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การเติบโตจากการควบรวมและซื้อกิจการจะช่วยชดเชยราคา AOCC ที่ปรับขึ้น

ราคาหุ้นที่ลดลงเป็นโอกาสในการซื้อที่ดี

ใน 3 อาทิตย์ที่ผ่านมาราคาหุ้นของ SCGP ได้ปรับตัวลดลง 10% จากจุดสูงสุดที่ 71.5 บาทจาก ความกังวลของนักลงทุนเกี่ยวกับกำไรสุทธิที่อาจจะอ่อนแอใน 3Q21 จากราคา American old corrugated container (AOCC) ที่กำลังปรับตัวเพิ่มขึ้น ต้นทุนพลังงานที่สูงขึ้น และความ ต้องการที่ลดลง ความต้องการค่อนข้างอ่อนแอโดยเฉพาะอย่างยิ่งในเวียดนามที่พึ่งประกาศปิด เมืองเต็ม 100% ในช่วง 3 เดือนที่ผ่านมา ในขณะที่เราเห็นด้วยว่าแนวโน้มกำไรระยะสั้นของ SCGP จะอ่อนแอใน 3Q21 เราคิดว่าราคาหุ้นที่ปรับตัวลดลงได้สะท้อนอัตรากำไรที่อ่อนแอใน 3Q21 และเราคาดว่ากำไรสุทธิ 4Q21 จะพื้นตัว q-q จากความต้องการที่ดีขึ้นในเวียดนามและ ไทยหลังเปิดเศรษฐกิจและราคา AOCC ที่ลดลงจากอุตสาหกรรมการขนส่งทางเรือโลกที่ปรับตัว ดีขึ้น

การขยายธุรกิจใหม่ในเวียดนามเหนือ

เมื่อวันที่ 20 ก.ย. 2021 SCGP ประกาศลงทุนเป็นจำนวน 8.13พันล้านด่อง (11.8พันล้านบาท) เพื่อสร้างโรงงานกระดาษบรรจุภัณฑ์ต้นน้ำใหม่ที่มีกำลังการผลิต 0.37mtpa ภายใต้บริษัทย่อย Vina Kraft Paper Company (VKPC) ซึ่งรวมถึงผลิตภัณฑ์คุณภาพสูง เช่น กระดาษที่มี น้ำหนักเบา VKPC เป็นกิจการร่วมค้าระหว่าง Siam Kraft Industry (บริษัทย่อยที่ SCGP ถือ หุ้น 100%) ซึ่งถือหุ้น 70% กับ Rengo Company (Japan) ปัจจุบัน VKPC มีกำลังการผลิต กระดาษบรรจุภัณฑ์ 0.5mtpa และการขยายในเวียดนามเหนือจะเพิ่มกำลังการผลิตรวมเป็น 0.87mtpa

การเติบโตภายในและการควบรวมการซื้อกิจการจะหนุนการเติบโตตั้งแต่ 4Q21 เป็นต้นไป

ในขณะที่ SCGP อาจประสบปัญหากำไรสุทธิ 3Q21 อ่อนแอส่วนมากจากราคา AOCC ที่สูงขึ้น จากค่าระวางเรือที่สูงขึ้นและความต้องการที่อ่อนแอจากมาตรการปิดเมือง เราเห็นว่าตั้งแต่ 4Q21 เป็นต้นไป SCGP น่าจะรายงานกำไรสุทธิเพิ่ม y-y และ q-q อีกครั้ง เราคาดว่ากำไร ดังกล่าวจะได้ปัจจัยผลักดันจากการขยายภายใน ซึ่งจะเพิ่มกำไรสุทธิได้ 1พัน ลบ. ใน 4Q21 และจากการควบรวมและซื้อกิจการซึ่งจะให้กำไรสุทธิรวม 1-1.3พัน ลบ. ต่อปี

หุ้นที่น่าสนใจจากกระแสการเปลี่ยนแปลงสำคัญของโลกในด้านการเปิดเมือง และผู้บริโภค

เราคงราคาเป้าหมายที่ 82 บาท (16x ของค่า 2022E EV/EBITDA) ระดับการประเมินมูลค่าที่ สูงกว่าเมื่อเทียบกับบริษัทอื่นในกลุ่มมาจากรากฐานในตลาดที่ดีกว่า แนวโน้มการเติบโตของ กำไรสุทธิที่อยู่ในระดับสูงจากการควบรวมและซื้อกิจการและการเติบโตภายใน และอัตรากำไรที่ สูงขึ้นจากกลยุทธ์การลดต้นทุนของ SCGP



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KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Revenue	92,786	120,789	127,572	130,468
Net profit	6,457	10,099	13,027	15,070
EPS (THB)	1.50	2.35	3.03	3.51
vs Consensus (%)	-	9.6	16.8	25.7
EBITDA	16,496	20,312	24,191	27,184
Core net profit	6,638	10,099	13,027	15,070
Core EPS (THB)	1.55	2.35	3.03	3.51
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	(13.3)	52.1	29.0	15.7
Core P/E (x)	40.3	26.5	20.5	17.7
Dividend yield (%)	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.1	14.8	12.5	11.1
Price/book (x)	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	9.6	9.3	10.0	8.6
ROE (%)	10.1	11.0	13.0	13.6



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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Investment thesis

We project SCGP to have net profit growth of 28% CAGR from 2019-22. We think this will be driven by the company's capacity growth, margin expansion, and mergers and partnerships (M&P) strategy that should allow it to not only grow its net profit and market presence, but also enhance its long-term value creation for shareholders via its solid brand recognition, superior cost control, and operational excellence.

