

BUY (Unchanged)

Change in Numbers

TP: Bt 85.00 (Unchanged)

Upside : 18.1%

8 SEPTEMBER 2022

Airports of Thailand Pcl (AOT TB)

Back with a vengeance

AOT is coming back with a vengeance in three stages: turning to a profit in Jan-March 2023F, back to pre-COVID profits in Oct-Dec 2023F at 90% of its FY19 inter. pax. level, reaching a record-high profit at 124% of FY19 profits in FY24F with 100% of its FY19 inter. pax. level. We reaffirm our BUY call on AOT with a TP of Bt85/share.

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Three-step vengeance

This report includes our ESG comments. We reaffirm our BUY call on AOT as the biggest-cap company and as a pure tourism play at the beginning of the tourism turnaround. We lay out three stages for AOT's earnings recovery. **1)** With its international passengers at 55% of FY19's level, we expect it to turn to a profit as early as 2QFY23F (Jan-Mar 2023). **2)** With the collection of the new level of minimum guaranteed duty-free revenue, at a 2.8x higher rate than the old one, we expect its earnings to return to FY19's level in 1QFY24F when we assume its international passengers reach 90% of the FY19 level. **3)** With its international passengers at FY19's level, we see its earnings reaching 124% of FY19's level in FY24F. We also project a further 15/12% international passenger growth in FY25-26F to drive AOT's earnings to 154/178% of the FY19 level.

Becoming a higher-return company

With the collection of the new, higher level minimum guaranteed duty-free revenue in April 2023, we see AOT becoming more profitable. We estimate its FY24F earnings at 124% of FY19's level, EBITDA margin at 70% (vs. 58% in FY19) and ROE at 26% (vs. 17% in FY19). The higher return should support a higher valuation. We see AOT's 34x PE in FY24F vs. its 40x three-year pre-COVID average as inexpensive. Our DCF-based 12-month TP (FY23F base year) is maintained at Bt85.

Strong turnaround momentum

AOT's international passengers recovered to 38% of FY19's level in August 2022 and we expect this ratio to rise to 55% in January-March 2023F, allowing AOT to turn to a profit. The turnaround has been stronger than we'd expected despite virtually no Chinese tourists. Our house forecasts for tourist arrivals are 9/26/39m (up from 6/26/39m) in 2022-24F. This translates to AOT's international passengers at 16/60/100% of FY19's level in FY22-24F. With this, we project AOT's loss at Bt11bn (vs. Bt9.2bn in 9MFY22) in FY22F and profit of Bt7/30bn in FY23/24F vs. Bt25bn in FY19. Beyond that we forecast Bt38/44bn in FY25-26F. Note that we already factor in a 15% capacity increase in April 2023 resulting in higher operating costs of Bt3bn p.a.

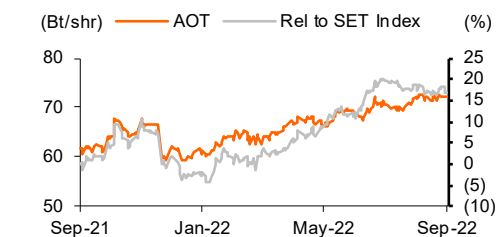
A profit scenario without Chinese tourists

From our tourist arrival assumptions of 9/26/39m in 2022-24F, we assume Chinese tourists start coming back in 2H23F though not at full steam. Therefore, the downside risk to our FY23F earnings forecast shouldn't be large even with no Chinese tourists. We also estimate AOT to turn to a profit in January-March 2023F without Chinese tourists. Note that Chinese tourists accounted for 28% of Thailand's 40m total arrivals in 2019.

COMPANY VALUATION

Y/E Sep (Bt m)	2021A	2022F	2023F	2024F
Sales	7,086	16,011	44,719	77,647
Net profit	(16,322)	(10,773)	6,887	30,336
Norm profit	(15,319)	(10,773)	6,887	30,336
Consensus NP	—	(9,743)	11,044	27,632
Diff frm cons (%)	—	na	(37.6)	9.8
Prev. Norm profit	—	(12,079)	5,630	28,213
Chg frm prev (%)	—	na	22.3	7.5
Norm EPS (Bt)	(1.1)	(0.8)	0.5	2.1
Norm EPS grw (%)	na	na	na	340.5
Norm PE (x)	na	na	149.3	33.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	na	1,524.6	41.5	18.6
P/BV (x)	9.2	10.1	9.7	8.2
Div yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.8
ROE (%)	na	na	6.6	26.2
Net D/E (%)	(6.9)	11.0	11.8	(10.4)

PRICE PERFORMANCE



COMPANY INFORMATION

Price as of 8-Sep-22 (Bt)	72.00
Market Cap (US\$ m)	28,241.9
Listed Shares (m shares)	14,285.7
Free Float (%)	30.0
Avg Daily Turnover (US\$ m)	48.2
12M Price H/L (Bt)	72.75/59.25
Sector	Transportation
Major Shareholder	Ministry of Finance 70%

Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates

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Timelines for AOT's share price catalysts

AOT is in our top country picks and we see share price catalysts from...

