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# **True Corp Plc (TRUE)**

Rating: BUY Fair price: Bt13.75 Close price: Bt10.9

Company Information	
Ticker:	TRUE TB
Sector:	ICT
Shares outstanding (m):	34,552.10
Market capitalization (Btm):	376,617.90
Trading vol/day (Btm):	1,023.21
Free float (%):	31.52
Rota	0.90

### **Major Shareholders**

Telenor Thailand Investments	28.60%
Thai NVDR	11.88%
CP Group	10.37%
China Mobile International	7.81%
CPH Telco	7.30%

#### **Consensus Bloomberg**

2025F EPS (Bt):	0.48
Target price (Bt):	14.76

#### **Price Performance**

52 Wk high/low:	13.30 /	9.60
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	1M	3M	1Y	YTD
Absolute (%)	-3.5	-12.1	13.0	-1.8
Relative (%)	-14.6	-17.1	15.1	9.1



Rating	CGR	Thai CAC	ESG MSCI
TRUE		Certified	BBB

#### **Analyst**

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# 2025 results on track

- TRUE reported a net profit of Bt2.03bn in 2Q25, compared with a loss of Bt1.88bn in 2Q24 and a profit of Bt1.6bn in 1Q25. The 2Q25 profit was in line with our estimate of Bt2.08bn. Stripping out the non-recurring items (a Bt1.84bn impairment of assets related to network modernization and a Bt685m asset impairment related to the 850MHz shutdown, TRUE reported a core profit of Bt4.2bn in 2Q25, down 1.8% QoQ and up 75.2% YoY. The sharp improvement YoY was largely due to synergy benefits and financial discipline. Core profit of Bt4.2bn came in slightly better than our estimate of Bt4bn and in line with the Bloomberg consensus projection of Bt4.2bn. Net profit has turned around from a loss of Bt2.6bn in 1H24 to a profit of Bt3.66bn in 1H25. Core profit came in at Bt8.48bn, +165% YoY.
- Management has maintained key financial targets for 2025. The dividend payment is targeted to be paid from 2025's positive operational performance.

	2025 revised target	2025 previous	1H25
Service revenue	0-1%	2-3%	-0.5%
EBITDA growth	7-8%	8-10%	4.8%
Capex	Bt28-30bn	Bt28-30bn	Bt12.7bn
Net profit	Total positive	Total positive	Total positive

- Core service revenue was down 1.1% YoY, or 0.6% QoQ at Bt41.05bn. Mobile service revenue fell 1.0% YoY and 0.8% QoQ, impacted by a one-time network outage. Normalized revenue increased 1% YoY. Blended ARPU improved 5.6% YoY and 2.3% QoQ to Bt219 (+11.1% YoY for prepaid and -1.4% for postpaid). Total mobile subscribers reached 47.5m at end-2Q25, down 2.6% QoQ, with 5G subscribers reaching 14.7m (+3.5% QoQ). Meanwhile, online service revenue rose 2.8% YoY or 1.7% QoQ to Bt6.43bn with ARPU improving YoY and QoQ to Bt526, and total online subscribers of 3.8m.
- EBITDA declined 1.2% QoQ but rose 2.5% YoY to Bt24.9bn. The EBITDA margin
  was 60.8% in 2Q25 based on core service revenues, or 50.4% on total
  revenues.
- Net debt/EBITDA ratio improved from 4.2x at end-4Q24 to 4.0x at end-2Q25. The effective interest rate was 4.0%. Capex in 1H25 was Bt12.7bn.
- Maintain BUY. We have raised our core earnings estimates for 2025-27F by 20%/7%/4%, respectively, to reflect tight cost control and lower SG&A expenses. We prefer to maintain our BUY call with a price target of Bt13.75, based on an 8x mid-2026F EV/EBITDA multiple. Rising price competition, particularly in the mobile phone services sector, poses the primary risk to our earnings forecasts.

**Investment summary** 

2022	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
159,574	158,609	165,904	165,687	167,934	169,384
-2.2	-0.6	4.6	-0.1	1.4	0.9
215,070	202,765	206,020	197,846	187,933	189,383
-4.0	<i>-5.7</i>	1.6	-4.0	-5.0	0.8
(5,913)	(1,733)	(10,967)	9,001	16,902	20,353
-152.9	70.7	-532.8	-182.1	87.8	20.4
n.a.	(4,789)	9,883	16,126	18,402	20,353
(0.17)	(0.05)	(0.32)	0.26	0.49	0.59
-152.9	70.7	<i>532.8</i>	-182.1	87.8	20.4
n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	41.8	22.3	18.5
9.7	9.6	8.0	7.4	7.0	6.7
0.209	-	-	0.078	0.147	0.177
1.9	-	-	0.7	1.3	1.6
2.85	2.48	2.14	2.26	2.50	2.80
3.8	4.4	5.1	4.8	4.4	3.9
(6.0)	(2.0)	(14.8)	11.5	19.6	21.1
(0.7)	(0.2)	(1.6)	1.4	2.7	3.3
433.9	517.5	553.7	510.3	420.4	349.1
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**Results** 