Company profile

SCG Packaging is the largest packaging producer in ASEAN, commanding a 36% market share as of 2020, according to Frost and Sullivan. SCGP's 68.8% stake is owned by Siam Cement. The company grows its business, mostly via acquisitions, in many countries.

www.scgpackaging.com

Principal activities (revenue, 2020)

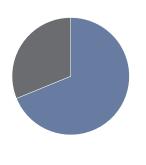
- Fibrous chain 28.0 %
- Performance and Polymer packaging - 47.0 %
- Packaging paper 6.0 %
- Fibre-based packaging 19.0 %

Source: SCG Packaging

Major shareholders

Siam Cement - 68.8 %

■ Others - 31.2 %



Source: SCG Packaging

Catalysts

We see three key drivers for SCGP: 1) a potential margin expansion on lower raw material costs and improving production efficiency; 2) organic and inorganic capacity growth; and 3) market expansion in ASEAN countries and its entrance into new consumer packaging markets via M&P.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our EV/EBITDA-based TP include a lower-than-expected demand for packaging, rising raw material costs of recycled paper and higher energy costs.

Event calendar

 Date
 Event

 Nov 2021
 3Q21 results announcement

Key assumptions

	2021E	2022E	2023E
Packaging paper ASP (THB/tonne)	15,201	16,523	16,523
Fibre-based packaging ASP (THB/tonne)	23,005	23,005	23,005
Packaging sales volume (mtpa)	4.6	4.6	4.8
Fibrous sales volume (mtpa)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Recycled paper price (USD/tonne)	185	185	185
Pulp price (USD/tonne)	439	434	430

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% change in recycled paper price, we estimate a 0.7% change in 2021 EPS, all else being equal.
- For every 1% change in packaging paper price, we estimate a 1.5% change in 2021 EPS, all else being equal.
- For every 1% change in pulp price, we estimate a 0.1% change in 2021 EPS, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



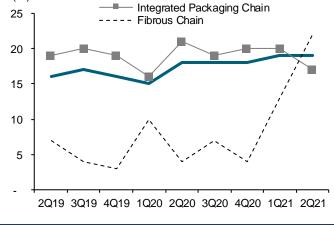
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Share price correction presents a good buying opportunity

In the past three weeks, SCGP's share price has declined by 10% from its peak of THB71.5 due to investors' concerns over its potentially weak 3Q21 net profit caused by the rising AOCC price, higher energy costs, and weaker demand. Demand has been particularly weak in Vietnam where a complete lockdown has been in effect for the past three months.

(THB m) Consolidated SCGP Integrated Packaging Chain (%) □ Fibrous Chain Other 25 6,000 Intersegment Elimination 5,000 20 4,000 3,000 15 2,000 1,000 10 (1,000) 5 (2,000) (3,000)4Q19 1Q20 2Q20 3Q20 4Q20 1Q21 2Q21

Exhibit 1: Quarterly EBITDA breakdown



Consolidated SCGP

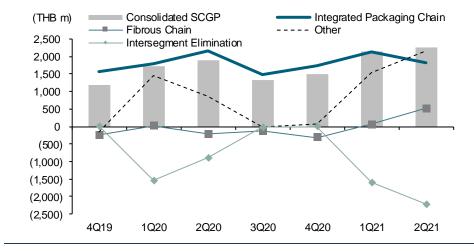
Exhibit 2: Quarterly EBITDA margin

Source: SCGP

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While we agree with the soft short-term earnings outlook for SCGP in 3Q21, we think the share price correction has already priced in the weak 3Q21 margin, and we expect its 4Q21 net profit to rebound q-q as a result of improving demand in Vietnam and Thailand after their economic reopenings and a softening AOCC price due to improvements in the global shipping industry.

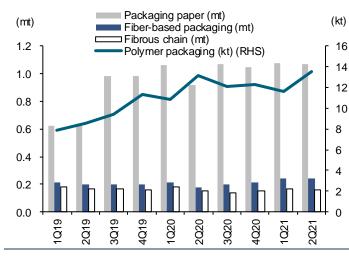
Exhibit 3: Quarterly net profit breakdown

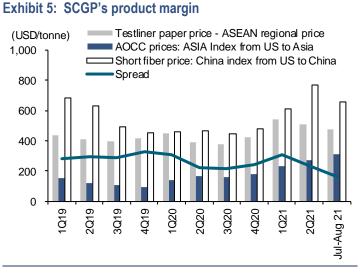


Source: SCGP

In 3Q21, we project SCGP's net profit to weaken to THB1.5b-1.7b, down from THB2.2b in 2Q21, due to the lower margin for its integrated packaging paper (IPC) group as a result of the higher raw material cost of AOCC, driven by the higher freight cost that has more than doubled YTD. As a result, the testliner paper price (the benchmark price for SCGP's IPC products) margin over AOCC has plunged from over USD300/t in 1Q21 to below USD200/t in Jul-Aug 2021.