Airports of Thailand Pcl (AOT) is still in our country top-pick list as the largest market-cap company with the most direct and highest operating-leverage benefits from Thailand's robust tourism recovery. We expect the end of its COVID-19 assistance measures in March 2023, allowing it to resume collection of minimum guaranteed duty-free revenue at a rate 2.8x higher than the old one, to lift its earnings back to the pre-COVID FY19 level in 1QFY24F (AOT's fiscal year ends in September) despite assuming its international passengers are at 90% of the FY19 level. We also lay out timelines for its share price catalysts as follows:

Strong passenger recovery every month

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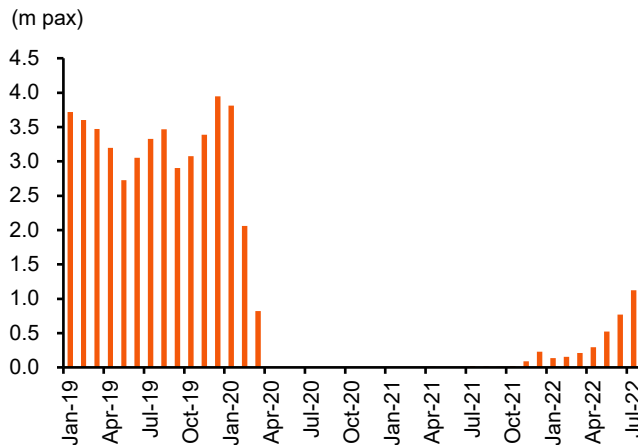
Despite China sticking with its zero-COVID strategy, the relaxation of entry restrictions in other countries including Thailand has allowed AOT's international passengers to recover strongly. The figure rose from only 4/7% of the FY19 level in 1Q-2QFY22 to 21% in 3QFY22, 33% in July 2022 and 38% in August 2022.

Given the faster-than-expected passenger recovery, we have lifted our estimates for foreign tourist arrivals this year to 9.0m (vs. 3.2m in 7M22 and 1.1m in July 2022) from 6.5m in 2022F. Assuming Chinese tourists start coming back in 2H23F, we maintain our projections of 26/39m tourist arrivals in 2023-24F (vs. 40m in 2019). This translates into international passenger assumptions for AOT at 16/60/100% of the FY19 level in FY22-24F.

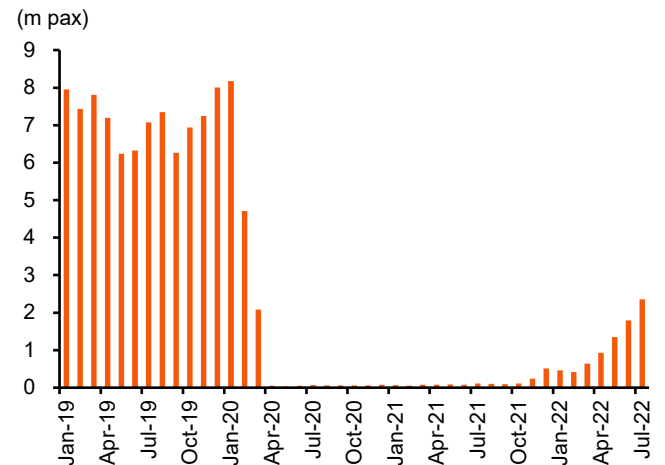
Ex 1: Key Assumption Changes

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22F	FY23F	FY24F
International passengers (m pax.)						
New	84.1	37.5	0.1	13.4	50.4	84.1
Old				11.8	46.2	79.0
Change (%)				14.3	9.1	6.4
Aeronautical revenues (Bt bn)						
New	34.2	16.1	2.1	7.6	22.0	34.4
Old				7.0	20.6	32.7
Change (%)				8.6	6.8	5.2
Non-aeronautical revenues (Bt bn)						
New	28.6	15.0	5.0	8.4	22.7	43.2
Old				7.9	21.9	41.6
Change (%)				6.3	3.7	3.8
Normalized earnings (Bt bn)						
New	24.6	5.4	(15.3)	(10.8)	6.9	30.3
Old				(12.1)	5.6	28.2
Change (%)				na	22.3	7.5

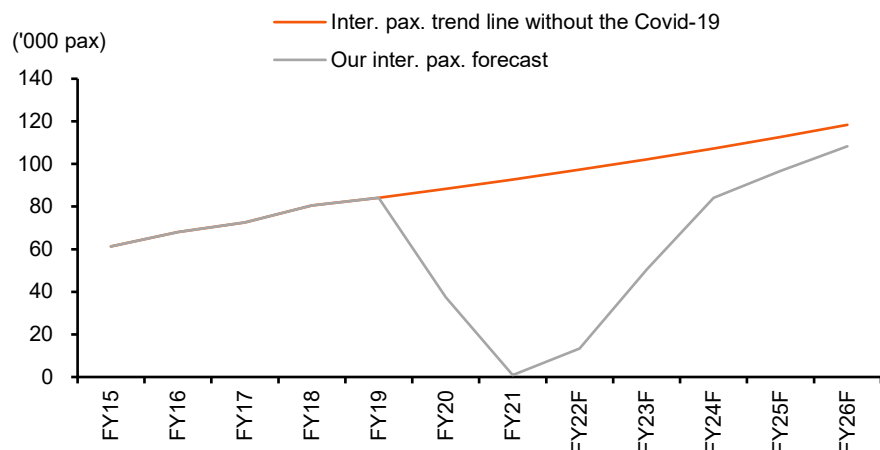
Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 2: Thailand Tourist Arrivals