Btm	2Q25	2Q24	% YoY	1Q25	% QoQ	1H25	1H24	% YoY
Mobile revenue	32,432	32,744	-1.0	32,682	-0.8	65,114	65,234	-0.2
Online	6,435	6,261	2.8	6,326	1.7	12,761	12,467	2.4
TV	1,469	1,679	-12.5	1,525	<i>-3.7</i>	2,994	3,436	<i>-12.9</i>
Others	716	844	<i>-15.2</i>	768	-6.8	1,484	1,659	-10.5
Core service revenue	41,052	41,528	-1.1	41,301	-0.6	82,353	82,796	<i>-0.5</i>
IC income	238	275	-13.6	251	<i>-5.3</i>	489	541	<i>-9.7</i>
Network revenue	4,340	5,043	<i>-13.9</i>	4,857	-10.6	9,197	10,099	<i>-8.9</i>
Sales	3,967	4,245	-6.6	5,027	-21.1	8,994	9,001	-0.1
Total revenue	49,596	51,091	-2.9	51,436	<i>-3.6</i>	101,032	102,437	-1.4
Regulatory cost	1,287	1,155	<i>11.4</i>	1,279	0.6	2,566	2,366	8.5
IC cost	336	329	2.1	317	6.0	653	664	<i>-1.7</i>
Network costs	3,582	3,850	-7.0	3,705	<i>-3.3</i>	7,287	7,744	<i>-5.9</i>
Others	10,356	11,475	-9.8	10,889	-4.9	21,245	22,853	-7.0
Total cost of service	32,147	33,945	<i>-5.3</i>	32,834	-2.1	64,981	68,404	-5.0
Cost of sales	4,084	4,265	-4.2	5,116	-20.2	9,200	9,342	<i>-1.5</i>
Gross profit	(2,195)	(3,928)	-44.1	(2,704)	-18.8	(4,899)	(8,936)	<i>-45.2</i>
SG&A	4,977	5,682	-12.4	4,861	2.4	9,838	11,532	<i>-14.7</i>
Depreciation	16,586	17,136	<i>-3.2</i>	16,644	-0.3	33,230	34,777	-4.4
EBITDA	24,975	24,355	<i>2.5</i>	25,268	<i>-1.2</i>	50,243	47,957	4.8
Equity profit	767	708	8.3	744	3.1	1,511	1,398	8.1
Financial costs	(4,980)	(5,687)	-12.4	(5,087)	-2.1	(10,067)	(11,500)	<i>-12.5</i>
Tax	368	(54)	-781.5	160	130.0	528	(123)	<i>-529.3</i>
Others	(2,539)	(4,019)	-36.8	(2,806)	<i>-9.5</i>	(5,345)	(5,555)	-3.8
Net profit	2,031	(1,879)	208.1	1,634	24.3	3,665	(2,648)	238.4
Normalized profit	4,202	2,398	<i>75.2</i>	4,280	-1.8	8,482	3,200	165.1

Source: Company and IVG estimates

P&L Pro Forma

Btm	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25
Mobile revenue	32,490	32,744	32,702	32,939	32,682	32,432
Online	6,206	6,261	6,356	6,294	6,326	6,435
TV	1,757	1,679	1,675	1,526	1,525	1,469
Others	815	844	777	838	768	716
Core service revenue	41,268	41,528	41,510	41,597	41,301	41,052
IC income	266	275	273	276	251	238
Network revenue	5,056	5,043	5,031	5,030	4,857	4,340
Sales	4,756	4,245	4,026	5,839	5,027	3,967
Total revenue	51,346	51,091	50,840	52,742	51,436	49,596
Regulatory cost	1,211	1,155	1,196	1,015	1,279	1,287
IC cost	335	329	364	364	317	336
Network costs	3,894	3,850	3,673	3,847	3,705	3,582
Others	11,378	11,475	11,048	11,306	10,889	10,356
Total cost of service	34,459	33,945	33,469	33,759	32,834	32,147
Cost of sales	5,077	4,265	4,121	5,998	5,116	4,084
Gross profit	(5,008)	(3,928)	(3,031)	(3,547)	(2,704)	(2,195)
SG&A	5,850	5,682	5,457	4,988	4,861	4,977
Depreciation	17,641	17,136	17,188	17,227	16,644	16,586
EBITDA	23,602	24,355	24,981	25,204	25,268	24,975
Equity profit	690	708	734	(1,116)	744	767
Financial costs	(5,813)	(5,687)	(5,605)	(5,312)	(5,087)	(4,980)
Tax	(69)	(54)	(30)	(29)	160	368
Others	(1,536)	(4,019)	(3,717)	(9,050)	(2,806)	(2,539)
Net profit	(769)	(1,879)	(810)	(7,509)	1,634	2,031
Normalized profit	802	2,398	3,107	3,576	4,280	4,202

