it has business units that are fully equipped with new tech. This will be hidden value waiting to be unlocked in future Historical price trends suggest its share price should outperform peers when the economy is on a recovery path KBANK offers lowest CIR in the banking industry, while its asset quality remains manageable. We expect 4Q21 earnings to rise QoQ, mainly on a rebound in non-II and lower ECL, despite seasonally higher opex

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	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Kiatnakin Phatra Financial Group (KKP TB)	75.00	19.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KKP stands out among the smaller banks, due to its above-average growth. With its aggressive strategy, it should be able to sustain earnings growth while keeping asset quality under control. On top of high yields, KKP's valuation remains attractive at 1x P/BV vs 13% ROE. Its banking and capital businesses still have the potential to grow with quality • Preview of 1Q22. We expect 1Q22 net profit to rise QoQ, underpinned by lower provisions and opex, higher loan growth, and fee income • We raise FY22-23F earnings by 8-10% to be in line with KKP's FY22 targets. The change in assumptions include higher loan growth, lower losses from repossessed cars, and higher fee income (despite a lower NIM, and higher opex). Our TP rises to THB75.00 from THB66.00
Osotspa PCL (OSP TB)	42.50	34.92	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We expect OSP may be able to recover sales and retain local market share for energy drinks – and leadership position in functional beverages – on strong branding • The demand recovery, OSP's launch of premium energy drinks, and new corporate cost-savings programme could be 2022's 18% earnings growth drivers and may limit impacts from the uncertain raw material cost outlook to profit margins • Consumers may be able to afford the new value-added energy drinks. If successful, it can deliver strong upsides to sales and GPMS
PTT Oil and Retail Business (OR TB)	35.00	35.92	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Energy Policy Committee is planning to remove the THB40bn borrowing cap of the state oil fund in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The removal the loan ceiling cap of the oil fund will allow the Government to maintain lower retail fuel prices, which encourages oil consumption activities • The recovery of Thai economy will boost the demand for consumption and travelling along its oil stations OR will get benefit from its oil and non-oil retail businesses via more than 2,300 nationwide oil stations • Under the development of several potential businesses to capture future trend such as EV and healthy food products
Supalai PCL (SPALI TB)	24.90	33.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY22 new project launch targets should be SPALI's latest record high with +61% YoY growth. The key feature for 2022 should be that new projects in provincial areas will play a more critical role with a significantly higher proportion (52% of overall new project value launched in FY22) • Despite an aggressive FY22 new launch target, SPALI will aim for 16% YoY growth in presales this year due to the higher reliance on provincial projects • FY22 revenue target is more likely to be achieved, as there will be seven condominium projects gradually transferred throughout 2022 and >50% of its FY22 revenue target has been secured by current orderbooks on hand

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