Source: Tourism Authority of Thailand

Ex 3: AOT's International Passengers

Source: Company data

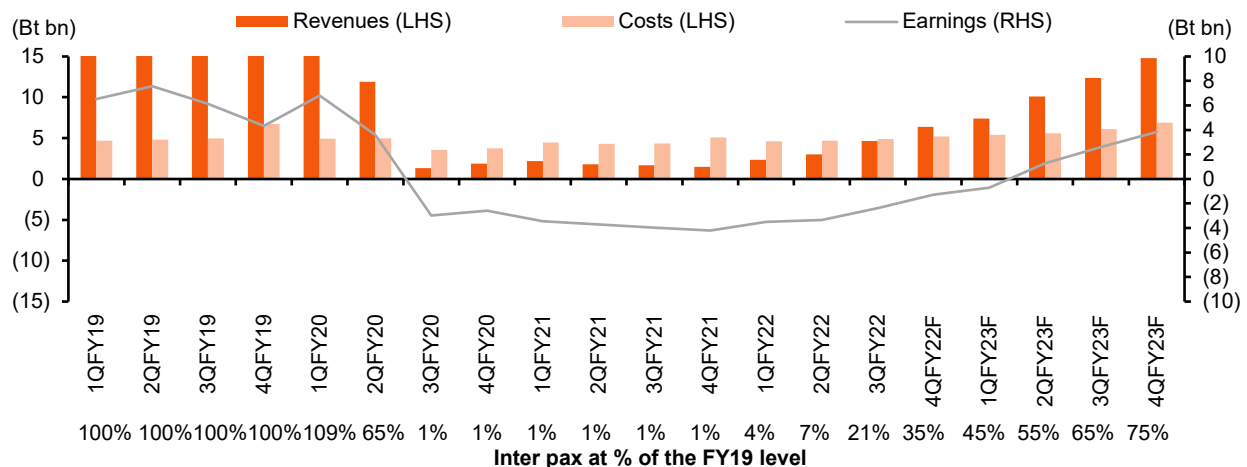
Ex 4: Our International Passenger Forecast

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Turning to a profit in 2QFY23F

...earnings turning to a
profit in 1QFY23F...

Based on our calculations, we expect AOT to reach breakeven when its international passengers are at 50% of the FY19 level. Its international passengers were at 4/7/21% of the pre-COVID FY19 level in 1Q-3QFY22 and it made normalized losses of Bt3.5/3.4/2.4bn. As we expect its international passengers to continue to recover to 35% in 4QFY22F (vs. 33% in July 2023 and 38% in August 2023), 45% in 1QFY23F, we project it to make a lower loss of Bt1.5bn in 4QFY22F and Bt697m in 1QFY23F. At 55% in 2QFY23F, we expect it to turn to a profit of Bt1.3bn. With our average international passenger assumption at 60% of the FY19 level in FY23F, we estimate AOT's earnings at Bt7bn in FY23F.

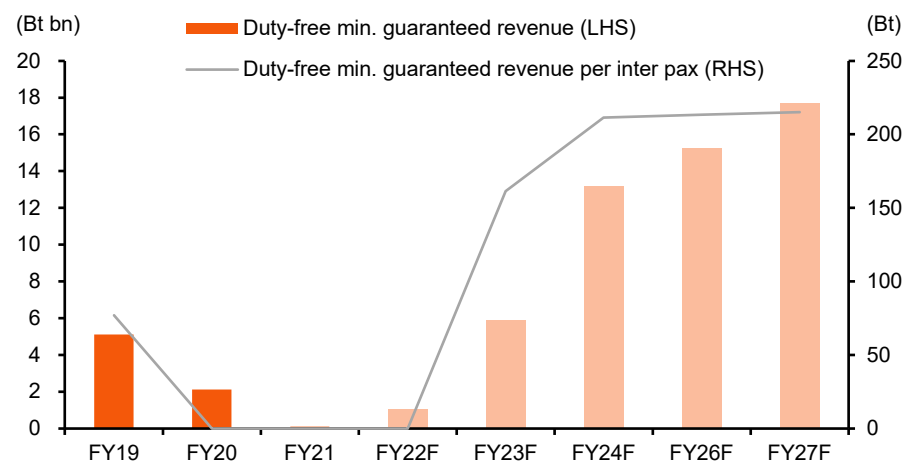
Ex 5: AOT's Quarterly Earnings Vs. International Passengers At % Of The FY19 Level

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Assistance measures ending in March 2023

...the end of its assistance measures in March 2023...

