



Dental Corporation PCL

Outperform Expect a strong 1Q23 performance

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Target Price	Bt	8.93
Price (20/04/2023)	Bt	5.90
Upside	%	51.36
Valuation		PE
Sector		Services
Market Cap	Btm	1,781
30-day avg turnover	Btm	6.86
No. of shares on issue	m	302
CG Scoring		Good
Anti-Corruption Indicator		N/A

Investment fundamentals

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Year end Dec 31	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Company Financials				
Revenue (Btmn)	815	871	961	1,060
Core profit (Btmn)	51	68	72	82
Net profit (Btmn)	58	68	72	82
Net EPS (Bt)	0.19	0.23	0.24	0.27
DPS (Bt)	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.11
BVPS (Bt)	1.78	1.98	2.12	2.28
Net profit growth (%)	n.m.	18%	7%	13%
ROA (%)	5.1%	6.1%	6.6%	7.5%
ROE (%)	10.7%	11.4%	11.3%	11.9%
Net D/E (x)	0.70	0.48	0.38	0.28
Valuation				
P/E (x)	33.61	39.66	37.22	32.84
P/BV (x)	3.60	4.52	4.21	3.91
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.68	25.23	24.41	22.20
Dividend yield (%)	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%

D TB rel. SET performance



Apr-22 Jun-22 Aug-22 Oct-22 Dec-22 Feb-23 Apr-23 Source: Bloomberg (All figures in THB unless noted.)

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- Expect a 1Q23 net profit of Bt20mn (+145.7% YoY, 11.9% QoQ) on a strong dental service revenue (+58% YoY).
- ► See upside on the return of Chinese patients (20% of total during pre-COVID-19 period) and 10% service price increase that began on Jan 1.
- ► Maintain Outperform rating and TP of Bt8.93. Rerating catalysts stronger-than-expected foreign and Thai patients.

Investment Highlights

- ▶ **1Q23 preview.** D is scheduled to post its 1Q23 financial statement on May 11. We expect net profit to come in at Bt20mn, up 145.7% YoY due to a low base in 1Q22 of Bt8mn, and up 11.9% QoQ on robust dental service revenue on an increase in foreign and Thai patients along with a 10% increase in service prices. Our 1Q23 net profit preview represents 28.8% of our 2023 net profit forecast.
- ▶ **Operation.** We expect 1Q23 revenue to grow by 44.3% YoY driven by strong service revenue, which comprises the majority, or 73% of total revenue, but down 3.6% QoQ due to the lack of large orders in the trading business. We forecast service revenue of Bt175mn up 57.5% YoY and 9.3% QoQ on an increase in the number of patients and a higher average charge per patient. We estimate 22.7k patients (+32% YoY, +1.9% QoQ) and an average charge of Bt7,707 per patient (+20.8% YoY, +7.4% QoQ). We expect trading revenue (27% of total revenue) of Bt65mn, up 17.8% YoY but down 27% QoQ due to a lack of large orders of dental supplies and equipment by Chula Dentistry. We expect a GPM to widen to 34% vs. 33% in 4Q22 and 32% in 1Q22 thanks to a 10% increase in service prices that we estimate will result in GPM of the service business improving to 39%. Note that upside to service price increase is limited by higher overall staff costs. We expect SG&A expense to sales to decrease to 23% vs. 25% in 4Q22 and 25% in 1Q22 because D provided lower sales commissions in its trading business and reduced administrative expense.
- ▶ Outlook. We have a positive view of D's performance in 2023 for three main reasons. First, we believe D will benefit from China's reopening as as Chinese patients accounted for 12% of 2022 total foreign patients (vs. 20% before the COVID-19 outbreak). Second, D's increased in service charge by 10% to cope with rising variable costs resulting from inflation, i.e., dental equipment, etc., will enable it to obtain more revenue from an increase in the number of patients. We expect this will eventually boost sales along with its net profit margin target of 8%. Third, D will benefit from the THB appreciation as the profit margin of the trading business is expected to recover. KBANK expects the THB to be at Bt33.5-34/USD by end-2023.
- Share price performance. The stock has appreciated by 4.27% YTD vs. the SET's decline of 5.27%. The stock is currently trading at a 2023 PER of 39.6x, below its 4-year historical mean of 44.6x.