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**Key Assumptions** 

	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	2024	1Q25	2Q25
Service revenue growth YoY	5.9	5.3	4.2	3.1	4.6	0.1	-1.1
Service revenue growth QoQ	2.3	0.6	0.0	0.2	4.6	-0.7	-75.3
Total revenue growth YoY	-0.2	4.0	1.4	1.3	1.6	0.2	-2.9
Concession fees as % of service revenue	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.8	3.1	3.1
Gross margin	23.0	25.2	26.1	24.6	24.7	26.2	26.9
SG&A as % of total revenues	11.4	11.1	10.7	9.5	10.7	9.5	10.0
EBIT margin (%)	11.6	14.1	15.3	15.2	14.1	16.8	16.9
EBITDA margin	46.0	47.7	49.1	47.8	47.6	49.1	50.4
Net margin	-1.5	-3.7	-1.6	-14.2	-5.3	3.2	4.1
Core profit margin	1.6	4.7	6.1	6.8	4.8	8.3	8.5
Net D/E ratio (X)	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.2
Net D/EBITDA (X)	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4
Total mobile subscribers (m)	51.057	50.467	49.311	49.426	49.426	48.788	47.544
Net add (m)	-0.829	-0.59	-1.156	0.115	-2.46	-0.638	-1.244
FBB (m)	3.702	3.706	3.729	3.749	3.749	3.775	3.79
Net add (m)	-0.076	0.004	0.023	0.02	-0.029	0.026	0.015
ARPU postpaid (Bt)	422	430	426	426	426	424	424
ARPU prepaid (Bt)	109	112	116	121	115	120	124
Blended ARPU (Bt)	204	207	211	215	210	214	219
FBB ARPU (Bt)	506	520	524	522	518	524	526

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## TRUE

## **E:** Environmental

Climate & Waste: To combat the effects of climate change, True is taking decisive action that adheres to the Science Based Target's Initiative. It has set ambitious goals of achieving carbon neutrality (scope 1 and 2) by 2030 and becoming net zero by 2050. In addition, True sends no electronic waste to landfills.

# S: Social

#### **Data Safety & Privacy**

Customer data is safe with True. In step with its advanced cybersecurity measures, True applies a privacy-by-design approach to products, ensuring that personal information is never accessed or processed without permission.

#### **Digital Enablement**

Nationwide connectivity is the foundation for its digital ecosystem. From edge computing in heavy industry to online learning for schoolchildren, True's highly innovative solutions empower customers to reach their full potential.

#### **Supply Chain**

True's commitment to responsible business extends to its partners and suppliers. It works closely with all stakeholders in its supply chain to ensure they meet high health, safety and human rights standards.

#### **Diversity and Inclusion**

True's culture celebrates compassion, credibility, co-creation, and courage. Hence, it strives to make its workplace inclusive to people of different genders, sexual orientations, abilities, and backgrounds.

## **G:** Governance

True is committed to good governance and responsible business. This rests on the integrity of its Board of Directors, executive leaders, the structured governance system it abides by, transparent reporting, and full respect for its shareholders' rights.

## Comment

TRUE indicates a strong commitment to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices, as well as clear long-term objectives in this regard. Furthermore, the company demonstrates the ability to execute short-term goals effectively.

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#### I V Global Investment Research – Recommendation Definitions

#### **Sector Recommendations**

# Stock Recommendations

**OVERWEIGHT:** The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to outperform the relevant primary market index by at least 10% over the next 12 months.

BUY: Expecting positive total returns of 15% or more over the next 12 months

**NEUTRAL:** The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to perform in line with the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months.

**HOLD:** Expecting total returns of not more than -10% to +10% over the next 3 months.

UNDERWEIGHT: The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to underperform the relevant primary market index by 10% over the next 12 months.

**SELL:** Expecting negative total returns of 15% or more over the next 12

### **Anti-corruption Progress Indicator Definitions**

Level 5 Extended Extension of the anti-corruption policy to business partners in the supply chain, and disclosure of any current investigations, prosecutions or closed cases

Level 4 Certified Audit engagement by audit committee or auditors approved by the office of SEC, and receiving

certification or assurance by independent external assurance providers (CAC etc.)

Level 3 Established Carrying out preventive measures, risk assessment, communication and training for all employees,

including consistent monitoring and review processes. (3A: Established by Declaration of Intent, 3B: Established by Internal Commitment and Policy)

Public declaration statement to participate in Thailand's private sector Collective Action Coalition Against **Level 2 Declared** 

Corruption (CAC) or equivalent initiatives

Organization's statement or board's resolution to work against corruption and to be in compliance with **Level 1 Committed** 

all relevant laws

**Partially progress** Insufficient or not clearly defined policy

No progress Data not available / no policy

## **Corporate Governance Report (CGR)**



Excellent

Very good

Good

#### **Disclaimers**

The disclosure of the survey result of corporate governance, which is surveyed by the Thai Institute of Directors Association ("IOD"), and the Anti-Corruption Progress Indicators, which is assessed by Thaipat Institute, are the disclosure of the survey or assessment result based on the information received from the listed company that was stipulated in the form for Annual Corporate Governance Report of Thai Listed Companies (CGR) and the form for the assessment of Anti-corruption that refers to the Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1), Annual Report (Form 56-2) or other relevant documents or reports of such listed company (as the case may be). The survey or assessment result is based on the information of the listed company, which is disclosed to the public and can be accessed by all investors and is made in order to comply with the policy of the Office of the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

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