Given the strong passenger recovery, AOT has no plans to further extend its COVID-19 assistance measures, which are scheduled to end in March 2023. These measures include, for example, waiving the minimum guaranteed duty-free revenue, offering a 50% discount on office and state property rents, and providing a 50% discount on landing and parking charges. The end of the COVID-19 assistance measures should see its revenues recover significantly from 3QFY23 onward, especially minimum guaranteed duty-free revenue which is to be based on the new duty-free concession contract, and it will increase to Bt211 per international passenger (vs. Bt77 in FY19). Therefore, despite assuming Bt3bn p.a. in higher operating costs from the operation of the Suvarnabhumi Airport's phase 2 in April 2023, we still estimate AOT's earnings to recover back to the FY19 level in 1QFY24F when we forecast its international passengers to be at 90% of FY19's level.

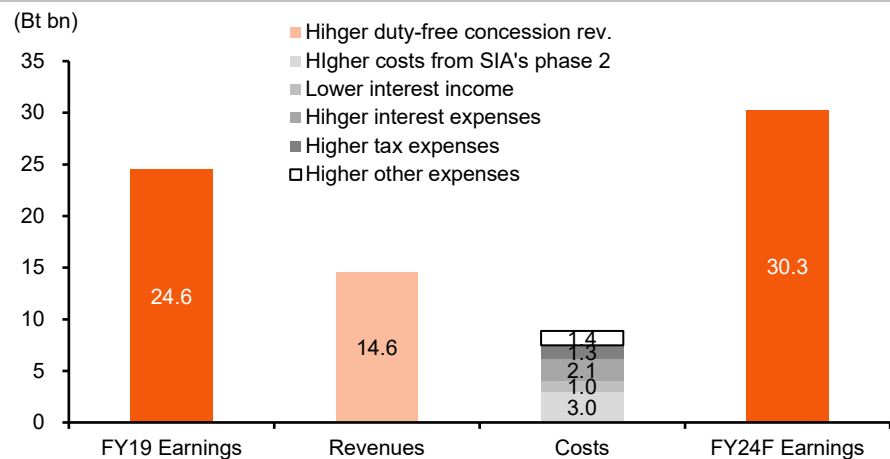
Ex 6: AOT's Concession Revenues

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

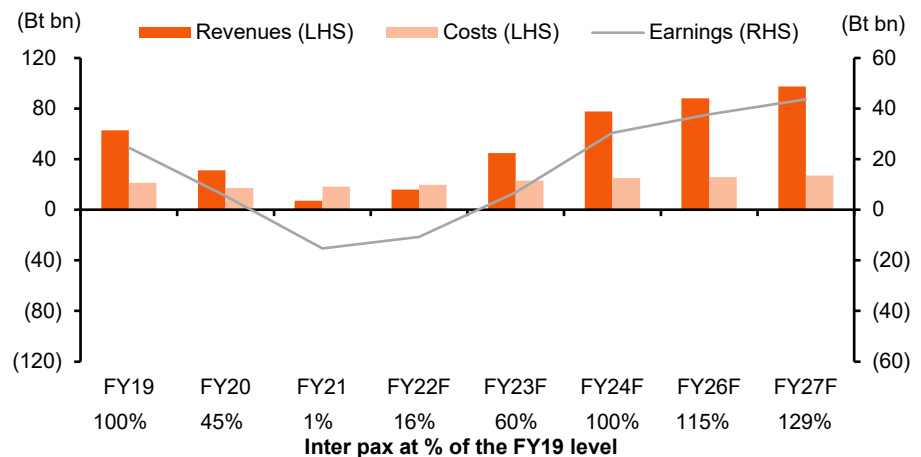
Record-high earnings from FY24F onward

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With its international passengers at 100% of the FY19 level in FY24F, we estimate AOT's earnings at Bt30bn, or 124% of the FY19 level. We also project further international passenger growth of 15% in FY25F and 12% in FY26F to return to the passenger trend line before COVID-19. With high operating leverage benefits, we estimate AOT's earnings at Bt38bn in FY25F, or 154% of the FY19 level and Bt44bn in FY26F, or 178% of FY19's level.

Ex 7: Earnings Transition In FY24F

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 8: AOT's Yearly Earnings Vs. International Passengers At % Of The FY19 Level

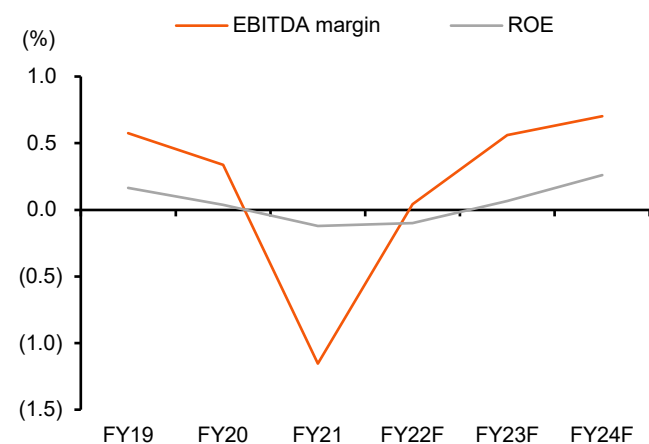
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A higher-return company

