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## 4Q17F: BLA: best bond yield recovery play

For BLA, we expect a turnaround in 4Q17 earnings after bond yield recovery allowed it to release LAT reserve. For THREL, we expect lower underwriting profit but gain from the sale of its stake in EMCS to lead to a small rise in 4Q17F bottom line QoQ. For THRE, we expect an earnings turnaround from gain on THREL and an attractive dividend.

**BLA 4Q17F: Tagging recovering bond yield.** We expect earnings to return to a profit of Bt738mn in 4Q17 after a loss of Bt261mn in 3Q17 when it booked a Liability Adequacy Test (LAT) reserve of Bt1.7bn. We expect it to reverse out Bt700mn in 4Q17 as the 10-year Thai government bond yield gained 12 bps in 4Q17. The US 10-year treasury yield has already risen to a four-year high of 2.9%, driven by expectations of accelerating inflation from the growing economy. Thai and US bond yield normally move in tandem but spread recently turned negative, suggesting a stronger upward pull on Thai bond yield to move up with US bond yield. This will lead to further earnings recovery for BLA in 2018.

**THREL 4Q17F: One-off investment gain.** We expect THREL to have good earnings growth of 242% YoY and 3% QoQ in 4Q17. YoY, we expect normalization of combined ratio to 81% from 97% in 4Q16 to be a key driver for the high estimated earnings growth of 242% YoY. QoQ, we expect lower underwriting profit but higher investment gain from the sale of its stake in EMCS to lead to a small rise in 4Q17F bottom line. THREL sold its entire 20% (1.2mn shares) in EMCS Thai Co., Ltd. (EMCS) for Bt50/share to THRE in November. By our calculations, THREL will book a gain of Bt37mn via equity method (Bt54mn via cost method) in 4Q17. We expect 4Q17 premiums to be stable YoY and QoQ.

**THRE 4Q17F: Turning around from gain on THREL with attractive dividend.** We expect THRE's 4Q17 earnings to return to profit of Bt138mn after a net loss of Bt266mn in 3Q17 brought by a write-off of Bt340mn tax loss carried forward that it will be unable to use and Bt42mn loss on investment in THREL arising from the transfer of its investment in THREL from "available for sale" to "trading portfolio". We expect THRE to book a gain of around Bt180mn from a 21% rise in THREL's share price over 4Q17. We expect net premiums to rise QoQ, driven by auto and rice insurance. THRE intends to maintain DPS at Bt0.15 in 2017, translating to an attractive dividend yield of 7.2%.

**BLA is our sector pick.** We like BLA as the best ride on recovering bond yield. In addition, BLA offers the most attractive valuation of the three insurance stocks as its share price has overreacted to BBL's tie-up with AIA.

### Valuation summary

	Rating	Price (Bt)	TP (Bt)	ETR (%)	P/E (x) 17F	P/E (x) 18F	P/BV (x) 17F	P/BV (x) 18F
BLA	Buy	36.8	50.0	38.1	23.9	12.5	(48.6)	91.0
THRE	Sell	1.8	1.5	(10.3)	n.m.	25.8	n.m.	n.m.
THREL	Neutral	12.5	12.0	0.9	14.9	14.6	56.5	1.8
<b>Average</b>					<b>19.4</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>46.4</b>

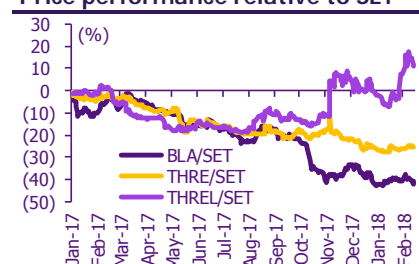
Source: SCBS Investment Research

### Price Performance

(%)	Absolute			Relative to SET		
	1M	3M	12M	1M	3M	12M
BLA	(2.0)	2.1	(29.7)	(0.8)	(3.4)	(38.5)
THRE	1.7	(2.1)	(13.2)	3.0	(7.4)	(24.2)
THREL	16.8	9.6	25.6	18.3	3.8	9.8

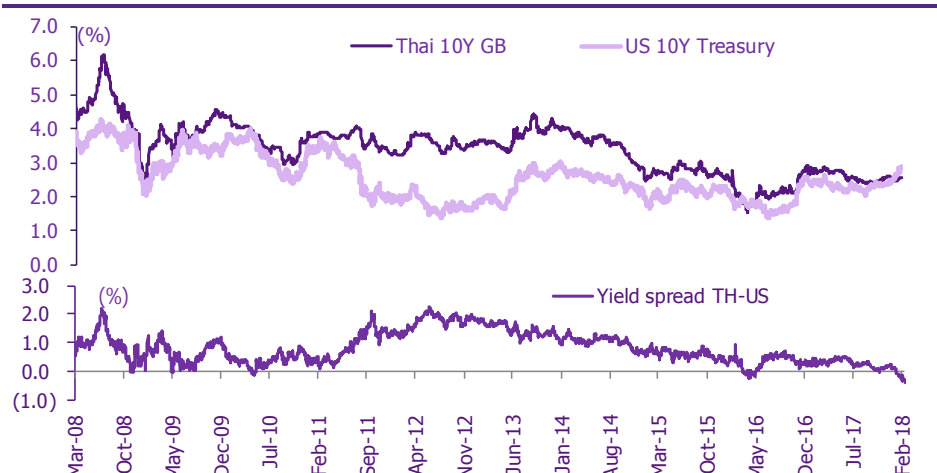
Source: SET, SCBS Investment Research

### Price performance relative to SET



Source: SET, SCBS Investment Research

### Falling spread between Thai and US government bond yields



Source: Bloomberg and SCBS Investment Research

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**Figure 1: Valuation summary** (price as of Feb 16, 2018)

	Rating	Price (Bt/Sh)	Target (Bt/Sh)	ETR (%)	P/E (x)			EPS growth (%)			P/BV (x)			ROE (%)			Div. Yield (%)		
					16A	17F	18F	16A	17F	18F	16A	17F	18F	16A	17F	18F	16A	17F	18F
BLA	Buy	36.75	50.0	38.1	12.3	23.9	12.5	24	(49)	91	1.9	1.7	1.5	17	7	13	1.6	1.0	2.0
THRE	Sell	1.84	1.5	(10.3)	27.9	n.m.	25.8	(53)	n.m.	n.m.	1.4	1.7	1.8	5	(2)	7	8.2	8.2	8.2
THREL	Neutral	12.50	12.0	0.9	23.3	14.9	14.6	(17)	57	2	5.7	4.8	4.3	25	35	31	3.2	4.8	4.9
<b>Average</b>					<b>21.2</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>

Source: SCBS Investment Research

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