Valuation and Recommendation

- ▶ **Outperform.** We maintain our Outperform call on D with an end-2023 target price of Bt8.93. We derive our target price based on the PER method. Our target price is pegged to a 2024 EPS forecast of Bt0.2 and a forward PER of 44.6x, which is the stock's 4-year historical mean. Potential rerating catalysts include 1) upside risk to our net profit forecast due to its robust 2022 performance; 2) a stronger than expected recovery of foreign and Thai patients; and 3) the share price continuing to lag its earnings growth.
- ▶ **Risks** to our Outperform call are 1) a lower-than-expected number of foreign patients; 2) unfavorable changes to travel restrictions; and 3) the emergence of a new COVID-19 variant.





Fig 1 1Q23 performance preview

	1019	2019	3Q19	4Q19	1022	2022	3022	4022	1023E	% YoY	% QoQ	2021	2022	2023E	% YTD
Service	114	103	121	122	111	130	144	160	175	57.5%	9.3%	301	545	612	28.6%
Sale	82	98	73	59	55	58	68	89	65	17.8%	-26.9%	228	270	259	25.1%
Revenue	197	201	194	181	166	188	212	249	240	44.3%	-3.6%	529	815	871	27.5%
Service	77	71	77	85	73	82	88	96	107	46.6%	11.2%	210	339	385	27.7%
Sale	64	73	61	46	40	44	54	71	52	29.7%	-26.9%	183	209	188	27.6%
COGS	142	144	137	131	113	126	142	167	159	40.6%	-5.0%	392	548	573	27.7%
Service	37	33	45	37	38	48	56	64	68	78.4%	6.5%	92	205	226	30.2%
Sale	18	25	12	13	15	15	14	18	13	-13.9%	-27.0%	46	61	71	18.2%
Gross profit	55	58	57	50	53	62	70	82	81	52.3%	-0.8%	137	267	298	27.3%
SG&A	50	53	55	65	42	44	50	62	56	32.9%	-10.1%	152	198	207	26.9%
Operating profit	5	5	1	-15	11	18	20	20	25	123.3%	28.3%	-15	69	90	28.2%
Other income	3	4	1	1	3	1	3	8	2	-28.1%	-74.2%	6	15	7	28.6%
EBIT	7	9	3	-14	14	19	23	28	27	93.6%	-0.5%	-9	84	97	28.2%
D&A exp	8	8	10	10	9	9	9	9	9	-3.8%	-2.4%	36	37	28	32.1%
EBITDA	16	17	13	-4	24	28	33	37	36	54.9%	-1.0%	27	121	125	29.1%
Interest exp	2	3	5	6	4	3	4	4	3	-27.8%	-26.2%	16	15	12	24.3%
EBT	5	6	-3	-20	10	15	20	24	24	143.9%	3.9%	-25	69	85	28.8%
Tax charge	1	2	1	0	2	0	3	6	5	136.7%	-19.1%	-1	11	17	28.8%
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
Net profit	4	4	-4	-20	8	15	17	17	20	145.7%	11.9%	-24	57	68	28.8%
Extra items	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	n.a.	n.a.	0	7	0	0.0%
Core profit	4	4	-4	-20	7	15	17	12	20	181.0%	56.7%	-24	50	68	28.8%
FD core EPS (Bt)	0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.07	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.06	181.0%	56.7%	-0.08	0.17	0.23	28.8%
FD DPS (Bt)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.00	n.a.	n.a.	0.01	0.06	0.09	0.0%
Key financial ratios (%)															1
GPM	28%	29%	29%	28%	32%	33%	33%	33%	34%	2%	1%	26%	33%	34%	34%
GPM (Service)	32%	32%	37%	30%	34%	37%	39%	40%	39%	5%	-1%	30%	38%	37%	39%
GPM (Sale)	22%	26%	16%	22%	27%	25%	21%	20%	20%	-7%	0%	20%	23%	28%	20%
SG&A to sales	26%	26%	29%	36%	25%	24%	23%	25%	23%	-2%	-2%	29%	24%	24%	23%
OPM	2%	3%	1%	-8%	7%	10%	9%	8%	11%	4%	3%	-3%	8%	10%	11%
CPM	2%	2%	-2%	-11%	4%	8%	8%	5%	8%	4%	3%	-4%	6%	8%	8%
Source: Company, KS Rese	arch														