AOT's strong earnings to drive its profitability and support high valuation

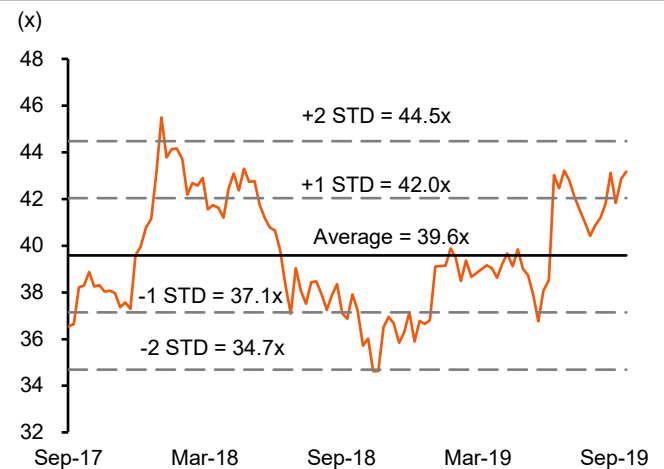
With its strong earnings growth trend, we expect AOT to generate higher profitability. With its earnings at 124% of the FY19 level in FY24F, its EBITDA margin would rise to 70% (vs. 58% in FY19) and ROE to 26% (vs. 17% in FY19). Despite being under pressure due to the COVID-19 crisis over the past three years and with our capex assumption of Bt45bn in FY22-24F, its balance sheet is still very solid with a net D/E ratio of 0.1x in FY22-23F before turning into a net-cash position again in FY24F. The higher return should continue to support its premium valuation, in our view. We therefore see AOT's 34x PE in FY24F vs. its 40x three-year pre-COVID average as inexpensive.

Ex 9: AOT's EBITDA Margin Vs. ROE



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 10: AOT's PE Standard Deviation



Sources: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates

Ex 11: 12-month DCF-based TP Calculation Using A Base Year Of FY23F

(Bt m)	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY28F	FY29F	FY30F	FY31F	FY32F	FY33F	Terminal value
EBITDA excl. depreciation from right of use	22,550	51,931	60,677	68,163	74,742	87,113	93,754	100,292	107,467	115,195	123,525	—
Free cash flow	230	36,519	38,168	35,279	30,988	48,791	67,534	67,157	77,138	79,565	82,516	2,490,855
PV of free cash flow	230	31,760	30,553	26,221	21,385	31,257	40,172	37,092	38,038	36,263	34,768	655,016
Risk-free rate (%)	2.5											
Market risk premium (%)	8.0											
Beta	0.9											
WACC (%)	7.2											
Terminal growth (%)	2.0											
Enterprise value - add investments	1,221,936											
Net debt (FY22F)	11,260											
Minority interest	965											
Equity value	1,209,711											
# of shares (m)	14,286											
Equity value/share (Bt)	85.0											

Sources: Thanachart estimates

Valuation Comparison

Ex 12: Valuation Comparison With Regional Peers

Name	BBG code	Country	EPS growth		— PE —		— P/BV —		EV/EBITDA		— Div yield —	
			22F	23F	22F	23F	22F	23F	22F	23F	22F	23F
			(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
Beijing Capital Int'l	694 HK	China	(1.3)	82.3	na	na	1.0	1.0	na	18.6	0.0	0.6
Shenzhen Airport Co	000089 CH	China	na	na	na	151.8	1.2	1.2	114.1	20.8	0.0	0.3
Xiamen Int'l Airport	600897 CH	China	73.3	70.9	18.2	10.6	1.1	1.1	6.2	4.1	2.5	4.5
Shanghai Int'l Airport	600009 CH	China	(1.1)	na	na	72.4	4.3	3.9	na	30.8	0.0	0.5
Fraport Frankfurt Airport	FRA GR	Germany	40.8	213.2	40.7	10.9	1.0	0.9	14.4	11.4	0.0	1.0
Japan Airport Terminal	9706 JP	Japan	75.5	na	na	115.8	3.5	3.4	47.9	17.4	0.0	0.3
Grupo Aeroportuario	ASURB MM	Mexico	46.8	9.5	14.7	13.4	3.2	3.0	9.7	8.9	3.6	4.1
SATS Ltd	SATS SP	Singapore	178.7	272.1	80.8	21.6	2.8	2.6	23.2	12.3	0.7	2.8
Airports of Thailand*	AOT TB	Thailand	na	na	na	149.3	10.1	9.7	1,524.6	41.5	0.0	0.4
Average			59.0	129.6	38.6	68.2	3.1	3.0	248.6	18.4	0.8	1.6