Exhibit 4: Sales volume breakdown by business





Source: SCGP

Source: SCGP

Limited impact from AOCC price hike. However, we think the impact from the margin decline for SCGP's IPC will be limited in the short term. We expect it to drop from a 17% EBITDA margin in 2Q21 to 15-16% in 3Q21, thanks to the high proportion of high value-added (HVA) products in the IPC group that should help offset the impact of the rising AOCC cost.



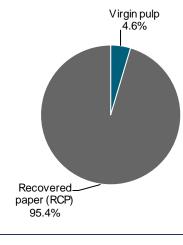
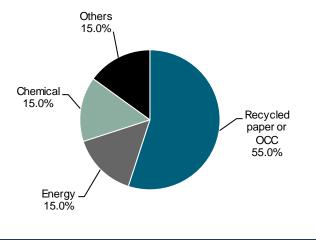


Exhibit 7: SCGP's cost structure (2020)



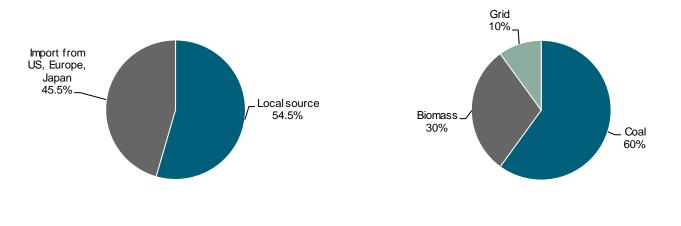
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SCGP consumed over 95% of its total raw material for the production of IPC products from recycled paper in 2020. Of this, it procured up to 54.5% of its total recycled raw materials from local sources in Thailand and ASEAN countries where SCGP's production plants are located. The remaining 45.5% of raw material is imported from Europe, Japan, and the US, with the prices of imported fibre being linked with the AOCC price. Hence, we think the impact from the rising AOCC price will be limited for SCGP, given that AOCC accounts for 45.5% of SCGP's raw material cost, which in turn accounts for 55% of SCGP's total IPC cost.







Source: SCGP

Aug 2021

Source: SCGP

AOCC price is now hitting the demand-rationing level. The average price for OCC in August increased by USD30/t m-m to USD159/t and rose 174% y-y. The premiums for OCC have nearly doubled m-m to USD60-70/t, with USD100 spot premiums on top of the listed price as well. This is dramatically above what have typically been USD10-20 premiums in the domestic North American market over the past 10-15 years.

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Exhibit 10: US recovered paper (RCP) price average in Jun-Exhibit 11: US recovered paper national averages (Jun-Aug 2021)

US average	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Aug-21
	(USD)	(USD)	(USD)	(у-у%)
Mixed paper	56	75	94	623.1
Boxboard cuts OBM	86	105	35	0
OCC OBM	109	129	159	174.1
DLK OBM	119	139	174	155.9
SRPN	74	93	110	254.8
OMG	110	120	134	32.7
CGS	107	117	131	31
SCN	155	165	175	34.6
WBN	233	243	255	14.9
Unprinted SBS	298	308	318	27.2
HWS	315	325	355	25.9
HWEC	337	347	357	23.5
SOP	127	143	156	48.6
CBS	126	141	154	48.1
Heavy print SBS	151	166	180	33.3
SWL	180	196	210	23.5
MWL	188	203	218	19.8
Light print SBS	187	205	220	23.6

Source: PPI Pulp & Paperwork

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All recovered fibre pricing increased on the export side as India held off on some buying from the US in August, while buyers in Southeast Asia, Europe, Mexico, Canada, and Central America continued to import OCC.

India has become the pricing leader in 2021 since China's ban on global recovered fibre took effect in January 2020, accounting for over one-third of US OCC exports YTD, according to <u>Resource-Recycling.com</u>. However, the recent price spike for AOCC has led to many Indian buyers purposefully avoided buying US tonnes at the start of this month to avoid additional pricing hikes.

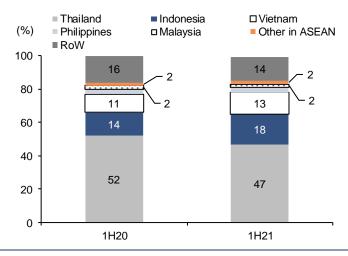
According to <u>Fastmarkets</u>, Indian mills are having a hard time justifying buying at current levels and are now resisting current prices and waiting for signs if the OCC market prices may have peaked.

Demand recovery for Vietnam and Thailand in 4Q21. In 3Q21, we think the demand for IPC and the fibrous chain group (FC) will weaken, dropping by 10-20% q-q due to the lockdown impacts in Thailand, Indonesia, and Vietnam – the three markets which accounted for 47%, 18%, and 13% of SCGP's total revenue in 1H21, respectively.

However, the economic reopenings, although at a gradual pace, should drive the demand up in 4Q21 for it to likely return to the pre-lockdown level in 1Q22, on par with the demand level seen in 1H21, according to management.