Fig 2 Performance breakdown

	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23E	% YoY	% QoQ	2021	2022	2023E	% YTD
Performance drivers															
Revenue from service (Btmn)	114	103	121	122	111	130	144	160	175	57.5%	9.3%	301	545	612	28.6%
No of patients	22,698	21,736	24,292	24,514	17,203	19,139	20,476	22,276	22,700	32.0%	1.9%	53,345	78,326	96,509	23.5%
Average spending (Bt)	5,040	4,761	4,989	4,971	6,383	6,704	7,023	7,174	7,707	20.8%	7.4%	4,502	6,916	6,337	121.6%
Revenue from trading (Btmn)	82	98	73	59	55	58	68	89	65	17.8%	-26.9%	228	270	259	25.1%
Key financial ratios (%)															
GPM (Service)	32%	32%	37%	30%	34%	37%	39%	40%	39%	5%	-1%	30%	38%	37%	39%
GPM (Sale)	22%	26%	16%	22%	27%	25%	21%	20%	20%	-7%	0%	20%	23%	28%	20%
GPM	28%	29%	29%	28%	32%	33%	33%	33%	34%	2%	1%	26%	33%	34%	34%
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Source: Company, KS Research

Fig 3 Number of Thai patients

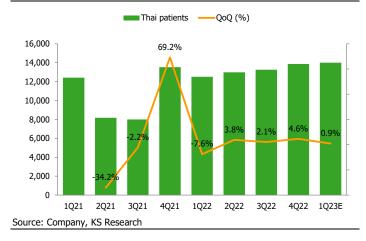
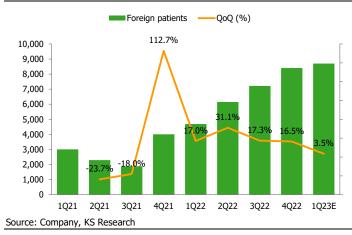


Fig 4 Number of foreign patients



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Fig 5 Expense breakdown

Btmn	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Purchased of goods	104	0	252	155	166	214
Doctor fees	180	160	167	109	109	183
Salaries and wages	106	75	153	115	112	145
Dental laboratory expenses	53	41	44	32	33	49
Dental supplies and consumables used	51	52	47	34	30	45
D&A exp	35	32	37	39	36	37
Advertising expenses	15	11	19	11	7	11
Office and branches rental & service	19	13	23	9	5	8
Changes in inventories of finished goods	0	0	-17	24	-1	-14
Loss on inventories devaluation	0	0	0	6	8	1
% of revenue						
Purchased of goods	22.6%	0.0%	32.6%	27.1%	31.4%	26.3%
Doctor fees	39.1%	25.0%	21.6%	19.0%	20.6%	22.4%
Salaries and wages	23.0%	11.6%	19.8%	20.2%	21.2%	17.8%
Dental laboratory expenses	11.5%	6.4%	5.7%	5.5%	6.2%	6.0%
Dental supplies and consumables used	11.1%	8.1%	6.1%	6.0%	5.6%	5.6%
D&A exp	7.6%	4.9%	4.8%	6.8%	6.8%	4.5%
Advertising expenses	3.2%	1.7%	2.4%	1.9%	1.3%	1.4%
Office and branches rental & service	4.1%	2.1%	3.0%	1.5%	1.0%	0.9%
Changes in inventories of finished goods	0.0%	0.0%	-2.3%	4.3%	-0.2%	-1.8%
Loss on inventories devaluation	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.5%	0.1%
Source: Company, KS Research						