Source: Bloomberg

Note: * Thanachart estimates using normalized EPS

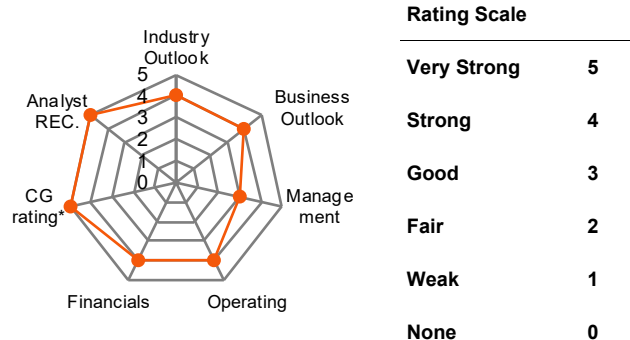
Based on 8 Sep 2022 closing prices

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

The Airports of Thailand (AOT) was corporatized from a state enterprise and is Thailand's leading airport business operator. AOT is responsible for six international airports: Don Mueang, Phuket, Chiang Mai, Had Yai, Chiang Rai and Suvarnabhumi, all of which accommodate both domestic and international flights. With commercial operations beginning on 28 September 2006, Suvarnabhumi serves as the main airport and can accommodate up to 45m passengers and 3m tonnes of cargo a year. Within a single hour, the airport can operate up to 76 flights.

Source: Thanachart

COMPANY RATING



Source: Thanachart; *CG Rating

THANACHART'S SWOT ANALYSIS

S — Strength

- AOT is an airport monopoly.
- As a state enterprise, the company's operations and finances receive support from the government.

O — Opportunity

- Thailand is a very popular destination for tourists.
- Strong economic growth in the Asia-Pacific is boosting the tourism industry in the region.
- The Thai healthcare industry is also spurring medical tourism to Thailand.

W — Weakness

- AOT has little revenue diversity so its quarterly earnings are volatile and follow the different tourism seasons.
- Unclear direction due to changes in government policies have caused AOT to miss out on the chance of benefiting fully from Thailand's strong tourism industry.

T — Threat

- Airport competition is fierce. Many airports in Asia are reducing fees to attract airlines.
- Disease outbreaks present a threat to the industry.

CONSENSUS COMPARISON

	Consensus	Thanachart	Diff
Target price (Bt)	75.16	85.00	13%
Norm profit 22F (Bt m)	(9,743)	(10,773)	na
Norm profit 23F (Bt m)	11,044	6,887	-38%
Consensus REC	BUY: 16	HOLD: 8	SELL: 2

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?

- Our FY22-23F earnings are below the Bloomberg consensus estimates, which we attribute to us assuming a more conservative passenger recovery over the period.
- However, our DCF-based TP is 13% higher than the Street's number, likely as we are more bullish on AOT's long-term earnings growth prospects.

Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart forecasts

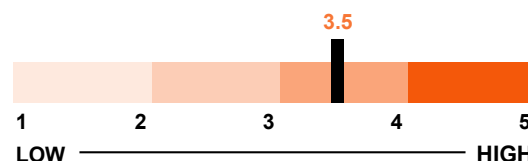
RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE

- Thailand's tourism industry depends on the global economy and there is no doubt that tourism would be negatively affected by any global economic volatility.
- If the COVID-19 outbreak worsens, it may have a significant impact on our passenger growth forecasts.
- The possibility of political interference and corruption is also of concern. As a state enterprise, AOT's major investments still have to be approved by the cabinet. Hence, any delays in getting cabinet approval would have a negative impact on AOT's earnings streams.

Source: Thanachart

AOT runs six airports, two in Bangkok and four in tourist provinces. It controls over 85% of Thailand's passenger traffic. Our ESG score for AOT is relatively high at 3.5 given its strict compliance with industry standards, including CAAT, ISO and ICAO certifications. It also assigns importance to ESG issues with targets and measurements in many areas.

Thanachart ESG Rating



	SETTHSI Index	THSI Index	DJSI Index	MSCI (CCC-AAA)	Arabesque S-Ray (0-100)	Refinitiv (0-100)	S&P Global (0-100)	Moody's (0-100)	CG Rating (0-5)
AOT	YES	YES	YES	A	63.90	56.38	78.17	39.0	5.0

Sources: SETTRADE, SETTHSI Index, Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI), The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJSI), MSCI ESG Research LLC, Arabesque S-Ray®, Refinitiv ESG Information, S&P Global Market Intelligence, Moody's ESG Solutions, Thai IOD (CG rating)
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Factors

Our Comments

ENVIRONMENT

- Environmental Policies & Guidelines
- Energy Management
- Carbon Management
- Water Management
- Waste Management

- We assign a relatively high ESG score to AOT due to its strict compliance with various international standards and its strong commitment to ESG issues. Although airports use a lot of electricity, AOT doesn't emit large amounts of greenhouse gas (GHG).
- AOT's GHG management plans are certified under the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) program of the Airports Council International (ACI). Its Phuket Airport is accredited with level 1 Mapping while its other airports have achieved level 3 Optimization in reducing CO2 emissions.
- Don Mueang Airport's ceiling lamps were replaced with LEDs, cutting energy consumption by 767,000KWh a year. AOT plans to install 4.4MW solar rooftops at its airports.
- Its water and waste water management is carried out by an ISO14001:2015-certified contractor while its noise-pollution control of Noise Balanced Approaches is recommended by the International Covid Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- In 2021, it got 17 complaints about environmental issues and all of them were resolved.