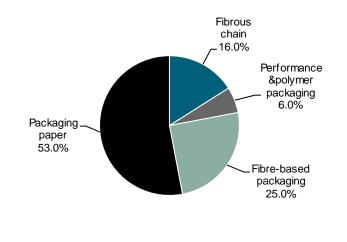
In addition, we think the impact of the weak IPC margin should be partly offset by the continued strong margin of FC products, for which we expect to see an 18-20% EBITDA margin vs 22% in 2Q21, thanks to the resilient demand for food packaging developed by SCGP in the past five years. Its food packaging should gradually replace the loss-making writing and printing papers which have seen a structural demand downtrend due to the increasingly paperless consumer behaviour trends.

Exhibit 12: SCGP's revenue breakdown (1H20 vs 1H21)



Source: SCGP

Exhibit 13: SCGP's revenue breakdown by segment (1H21)



Source: SCGP

Growth from expansions underscore medium to long-term growth

While SCGP could face a weak 3Q21 net profit due mainly to the AOCC price hike caused by the freight hike and the poor demand on the lockdowns, we think that starting in 4Q21 SCGP should see y-y and q-q net profit growth again, driven by:

- Five organic expansions to increase its 4Q21 revenue by THB11b and combined . net profit growth to over THB1b, based on our estimate;
- Inorganic growth from a number of SCGP's M&A via its mergers & partnerships (M&P) strategy, including Intan in Indonesia, Go-Pak, Sovi, and Duy Tan in Vietnam, and Visy in Thailand. We estimate that the combined net profit from its M&A will be THB1.0b-1.3b annually, thanks to the higher EBITDA margins of over 15% for most of the acquired assets.

Additiona Country Products Capacity expansion Capacity Pressboard & Molded pulp, Thailand

Exhibit 14: Organic expansions



Source: SCGP

Source: SCGP

Exhibit 15: Inorganic expansions via M&P strategy

Announcement of a greenfield upstream packaging paper plant in North

Vietnam. On 20 September 2021, SCGP announced a VND8.13b (THB11.8b) investment to build a new greenfield 0.37mtpa upstream packaging paper plant under its subsidiary VKPC, which includes premium grade products (lightweight paper). VKPC is a JV owned 70% by Siam Kraft Industry, a 100% subsidiary of SCGP, and Rengo Company (Japan). VKPC currently operates a packaging paper capacity of 0.5mtpa, and the North Vietnam expansion will raise its total capacity to 0.87mtpa.

We believe SCGP's investment in the new upstream packaging paper plant in North Vietnam is the right direction for the company. This will expand VKPC's capacity and presence in North Vietnam to serve the high demand growth of the electronics and electrical manufacturers located there for the export market. We estimate that the investment for VKPC3 is reasonable at USD996 per tonne capacity, given that the investment cost is lower than the investment for SGCP's Fajar in Indonesia at USD1,100 per tonne capacity. VKPC3 also includes the infrastructure costs for the land and other infrastructure for future expansions in both upstream and downstream packaging paper, according to management.

Exhibit 16: Estimated investment cost per tonne capacity for VKPC

Plant	COD	Capacity	Investment
		(ktpa)	(USD/tonne capacity)
VKPC1	2009	250	150
VKPC2	2016	250	600
VKPC3	2023E	370	996

Sources SCGP ESSIA estimates

Expect weak 3Q21 results, mainly due to the lockdown impact in Vietnam

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As a result, the testliner paper price (benchmark price for SCGP's IPC products) margin over AOCC has plunged from over USD300/t in 1Q21 to below USD200/t in Jul-Aug 2021. However, we think the impact from the margin decline for SCGP's IPC will be limited in the short term. We expect it to drop from a 17% EBITDA margin in 2Q21 to 15-16% in 3Q21, thanks to the high proportion of HVA products in the IPC group that should help offset the impact of the rising AOCC cost.

Exhibit 17: 3Q21/9M21 net profit forecasts

	3Q20	2Q21		3Q21E		9M20	9M21E	Change
((THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)
Revenue	23,287	29,895	26,531	(11.3)	13.9	69,190	83,679	20.9
Operating costs	(19,308)	(24,738)	(22,345)	(9.7)	15.7	(56,412)	(69,357)	22.9
EBITDA	3,979	5,157	4,186	(18.8)	5.2	12,779	14,322	12.1
EBITDA margin (%)	17.1	17.3	15.8	nm	nm	18.5	17.1	nm
Depn & amort.	(1,812)	(1,932)	(1,939)	0.4	7.0	(5,365)	(5,771)	7.6
EBIT	2,168	3,225	2,247	(30.3)	3.7	7,414	8,551	15.3
Interest expense	(579)	(307)	(253)	(17.6)	(56.3)	(2,743)	(821)	(70.1)
Interest & invt inc	-	-	-	nm	nm	-	-	nm
Other income	177	242	290	19.8	63.5	460	922	100.6
Associates' contrib	17	7	-	(100.0)	(100.0)	55	30	(45.6)
Exceptionals	(36)	165	150	(9.1)	(516.9)	992	214	(78.5)
Pretax profit	1,747	3,332	2,434	(27.0)	39.3	6,177	8,896	44.0
Тах	(313)	(620)	(352)	(43.2)	12.5	(545)	(1,530)	180.9
Tax rate (%)	17.9	18.6	14.5	nm	nm	8.8	17.2	nm
Minority interests	(99)	(450)	(449)	(0.2)	352.9	(661)	(1,335)	101.9
Net profit	1,335	2,263	1,633	(27.8)	22.3	4,971	6,031	21.3
Non-recurring	(113)	(24)	94	(497.2)	(183.6)	(37)	(58)	58.0
Core net profit	1,448	2,287	1,539	(32.7)	6.3	5,008	6,089	21.6
EPS (THB)	0.43	0.72	0.52	(27.8)	22.3	1.42	1.93	35.4
Core EPS (THB)	0.46	0.73	0.49	(32.7)	6.3	1.48	1.95	32.1

