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#### **KEY INDICES**

Close	Chg	%Chg
1,414.15	(9.46)	(0.66)
874.59	(6.88)	(0.78)
31,831		
371.56	(0.39)	(0.10)
731.14	(10.43)	(1.41)
228.81	(0.78)	(0.34)
20,952.82	(139.72)	(0.66)
151.90	0.60	0.40
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Source: Bloomberg

### **TOP VOLUME**

	Close	+/-(%	5-day ADT
Symbol	(Baht)	Chg)	(BTm)
AOT	66.00	(1.86)	1,863.0
BBL	151.50	(0.33)	1,248.9
DELTA	81.00	(3.57)	733.5
PTT	34.75	0.00	1,673.3
BH	222.00	(0.45)	850.9

#### **TOP GAINERS**

Symbol	Close (Baht)	+/-(% Cha)	5-day ADT (BTm)
STOWER	0.16	33.33	0.7
UREKA	0.75	31.58	15.3
JKN	0.64	30.61	57.0
OTO	1.03	30.38	49.9
AQUA	0.40	29.03	15.3

#### **TOP LOSERS**

	Close	+/-(%	5-day ADT
Symbol	(Baht)	Chg)	(BTm)
NEWS	0.01	(50.00)	0.2
PPPM	0.05	(16.67)	0.1
CHO	2.00	(9.09)	1.1
KC	0.10	(9.09)	0.1
MILL	0.38	(7.32)	2.5

\*ADT: Average daily turnover

#### **KEY STATISTICS**

			-%Chg	
Commodity	Current Price	1m	3M	YTD
Brent crude*	81.1	(8.6)	(1.4)	(0.2)
Dubai crude*	83.7	(11.6)	(2.8)	6.4
Baltic Dry Index	1,796.0	(11.0)	56.0	18.5
Gold Spot***	1,992.4	1.0	4.0	9.2

\*(US\$/bbl), \*\*\* (US\$/toz)

### FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT **IN EQUITIES (THAILAND)**

Day	MTD Net	YTD Net	YTD Net
(Mil US\$)	(Mil US\$)	(Mil US\$)	YoY%
(40.0)	(306.1)	(5,263.4)	(10,207.6)

Source: Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange Rate - THB/US\$ (onshore) = 35.24 Interest Rate (%) - TH 1-day RP = 1.50 Thai Lending Rate (%)\* - MLR = 7.10



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#### **SECTOR UPDATE**

### Property - Thailand

3Q23: Results Wrap-up; Multiple Headwinds In 2024

The property stocks under our coverage reported disappointing results (-29% yoy, -16% qoq) in 3Q23, below our expectations by 5%, mainly due to decreased earnings from most developers except AP and ORI. We expect a qoq improvement in 4Q23 earnings. However, developers still face multiple headwinds in 2024, including uncertainties over the stimulus packages. Downgrade to UNDERWEIGHT.

#### WHAT'S NEW

- Weak earnings in 3Q23. Property stocks under our coverage reported a combined net profit of Bt6.2b (-29% yoy, -16% qoq) in 3Q23. 9M23 sector earnings decreased 17% yoy. The decelerated earnings growth was mainly due to softened performance from most developers under our coverage except AP Thailand (AP) and Origin Property (ORI), reflecting: a) weak presales, and b) decreased backlogs. The sector's transfers declined 11% yoy, pressured by homebuyers' delayed decisions and lower backlogs. In addition, the mid- to low-end segment transfers were pressured by higher cancellation and rejection rates. Sector residential gross margin decreased 200bp yoy, pressured by: a) the increased proportion of low-rise transfers, and b) a higher proportion of fixed costs.
- Expect performances to improve in 4Q23. In 4Q23, the presales momentum is expected to be more robust due to increased economic activities and the introduction of substantial projects. The sector's core profit is projected to increase qoq but decrease yoy, with the qoq improvement attributed to two main factors: a) developers' backlogs scheduled to transfer in 4Q23, and b) the launch of new projects, especially in the low-rise segment with ready-to-move units.
- Multiple headwinds in 2024. On the demand side, homebuyers will face slow economic recovery and high interest rates. Meanwhile, we expect unattractive stimulus packages for the residential sector in 2024. The extension of reducing transfer and mortgage fees is the most feasible option, but the impact would be limited. Regarding the supply side, developers will experience higher competition and increased cost of funds. Also, the tightening bank policy and environmental impact assessment (EIA) issues might delay project launches.

#### **ACTION**

• Downgrade to UNDERWEIGHT. Demand for new residential units saw a slowdown, and we expect unattractive stimulus packages. Meanwhile, developers still face multiple headwinds, such as rate hikes, tightening bank policies and rising minimum wages. We recommend selective BUY, and we believe the market leader or big players are more advantageous than the mid-small developers amid multiple headwinds. We still consider AP as our top pick.