SOCIAL

- Human Rights
- Staff Management
- Health & Safety
- Product Safety & Quality
- Social Responsibility

- AOT conducts business according to the Aerodrome Safety Policy and it uses the ICAO's Safety Management System.
- AOT carries out occupational health and safety procedures in accordance with ISO 45001:2018 standards and uses information technology and communications safety procedures in accordance with ISO/IEC 27001:2013.
- In 2020, AOT received the outstanding workplace award for safety, occupational health and working environment at the national level from the Ministry of Labor.
- In 2021, it conducted 159 social responsibility activities with supporting costs of Bt99m.

GOVERNANCE &
SUSTAINABILITY

- Board
- Ethics & Transparency
- Business Sustainability
- Risk Management
- Innovation

- The board of directors (BOD) comprises 15 individuals, of whom 11 are independent directors and five are women. The chairman is an independent director.
- AOT is listed on the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices and ranked the 4th out of 105 companies.
- It received the "A" level assessment under the Integrity and Transparency Assessment conducted on state-owned entities from Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission.
- It has integrated risk management in accordance with COSO-ERM:2017, certified Business Continuity Management System under ISO 22301:2019 and has an internal audit system by the Office of Internal Audit, which reports directly to the Audit Committee.
- AOT has the 2021-25 innovation master plan which focuses on Smart Journey, Digital Organization, Smart Infrastructure, and Digital Governance and Digital Workforce.

Source: Thanachart

INCOME STATEMENT

FY ending Sep (Bt m)	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F	2024F
Sales	31,179	7,086	16,011	44,719	77,647
Cost of sales	17,194	18,186	19,798	23,139	25,014
Gross profit	13,985	(11,100)	(3,787)	21,580	52,633
% gross margin	44.9%	-156.7%	-23.7%	48.3%	67.8%
Selling & administration expenses	8,870	6,099	7,205	9,838	11,647
Operating profit	5,115	(17,199)	(10,992)	11,742	40,986
% operating margin	16.4%	-242.7%	-68.7%	26.3%	52.8%
Depreciation & amortization	5,441	9,027	11,674	13,369	13,491
EBITDA	10,556	(8,172)	682	25,111	54,477
% EBITDA margin	33.9%	-115.3%	4.3%	56.2%	70.2%
Non-operating income	1,951	630	393	500	525
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Interest expense	(646)	(2,973)	(3,008)	(3,240)	(2,908)
Pre-tax profit	6,419	(19,542)	(13,607)	9,002	38,603
Income tax	1,038	(4,173)	(2,721)	1,800	7,721
After-tax profit	5,381	(15,369)	(10,886)	7,202	30,883
% net margin	17.3%	-216.9%	-68.0%	16.1%	39.8%
Shares in affiliates' Earnings	(0)	(0)	0	0	0
Minority interests	22	50	113	(315)	(546)
Extraordinary items	(1,083)	(1,003)	0	0	0
NET PROFIT	4,321	(16,322)	(10,773)	6,887	30,336
Normalized profit	5,403	(15,319)	(10,773)	6,887	30,336
EPS (Bt)	0.3	(1.1)	(0.8)	0.5	2.1
Normalized EPS (Bt)	0.4	(1.1)	(0.8)	0.5	2.1

We expect AOT's earnings to turn positive in FY23F...

...and jump to a record high in FY24F...

...driven by a passenger recovery and higher duty-free concession revenue

BALANCE SHEET

FY ending Sep (Bt m)	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F	2024F
ASSETS:					
Current assets:	50,491	21,499	25,146	25,415	35,014
Cash & cash equivalent	43,558	17,103	20,000	20,000	30,000
Account receivables	3,225	3,637	4,387	4,656	4,255
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
Others	3,709	759	759	759	759
Investments & loans	648	6	6	6	6
Net fixed assets	110,130	112,157	118,967	128,434	125,919
Other assets	12,290	61,424	58,555	55,694	52,848
Total assets	173,559	195,086	202,673	209,548	213,787
LIABILITIES:					
Current liabilities:	15,333	13,610	15,196	14,352	14,404
Account payables	1,809	930	1,012	1,585	2,399
Bank overdraft & ST loans	0	27	0	0	0
Current LT debt	2,848	3,159	4,689	3,273	2,510
Others current liabilities	10,677	9,495	9,495	9,495	9,495
Total LT debt	8,245	6,080	26,571	29,454	14,225
Others LT liabilities	6,949	61,974	58,371	58,071	57,771
Total liabilities	30,527	81,664	100,138	101,877	86,400
Minority interest	796	1,078	965	1,280	1,826
Preferreds shares	0	0	0	0	0
Paid-up capital	14,286	14,286	14,286	14,286	14,286
Share premium	12,568	12,568	12,568	12,568	12,568
Warrants	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus	500	837	837	837	837
Retained earnings	114,882	84,653	73,880	78,701	97,871
Shareholders' equity	142,236	112,344	101,571	106,392	125,561
Liabilities & equity	173,559	195,086	202,673	209,548	213,787