Sources: SCGP; FSSIA estimates

Attractive play on reopening and consumer megatrends

We maintain our target price of THB82, based on 16x 2022E EV/EBITDA – a valuation premium to its peers due to SCGP's superior market presence, strong net profit growth outlook from M&P and organic growth, and the margin expansion from its cost reduction strategy.

While in short term, in 3Q21, SCGP's net profit will likely weaken due to the intense lockdowns in many countries, particularly Vietnam and Indonesia, where SCGP has a strong production and market presence, we believe the recent share price correction should have already priced in the 3Q21 net profit outlook. We recommend investors buy SCGP ahead of the stronger net profit outlook that we project starting in 4Q21 into 2022, driven by both organic and inorganic growth and improving IPC margins and demand after the economic reopening scheduled in Thailand for Oct-21.

Exhibit 18: Peer comparisons

Company	BBG	Rec	Share	Target	Upside	Market	3Y EPS	F	РЕ	R0	DE	PI	3V	EV/E	BITDA
	code		Price	price		Сар	CAGR	21E	22E	21E	22E	21E	22E	21E	22E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
ASIA															
SCG Packaging	SCGP TB	BUY	62.25	82	32	8,013	31.4	26.5	20.5	11.0	13.0	2.8	2.5	14.8	12.5
Eastern Polymer Group	EPG TB	BUY	11.8	15.5	31	991	16.8	27.1	21.7	11.3	13.3	3.0	2.8	18.9	16.0
Polyplex Pcl	PTL TB	NA	28	NA	NA	748	26.1	9.9	7.7	17.7	19.2	1.6	1.3	6.6	5.5
United Paper Pcl	UTP TB	NA	17.1	NA	NA	333	4.1	10.8	10.4	27.7	25.1	2.8	2.5	7.7	7.5
Lee & Man Paper Manufac	2314 HK	NA	6.72	NA	NA	3,780	nm	6.8	6.6	14.2	13.7	0.9	0.9	4.7	4.5
Nine Dragons Paper	2689 HK	NA	10.7	NA	NA	6,462	nm	5.9	6.0	15.9	14.1	0.9	0.8	4.1	3.9
ASIA avg						20,326	31.0	15.4	12.7	13.7	13.9	1.8	1.7	9.3	8.1
Europe															
Ds Smith Plc	SMDS LN	NA	430.5	NA	NA	8,082	16.0	18.3	14.3	9.5	10.9	1.6	1.6	9.5	8.4
Mondi Plc	MNDI LN	NA	1840.5	NA	NA	12,215	11.5	15.2	13.1	16.1	16.8	2.3	2.1	8.9	7.9
Smurfit Kappa Group	SKG LN	NA	3977	NA	NA	14,080	nm	17.5	14.8	17.5	18.3	2.9	2.5	8.8	7.9
Europe avg						34,377	12.0	28.5	23.8	25.6	27.1	4.0	3.7	15.2	13.5
USA															
Amcor Plc-Cdi	AMC AU	NA	16.37	NA	NA	18,276	nm	16.1	14.7	24.7	25.7	3.9	3.8	12.0	11.3
Amcor Plc	AMCR US	NA	11.78	NA	NA	18,121	13.6	15.9	14.6	24.7	25.7	3.9	3.7	11.9	11.2
Ardagh Group Sa	ARD US	NA	24.19	NA	NA	5,718	122.4	14.4	12.0	nm	89.1	nm	22.8	9.2	8.1
USA avg						76,492	36.6	32.7	29.6	44.2	71.0	7.0	13.1	24.0	22.4
Polymer packaging							_			·					
Ds Smith Plc	SMDS LN	NA	430.5	NA	NA	8,082	16.0	18.3	14.3	9.5	10.9	1.6	1.6	9.5	8.4
Polymer packaging avg						8,082	16.0	7.3	5.7	3.8	4.3	0.6	0.6	3.8	3.3
Overall average					·	139,277	31.8	23.2	17.7	26.7	43.7	1.0	1.4	9.7	8.1

Share prices as of 20 Sep 2021

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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SCG Packaging