D TB : Year-end Dec 31											
Income Statement (Btmn)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	Cashflow (Btmn)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	529	815	871	961	1,060	Net profit	-24	58	68	72	82
Cost of sales and services	-384	-548	-573	-639	-706	Depreciation & amortization	36	37	28	28	28
Gross Profit	144	267	298	321	355	Change in working capital	2	-15	3	-9	-8
SG&A	-152	-198	-207	-229	-252	Others	21	24	0	0	0
Other income	0	0	0	0	0	CF from operation activities	34	104	99	92	102
EBIT	-2	84	97	101	110	Capital expenditure	-14	-14	-35	-35	-35
EBITDA	28	106	118	121	130	Investment in subs and affiliates	0	0	0	0	0
Interest expense	-16	-15	-12	-10	-8	Others	1	1	-2	0	0
Equity earnings	0	0	0	0	0	CF from investing activities	-13	-13	-37	-35	-35
EBT	-18	69	85	91	103	Cash dividend	-3	-18	-27	-29	-33
Income tax	1	-11	-17	-18	-21	Net proceeds from debt	-12	-84	-41	-51	-52
NPAT	-24	58	68	72	82	Capital raising	0	46	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0	Others	-14	-14	0	0	0
Core Profit	-24	51	68	72	82	CF from financing activities	-29	-70	-69	-80	-85
Extraordinary items	0	7	0	0	0	Net change in cash	-7	21	-6	-23	-18
FX gain (loss)	0	0	0	0	0	Key Statistics & Ratios					
Reported net profit	-24	58	68	72	82	Per share (Bt)					
Balance Sheet (Btmn)						Reported EPS	-0.08	0.19	0.23	0.24	0.27
Cash & equivalents	37	58	52	28	10	Core EPS	-0.08	0.17	0.23	0.24	0.27
ST investments	0	0	0	0	0	DPS	0.01	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.11
Accounts receivable	116	123	134	143	154	BV	1.57	1.78	1.98	2.12	2.28
Inventories	144	161	166	168	176	EV	5.57	7.64	9.89	9.74	9.58
Other current assets	0	0	0	0	0	Free Cash Flow	0.07	0.30	0.21	0.19	0.22
Total current assets	297	342	352	340	340	Valuation analysis					
Investment in subs & others	0	0	0	0	0	Reported P/E (x)	-46.59	33.61	39.66	37.22	32.84
Fixed assets-net	526	534	594	586	578	Core P/E (x)	-46.59	38.27	39.66	37.22	32.84
Other assets	286	257	169	170	170	P/BV (x)	2.50	3.60	4.52	4.21	3.91
Total assets	1,108	1,132	1,115	1,096	1,088	EV/EBITDA (x)	79.47	21.68	25.23	24.41	22.20
Short-term debt	132	118	128	132	132	Price/Cash flow (x)	54.56	21.50	41.90	47.53	40.27
Accounts payable	92	104	127	130	141	Dividend yield (%)	0.2%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%
Total current liabilities	225	228	255	262	273	Profitability ratios					
Long-term debt	379	314	213	143	74	Gross margin (%)	25.8%	32.7%	34.2%	33.4%	33.4%
Other liabilities	53	54	49	50	51	EBITDA margin (%)	3.8%	13.1%	13.6%	12.5%	12.3%
Total liabilities	657	595	518	455	398	EBIT margin (%)	-1.8%	10.3%	11.2%	10.5%	10.4%
Paid-up capital	144	151	151	151	151	Net profit margin (%)	-4.6%	7.1%	7.8%	7.5%	7.7%
Share premium	345	385	385	385	385	ROA (%)	-2.2%	5.1%	6.1%	6.6%	7.5%
Retained earnings	-63	-24	62	105	154	ROE (%)	-5.4%	10.7%	11.4%	11.3%	11.9%
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	Liquidity ratios					
Total shareholders' equity	451	537	597	641	690	Current ratio (x)	1.32	1.50	1.38	1.30	1.24
Total equity & liabilities	1,108	1,132	1,115	1,096	1,088	Quick ratio (x)	0.68	0.79	0.73	0.66	0.60
Key Assumptions			- -			Leverage Ratios					
Dental Service Business						Liabilities/Equity ratio (x)	1.46	1.11	0.87	0.71	0.58
Patient	53,345	78,326	96,509	103,235	110,309	Net debt/EBITDA (x)	23.49	3.52	2.45	2.04	1.50
-Thai	42,142	52,629	61,750	65,000	68,250	Net debt/equity (x)	1.05	0.70	0.48	0.38	0.28
-International	11,203	25,697	34,759	38,235	42,059	Int. coverage ratio (x)	-0.62	5.50	7.89	10.06	14.45
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Spending per head	4,502	6,916	6,337	6,541	6,765	Revenue (%)	-7.7%	54.1%	6.9%	10.3%	10.4%
-Thai	4,136	5,341	4,926	4,926	4,926	EBITDA (%)	-49.0%	427.4%	11.2%	1.9%	8.1%
-International	5,877	9,146	8,844	9,286	9,751	Reported net profit (%)	n.m.	n.m.	18.2%	6.6%	13.3%
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Trading Business						Core profit (%)	n.m.	n.m.	34.6%	6.6%	13.3%
Revenue Growth (%)	1.7%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	Core EPS (%)	n.m.	n.m.	34.6%	6.6%	13.3%

Source: Company, KS estimates





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