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FY ending Sep (Bt m)	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F	2024F
Earnings before tax	6,419	(19,542)	(13,607)	9,002	38,603
Tax paid	(1,038)	4,173	2,721	(1,800)	(7,721)
Depreciation & amortization	5,441	9,027	11,674	13,369	13,491
Chg In working capital	656	(1,290)	(668)	304	1,215
Chg In other CA & CL / minorities	(12,961)	4,573	2,400	2,280	2,166
Cash flow from operations	(1,483)	(3,058)	2,521	23,154	47,754
Capex	(11,502)	(11,055)	(15,915)	(20,275)	(8,430)
Right of use	0	(35,809)	300	300	300
ST loans & investments	0	0	0	0	0
LT loans & investments	440	642	0	0	0
Adj for asset revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
Chg In other assets & liabilities	(1,361)	38,397	(6,004)	(2,580)	(2,466)
Cash flow from investments	(12,423)	(7,825)	(21,619)	(22,555)	(10,596)
Debt financing	(2,462)	(2,001)	21,994	1,467	(15,991)
Capital increase	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	(14,999)	(2,714)	0	(2,066)	(11,167)
Warrants & other surplus	(985)	(10,856)	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(18,446)	(15,571)	21,994	(599)	(27,158)
Free cash flow	(12,984)	(14,113)	(13,394)	2,879	39,324

We assume AOT's capex at Bt169bn over FY22-31F for its capacity expansion

VALUATION

FY ending Sep	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F	2024F
Normalized PE (x)	190.4	na	na	149.3	33.9
Normalized PE - at target price (x)	224.7	na	na	176.3	40.0
PE (x)	238.1	na	na	149.3	33.9
PE - at target price (x)	281.0	na	na	176.3	40.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	94.4	na	1,524.6	41.5	18.6
EV/EBITDA - at target price (x)	112.0	na	1,796.9	48.9	22.0
P/BV (x)	7.2	9.2	10.1	9.7	8.2
P/BV - at target price (x)	8.5	10.8	12.0	11.4	9.7
P/CFO (x)	(693.8)	(336.3)	408.1	44.4	21.5
Price/sales (x)	33.0	145.2	64.2	23.0	13.2
Dividend yield (%)	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.8
FCF Yield (%)	(1.3)	(1.4)	(1.3)	0.3	3.8
(Bt)					
Normalized EPS	0.4	(1.1)	(0.8)	0.5	2.1
EPS	0.3	(1.1)	(0.8)	0.5	2.1
DPS	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3
BV/share	10.0	7.9	7.1	7.4	8.8
CFO/share	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.2	1.6	3.3
FCF/share	(0.9)	(1.0)	(0.9)	0.2	2.8

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

34x PEs in FY24F look attractive in our view vs. its past-3-year average of 40x in FY17-19

FINANCIAL RATIOS

FY ending Sep	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F	2024F
Growth Rate					
Sales (%)	(50.3)	(77.3)	126.0	179.3	73.6
Net profit (%)	(82.7)	na	na	na	340.5
EPS (%)	(82.7)	na	na	na	340.5
Normalized profit (%)	(78.0)	na	na	na	340.5
Normalized EPS (%)	(78.0)	na	na	na	340.5
Dividend payout ratio (%)	62.8	0.0	0.0	60.0	60.0
Operating performance					
Gross margin (%)	44.9	(156.7)	(23.7)	48.3	67.8
Operating margin (%)	16.4	(242.7)	(68.7)	26.3	52.8
EBITDA margin (%)	33.9	(115.3)	4.3	56.2	70.2
Net margin (%)	17.3	(216.9)	(68.0)	16.1	39.8
D/E (incl. minor) (x)	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
Net D/E (incl. minor) (x)	(0.2)	(0.1)	0.1	0.1	(0.1)
Interest coverage - EBIT (x)	7.9	na	na	3.6	14.1
Interest coverage - EBITDA (x)	16.3	na	0.2	7.8	18.7
ROA - using norm profit (%)	2.9	na	na	3.3	14.3
ROE - using norm profit (%)	3.6	na	na	6.6	26.2
DuPont					
ROE - using after tax profit (%)	3.6	na	na	6.9	26.6
- asset turnover (x)	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4
- operating margin (%)	22.7	na	na	27.4	53.5
- leverage (x)	1.3	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.8
- interest burden (%)	90.9	117.9	128.4	73.5	93.0
- tax burden (%)	83.8	na	na	80.0	80.0
WACC (%)	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
ROIC (%)	4.7	(15.7)	(8.4)	8.3	27.5
NOPAT (Bt m)	4,288	(17,199)	(8,794)	9,394	32,789
invested capital (Bt m)	109,771	104,506	112,831	119,119	112,297

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Despite the COVID-19 crisis for two years, the balance sheet is still solid with low gearing

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