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	20238
Revenue	89,070	92,786	120,789	127,572	130,468
Cost of goods sold	(65,661)	(66,149)	(85,983)	(88,072)	(90,237
Gross profit	23,409	26,637	34,806	39,500	40,23
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	
Operating costs	(9,753)	(10,141)	(14,495)	(15,309)	(13,047
Operating EBITDA	13,656	16,496	20,312	24,191	27,184
Depreciation	(5,991)	(7,183)	(6,291)	(6,746)	(7,278
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	(
Operating EBIT	7,665	9,313	14,021	17,446	19,90
Net financing costs	(1,491)	(1,674)	(1,246)	(1,058)	(1,058
Associates	53	66	0	0	(
Recurring non-operating income	1,070	850	80	80	80
Non-recurring items	(304)	(181)	0	0	(
Profit before tax	6,940	8,308	12,855	16,468	18,928
Тах	(1,049)	(1,002)	(2,006)	(2,589)	(3,006
Profit after tax	5,891	7,306	10,849	13,879	15,922
Minority interests	(623)	(848)	(750)	(852)	(852
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	
Other items	0	0	0	0	(
Reported net profit	5,269	6,457	10,099	13,027	15,070
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	304	181	0	0	(
Recurring net profit	5,573	6,638	10,099	13,027	15,07
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.78	1.55	2.35	3.03	3.5
Reported EPS	1.69	1.50	2.35	3.03	3.5
DPS	0.63	0.60	0.75	0.90	0.90
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	3,126	4,293	4,293	4,293	4,293
Growth					
Revenue (%)	2.1	4.2	30.2	5.6	2.3
Operating EBITDA (%)	(2.6)	20.8	23.1	19.1	12.4
Operating EBIT (%)	(11.2)	21.5	50.6	24.4	14.1
Recurring EPS (%)	(53.1)	(13.3)	52.1	29.0	15.
Reported EPS (%)	(56.6)	(10.7)	56.4	29.0	15.
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	19.6	21.0	23.6	25.7	25.3
Gross margin of key business (%)	19.6	21.0	23.6	25.7	25.3
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	15.3	17.8	16.8	19.0	20.8
Operating EBIT margin (%)	8.6	10.0	11.6	13.7	15.3
Net margin (%)	6.3	7.2	8.4	10.2	11.6
Effective tax rate (%)	15.2	12.2	15.6	15.7	15.9
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	35.3	38.8	31.9	29.7	25.0
nterest cover (X)	5.9	6.1	11.3	16.6	18.9
nventory days	72.7	71.8	62.3	69.6	69.
Debtor days	59.5	62.0	51.6	53.2	56.4
Creditor days	51.8	56.3	50.6	56.5	56.
Dperating ROIC (%)	6.9	7.2	(2.6)	(2.9)	(3.0
ROIC (%)	6.8	6.5	(2.1)	(2.5)	(2.6
ROE (%)	13.4	10.1	11.0	13.0	13.
ROA (%)	6.3	5.7	6.2	7.7	8.3
Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	20231
Fibrous chain	24,940	25,980	33,821	35,720	36,53
	24,940 41,863	43,609	56,771		
Performance and Polymer packaging				59,959	61,320
Packaging paper	5,344	5,567	7,247	7,654	7,82
Fibre-based packaging	16,923	17,629	22,950	24,239	24,789

Sources: SCG Packaging; FSSIA estimates

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SCG Packaging
Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending De

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
ecurring net profit	5,573	6,638	10,099	13,027	15,070
epreciation	5,991	7,183	6,291	6,746	7,278
ssociates & minorities	41	42	(5,000)	0	C
ther non-cash items	-	-	-	-	
hange in working capital	(1,775)	1,461	(2,031)	(1,597)	(1,659)
ash flow from operations	9,829	15,325	9,359	18,175	20,690
apex - maintenance	(3,180)	(3,181)	0	0	(47.000)
apex - new investment	(27,295) 41	(8,409)	(7,023)	(17,023)	(17,023)
let acquisitions & disposals		42	(5,000)	0	(
Other investments (net) Cash flow from investing	(13,675) (44,109)	1,215 (10,334)	(300) (12,323)	(17,023)	(17,023)
Dividends paid	(44,109) (1,969)	(2,576)	(3,220)	(3,864)	(3,864)
quity finance	(1,909)	(2,576)	(3,220)	(3,804)	(3,804)
Debt finance	31,081	(16,115)	(11,382)	0	(
Other financing cash flows	7,230	41,627	5,808	910	910
cash flow from financing	36,342	22,936	(8,794)	(2,954)	(2,954)
lon-recurring cash flows			(0,101)	(_,,	(_,,
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	C
let other adjustments	ů	ů	Ő	Ő	C
lovement in cash	2,061	27,927	(11,757)	(1,803)	712
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(32,661.71)	6,442.31	(1,718.14)	2,209.24	4,724.14
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	4,030.63	30,502.42	(8,537.76)	2,061.07	4,575.98
	,		/		
er share (THB) CFF per share	(7.61)	1.50	(0.40)	0.51	1.10
CFF per share	(7.61) 0.94	7.11	(0.40) (1.99)	0.51	1.10
Recurring cash flow per share	3.71	3.23	2.65	4.61	5.21
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
angible fixed assets (gross)	180,525	195,012	207,035	224,059	241,082
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(97,662)	(107,741)	(114,032)	(120,777)	(128,056)
angible fixed assets (net)	82,864	87,271	93,004	103,281	113,026
ntangible fixed assets (net)	18,426	18,624	18,624	18,624	18,624
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	787	829	829	829	829
Cash & equivalents	4,959	32,886	21,128	19,326	20,039
/C receivable	15,198	16,334	17,813	19,375	20,972
nventories	13,276	12,760	16,586	16,989	17,407
Other current assets	1,950	939	1,223	1,291	1,321
Current assets	35,383	62,919	56,750	56,981	59,738
Other assets	2,053	2,786	2,786	2,786	2,786
otal assets	139,513	172,429	171,992	182,501	195,003
Common equity	42,952	88,738	95,675	104,897	116,161
Ainorities etc.	19,864	21,103	21,853	22,705	23,557
otal shareholders' equity	62,816	109,841	117,528	127,602	139,718
ong term debt	16,318	12,052	12,052	12,052	12,052
Other long-term liabilities	6,365	7,300	7,000	7,000	7,000
ong-term liabilities	22,683	19,351	19,052	19,052	19,052
VC payable	10,059	10,365	13,473	13,800	14,139
hort term debt	43,230	31,382	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other current liabilities	725	1,489	1,939	2,048	2,094 36,234
Current liabilities Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	54,014 139,513	43,237 172,429	35,412	35,848 182,501	
let working capital	,		171,992 20,210		195,003 23.466
nvested capital	19,640 123,770	18,179 127,689	20,210 135,452	21,807 147,327	23,466 158,731
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be		121,009	100,402	171,321	130,73
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er share (THB) ook value per share	13.74	20.67	22.29	24.43	27.06
ook value per snare angible book value per share	13.74 7.85	20.67	22.29 17.95	24.43 20.10	27.06
.	CO. 1	10.33	17.95	20.10	22.12
inancial strength					_
let debt/equity (%)	86.9	9.6	9.3	10.0	8.6
let debt/total assets (%)	39.1	6.1	6.4	7.0	6.2
urrent ratio (x)	0.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
F interest cover (x)	22.0	24.2	(0.2)	19.0	21.4
aluation	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
ecurring P/E (x) *	34.9	40.3	26.5	20.5	17.7
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	46.0	53.0	34.9	27.0	23.4
Reported P/E (x)	36.9	41.4	26.5	20.5	17.7
ividend yield (%)	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.4
rice/book (x)	4.5	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3
rice/tangible book (x)	7.9	3.8	3.5	3.1	2.7
V/EBITDA (x) **	19.7	18.1	14.8	12.5	11.1
	24.2	23.3	18.9	16.0	14.3
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	24.2	20.0	10.5	10.0	

