

Airports of Thailand Pcl (AOT TB) - BUY

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News Update

The Amendment to the terms of use of the state property

- The change is to make private investors confident for investment.
 - There will be no impacts on its financial statement.
 - We see this as a progress of the Airport City project.
 - We still see AOT is the best play for the tourism recovery.
- AOT inform the SET that, as per the approval of the Ministry of Finance, AOT will amend the terms of use of the state property for the operation of its six airports. To recap shortly, AOT has leased state property from the Treasury Department (TD) to operate its airport business. The term of such lease is 30 years with the right renew the contracts twice for 10 years each.
- As the period of use for the current contract shall expire on 29 September 2032 or around 11 years from now, AOT request the TD to change the period of use as shown in the following table. The purpose of the changes is to make private investors confident for their investment and joint development in the airports (such as the Airport City projects). As there are no other changes including state property rental, there will be no impacts on its financial statement.

Before the amendment	After the amendment
30 Sep 2002 – 29 Sep 2032 (30 yr.)	30 Sep 2002 – 29 Sep 2021 (19 yr.)
30 Sep 2032 – 29 Sep 2042 (10 yr.)	30 Sep 2021 – 29 Sep 2051 (30 yr.)
30 Sep 2042 – 29 Sep 2052 (10 yr.)	30 Sep 2051 – 29 Sep 2052 (1 yr.)

- However, we see this as positive news for AOT as it shows the progress of the Airport City project. AOT has a total of 570 acres of undeveloped land at Suvarnabhumi Airport. Some 280 acres of this is leasehold land from the TD while 290 acres are owned by AOT. After the regulations have been unlocked, AOT expects to open bids and let property developers proceed with projects such as shopping malls, hotels, certified air cargo warehouses, distribution centers, recreation facilities, exhibition halls, residences, and sports and medical facilities. If we assume 50% of the total land being developed, we roughly estimate additional Bt2/share on top of our TP.
- We like AOT and it is our top sector pick for long-term core holding as: 1) AOT, the largest airport monopoly operator, remains the most direct and highest operating-leverage play once the Thai tourism industry turns around and 2) despite assuming 75% of FY19's international passengers, we expect AOT's earnings to recover to the FY19 level in FY23F due to a rise in concession revenues from the re-implementation of the minimum guarantee for the new duty-free concessions in April 2022.

Key Valuations

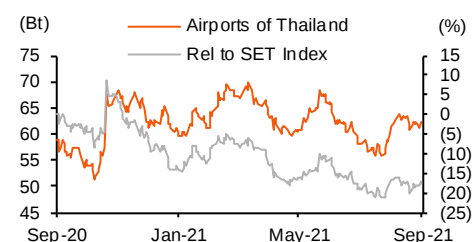
Y/E Sep (Bt m)	2020	2021F	2022F	2023F
Revenue	31,179	8,161	23,607	66,430
Net profit	4,321	(13,979)	(6,041)	23,518
Norm net profit	5,403	(13,979)	(6,041)	23,518
Norm EPS (Bt)	0.4	(1.0)	(0.4)	1.6
Norm EPS gr (%)	(78.0)	na	na	na
Norm PE (x)	164.6	na	na	37.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	84.2	na	170.0	20.7
P/BV (x)	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.0
Div. yield (%)	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.6
ROE (%)	3.6	(10.2)	(4.6)	16.8
Net D/E (%)	(22.7)	(11.0)	(1.3)	(4.8)

Source: Thanachart estimates

Stock Data

Closing price (Bt)	62.25
Target price (Bt)	69.00
Market cap (US\$ m)	26,591
Avg daily turnover (US\$ m)	42.7
12M H/L price (Bt)	69.75/51.25

Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

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