### **UNDERWEIGHT**

(Downgraded)

#### **SECTOR PICKS**

			Current Price	Target Price
Company	Ticker	Rec	(Bt)	(Bt)
AP (Thailand)	AP TB	BUY	11.00	13.50
Supalai	SPALI TB	BUY	17.90	24.20

Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

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#### PEER COMPARISON

			Current	Target		Market		PE		E	PS Grow	th	ROE	Div Yield
			Price	Price	Upside	Capitalization	2022	2023F	2024F	2022	2023F	2024F	2023F	2023F
Company	Ticker	Rec	(Bt)	(Bt)	(%)	(Btm)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
AP (Thailand)	AP TB	BUY	11.00	13.50	23	34,605	5.9	5.5	5.7	29.4	7.5	-4.0	16.3	6.4
Land and Houses	LH TB	BUY	7.80	9.00	15	93,208	11.2	13.1	12.8	19.8	-14.1	1.7	13.6	6.5
LPN Development	LPN TB	SELL	3.90	3.35	-14	5,671	9.3	12.2	11.8	104.0	-23.5	3.6	3.9	4.3
Origin Property	ORI TB	BUY	8.70	11.20	29	21,351	5.7	6.2	5.9	18.2	-9.0	5.9	16.6	7.2
Pruksa Holding	PSH TB	SELL	12.20	9.20	-25	26,700	9.6	11.2	10.9	17.8	-14.4	3.0	5.2	7.4
Quality Houses	QH TB	HOLD	2.18	2.38	9	23,357	9.8	9.3	9.5	43.5	5.3	-2.0	8.9	7.1
Supalai	SPALI TB	BUY	17.90	24.20	35	34,960	4.3	6.2	5.2	15.6	-30.9	19.3	11.5	5.7
Sector							6.2	7.5	7.0	22.4	-12.5	4.3	11.0	6.5

Source: UOB Kay Hian

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#### 2Q23 RESULTS WRAP-UP

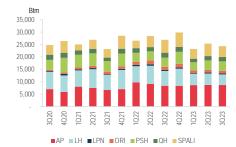
	3Q22	2Q23	3Q23	yoy (%)	qoq (%)	9M22	9M23	yoy (%)
Residential I	revenue (Btm)							
AP	8,689	9,009	9,765	12.4	8.4	28,930	27,919	(3.5)
LH	7,505	5,010	4,451	(40.7)	(11.2)	22,830	14,293	(37.4)
LPN	3,726	1,173	1,397	(62.5)	19.1	7,050	3,850	(45.4)
ORI	2,881	1,812	3,162	9.8	74.5	8,836	7,125	(19.4)
PSH	6,430	5,650	5,306	(17.5)	(6.1)	17,211	16,985	(1.3)
QH	2,143	2,120	1,993	(7.0)	(6.0)	6,027	5,704	(5.4)
SPALI	11,068	8,089	7,089	(36.0)	(12.4)	24,576	20,819	(15.3)
Total	42,441	32,863	33,163	(21.9)	0.9	115,460	96,695	(16.3)
Core profit (	Btm)							
AP .	1,322	1,607	1,687	27.7	5.0	4,685	4,747	1.3
LH	988	487	268	(72.9)	(44.9)	3,178	1,174	(63.1)
LPN	236	87	104	(55.9)	19.3	575	336	(41.5)
ORI	620	620	790	27.4	27.5	1,699	2,103	23.8
PSH	555	262	26	(95.4)	(90.2)	1,399	817	(41.6)
QH	233	231	211	(9.4)	(8.4)	571	582	2.1
SPALI	2,749	1,701	1,191	(56.7)	(30.0)	6,002	3,972	(33.8)
Total	6,704	4,995	4,278	(36.2)	(14.4)	18,110	13,731	(24.2)
Net profit (B	tm)							
AP	1,419	1,544	1,696	19.6	9.8	4,723	4,719	(0.1)
LH	2,249	1,450	1,185	(47.3)	(18.2)	6,320	3,989	(36.9)
LPN	236	87	104	(55.9)	19.3	575	336	(41.5)
ORI	848	873	1,000	18.0	14.6	2,741	2,671	(2.5)
PSH	619	1,038	392	(36.8)	(62.3)	1,601	2,082	30.1
QH	640	669	634	(1.0)	(5.3)	1,740	1,896	8.9
SPALI	2,749	1,701	1,191	(56.7)	(30.0)	6,002	3,972	(33.8)
Total	8,759	7,362	6,202	(29.2)	(15.8)	23,700	19,665	(17.0)
Residential	gross margin	(%)						
AP	32.4	36.3	34.2	1.8	(2.1)	32.4	35.3	2.9
LH	32.0	29.0	26.3	(5.6)	(2.7)	32.8	28.1	(4.7)
LPN	20.3	21.4	22.0	1.7	0.6	21.1	22.5	1.4
ORI	35.6	31.8	23.6	(12.0)	(8.2)	35.4	28.8	(6.6)
PSH	32.0	31.7	30.5	(1.5)	(1.1)	31.7	32.2	0.5
QH	32.1	31.9	31.0	(1.2)	(0.9)	33.3	32.0	(1.3)
SPALI	39.6	35.0	36.6	(3.1)	1.5	39.5	35.9	(3.6)
Total	33.3	33.0	31.3	(2.0)	(1.7)	33.5	32.6	(8.0)
SG&A to total	al revenue (%)	)						
AP	20.1	18.6	18.1	(2.0)	(0.5)	17.6	18.8	1.2
LH	13.8	16.1	17.5	3.7	1.4	13.4	17.4	4.0
LPN	14.0	14.3	14.7	0.6	0.4	14.2	14.3	0.1
ORI	15.7	22.8	16.3	0.7	(6.5)	16.1	19.4	3.3
PSH	19.0	22.2	23.8	4.8	1.6	18.7	21.9	3.2
QH	19.7	20.7	21.2	1.6	0.6	21.7	22.2	0.5
SPALI	10.1	11.7	13.7	3.6	2.0	11.2	13.1	1.8
Total	15.4	17.5	17.8	2.5	0.3	15.5	18.0	2.5
Source: Respec	ctive companies,	UOB Kay Hiar	7					