Sources: SCG Packaging; FSSIA estimates



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AAV	ADVANC	AF	AIRA	AKP	AKR	ALT	AMA	AMATA	AMATAV	ANAN
AOT	AP	ARIP	ARROW	ASP	BAFS	BANPU	BAY	BCP	BCPG	BDMS
BEC	BEM	BGRIM	BIZ	BKI	BLA	BOL	BPP	BRR	BTS	BWG
CENTEL	CFRESH	CHEWA	CHO	CIMBT	CK	CKP	CM	CNT	COL	COMAN
COTTO	CPALL	CPF	CPI	CPN	CSS	DELTA	DEMCO	DRT	DTAC	DTC
DV8	EA	EASTW	ECF	ECL	EGCO	EPG	ETE	FNS	FPI	FPT
FSMART	GBX	GC	GCAP	GEL	GFPT	GGC	GPSC	GRAMMY	GUNKUL	HANA
HARN	HMPRO	ICC	ICHI	III	ILINK	INTUCH	IRPC	IVL	JKN	JSP
JWD	К	KBANK	KCE	KKP	KSL	KTB	KTC	LANNA	LH	LHFG
LIT	LPN	MAKRO	MALEE	MBK	MBKET	MC	MCOT	METCO	MFEC	MINT
MONO	MOONG	MSC	MTC	NCH	NCL	NEP	NKI	NOBLE	NSI	NVD
NYT	OISHI	ORI	ОТО	PAP	PCSGH	PDJ	PG	PHOL	PLANB	PLANET
PLAT	PORT	PPS	PR9	PREB	PRG	PRM	PSH	PSL	PTG	PTT
PTTEP	PTTGC	PYLON	Q-CON	QH	QTC	RATCH	RS	S	S & J	SAAM
SABINA	SAMART	SAMTEL	SAT	SC	SCB	SCC	SCCC	SCG	SCN	SDC
SEAFCO	SEAOIL	SE-ED	SELIC	SENA	SIRI	SIS	SITHAI	SMK	SMPC	SNC
SONIC	SORKON	SPALI	SPI	SPRC	SPVI	SSSC	SST	STA	SUSCO	SUTHA
SVI	SYMC	SYNTEC	TACC	TASCO	TCAP	TFMAMA	THANA	THANI	THCOM	THG
THIP	THRE	THREL	TIP	TIPCO	TISCO	тк	TKT	TTB	TMILL	TNDT
TNL	TOA	TOP	TPBI	TQM	TRC	TSC	TSR	TSTE	TSTH	TTA
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VGI	VIH	WACOAL	WAVE	WHA	WHAUP	WICE	WINNER	TRUE		
VERY GO	OD LEVEL									
2S	ABM	ACE	ACG	ADB	AEC	AEONTS	AGE	AH	AHC	AIT
ALLA	AMANAH	AMARIN	APCO	APCS	APURE	AQUA	ASAP	ASEFA	ASIA	ASIAN
ASIMAR	ASK	ASN	ATP30	AUCT	AWC	AYUD	В	BA	BAM	BBL
BFIT	BGC	BJC	BJCHI	BROOK	BTW	CBG	CEN	CGH	CHARAN	CHAYO
CHG	CHOTI	CHOW	CI	CIG	CMC	COLOR	COM7	CPL	CRC	CRD
CSC	CSP	CWT	DCC	DCON	DDD	DOD	DOHOME	EASON	EE	ERW
ESTAR	FE	FLOYD	FN	FORTH	FSS	FTE	FVC	GENCO	GJS	GL
GLAND	GLOBAL	GLOCON	GPI	GULF	GYT	HPT	HTC	ICN	IFS	ILM
IMH	INET	INSURE	IRC	IRCP	IT	ITD	ITEL	J	JAS	JCK
JCKH	JMART	JMT	KBS	KCAR	KGI	KIAT	KOOL	KTIS	KWC	KWM
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7UP	A	ABICO	AJ	ALL	ALUCON	AMC	APP	ARIN	AS	AU
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BROCK	BSBM	BSM	BTNC	CAZ	CCP	CGD	CITY	CMAN	CMO	CMR
CPT	CPW	CRANE	CSR	D	EKH	EP	ESSO	FMT	GIFT	GREEN
GSC	GTB	HTECH	HUMAN	IHL	INOX	INSET	IP	JTS	JUBILE	KASET
KCM	KKC	KUMWEL	KUN	KWG	KYE	LEE	MATCH	MATI	M-CHAI	MCS
MDX	MJD	MM	MORE	NC	NDR	NER	NFC	NNCL	NPK	NUSA
OCEAN	PAF	PF	PK	PLE	PMTA	POST	PPM	PRAKIT	PRECHA	PRIME
PROUD	PTL	RBF	RCI	RJH	ROJNA	RP	RPH	RSP	SF	SFLEX
SGP	SISB	SKN	SLP	SMART	SOLAR	SPG	SQ	SSP	STARK	STC
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		Excellent						90-	100	
		Very Good						80-	89	