• Disappointing results in 3Q23. The property sector reported a combined net profit of Bt6.2b in 3Q22 (-29% yoy, -16% qoq), with the sector results below our estimates by 5%. Meanwhile, its combined core profit was Bt4.3b (-36% yoy, -14% qoq). The weak performances were due to decreased earnings from most developers under our coverage, especially LH and SPALI, while AP and ORI were outstanding in 3Q23. Overall, the sector's transfers decreased 11% yoy in 3Q23 due to homebuyers' delayed decisions and lower condo backlogs. The sector experienced a decrease in residential gross margin, down 200bp from the previous year. This decline can be attributed to: a) a rise in the percentage of low-rise transfers, and b) an increase in fixed costs.

#### RISK

• Delay in project launches and completions, tightening of bank policies, rising cost, labour shortages, interest rate hikes and weaker-than-expected economic growth.

### LOW-RISE TRANSFER SOFTENED FOLLOWING WEAK PRESALES



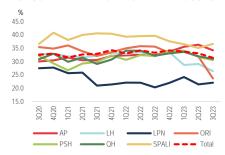
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## HIGH-RISE TRANSFER PRESSURED BY LOWER BACKLOGS



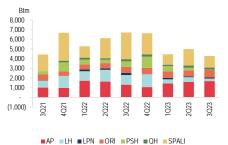
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## RESIDENTIAL GROSS MARGIN AFFECTED BY PRODUCT MIX AND INCREASED FIXED COSTS



Source: Respective companies, UOB Kay Hian

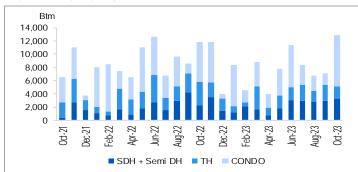
## CORE PROFIT: EARNINGS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE QOQ, BUT DECREASE YOY



Source: Respective companies, UOB Kay Hian

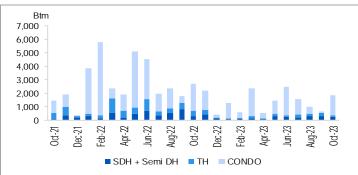
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#### TOTAL NEW UNITS LAUNCHED



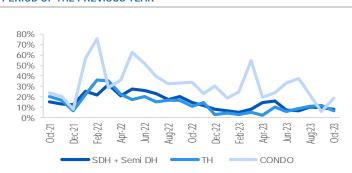
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#### UNITS SOLD OF NEW LAUNCHES



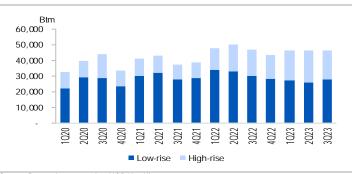
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## 10M23TAKE-UP RATES DECREASED TO 17% FROM 36% IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR



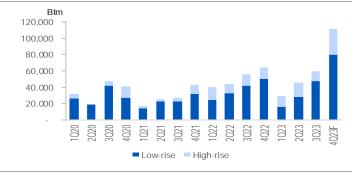
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## 9M23 PRESALES SEE A SLOWDOWN BY 4% YOY, MAINLY DUE TO THE LOWRISE SEGMENT



Source: Respective companies, UOB Kay Hian

### EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL PROJECT LAUNCHES IN 4Q23 FROM DEVELOPERS UNDER OUR COVERAGE



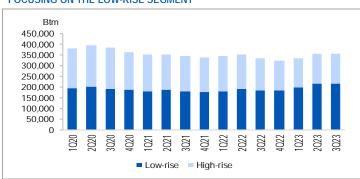
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## THAILAND INTEREST RATES STAND HIGHER THAN THE PRE-COVID AND ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN HIGH



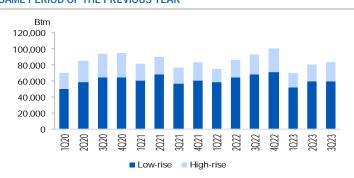
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## OUTSTANDING OF PRE-FINANCE LOANS FOR REAL ESTATE SECTOR, FOCUSING ON THE LOW-RISE SEGMENT



Source: Bank of Thailand, UOB Kay Hian

## AMOUNT OF NEW MORTGAGE LOANS IN 9M23 DECREASED 8% FROM THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR



Source: Bank of Thailand, UOB Kay Hian





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