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ASK	ASP	AYUD	В	BAFS	BANPU	BAY	BBL	BCH	BCP	BCPG
BGC	BGRIM	BJCHI	BKI	BLA	BPP	BROOK	BRR	BSBM	BTS	BWG
CEN	CENTEL	CFRESH	CGH	CHEWA	CHOTI	CHOW	CIG	CIMBT	СМ	CMC
COL	COM7	CPALL	CPF	CPI	CPN	CSC	DCC	DELTA	DEMCO	DIMET
DRT	DTAC	DTC	EASTW	ECL	EGCO	FE	FNS	FPI	FPT	FSS
FTE	GBX	GC	GCAP	GEL	GFPT	GGC	GJS	GPSC	GSTEEL	GUNKUL
HANA	HARN	HMPRO	HTC	ICC	ICHI	IFS	INET	INSURE	INTUCH	IRPC
ITEL	IVL	К	KASET	KBANK	KBS	KCAR	KCE	KGI	KKP	KSL
KTB	KTC	KWC	L&E	LANNA	LHFG	LHK	LPN	LRH	Μ	MAKRO
MALEE	MBAX	MBK	MBKET	MC	MCOT	MFC	MFEC	MINT	MONO	MOONG
MPG	MSC	MTC	MTI	NBC	NEP	NINE	NKI	NMG	NNCL	NSI
NWR	000	OCEAN	OGC	ORI	PAP	PATO	PB	PCSGH	PDG	PDI
PDJ	PE	PG	PHOL	PL	PLANB	PLANET	PLAT	PM	PPP	PPPM
PPS	PREB	PRG	PRINC	PRM	PSH	PSL	PSTC	PT	PTG	PTT
PTTEP	PTTGC	PYLON	Q-CON	QH	QLT	QTC	RATCH	RML	RWI	S & J
SABINA	SAT	SC	SCB	SCC	SCCC	SCG	SCN	SEAOIL	SE-ED	SELIC
SENA	SGP	SIRI	SITHAI	SMIT	SMK	SMPC	SNC	SNP	SORKON	SPACK
SPC	SPI	SPRC	SRICHA	SSF	SSSC	SST	STA	SUSCO	SVI	SYNTEC
TAE	TAKUNI	TASCO	TBSP	TCAP	TCMC	TFG	TFI	TFMAMA	THANI	THCOM
THIP	THRE	THREL	TIP	TIPCO	TISCO	ТКТ	TTB	TMD	TMILL	TMT
TNITY	TNL	TNP	TNR	TOG	TOP	TPA	TPCORP	TPP	TRU	TSC
TSTH	TTCL	TU	TVD	TVI	TVO	TWPC	U	UBIS	UEC	UKEM
UOBKH	UWC	VGI	VIH	VNT	WACOAL	WHA	WHAUP	WICE	WIIK	XO
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7UP	ABICO	AF	ALT	AMARIN	AMATA	AMATAV	ANAN	APURE	B52	BKD
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ESTAR	ETE	EVER	FSMART	GPI	ILINK	IRC	J	JKN	JMART	JMT
JSP	JTS	KWG	LDC	MAJOR	META	NCL	NOBLE	NOK	PK	PLE
ROJNA	SAAM	SAPPE	SCI	SE	SHANG	SINGER	SKR	SPALI	SSP	STANLY
SUPER	SYNEX	THAI	TKS	TOPP	TRITN	TTA	UPF	UV	WIN	ZIGA
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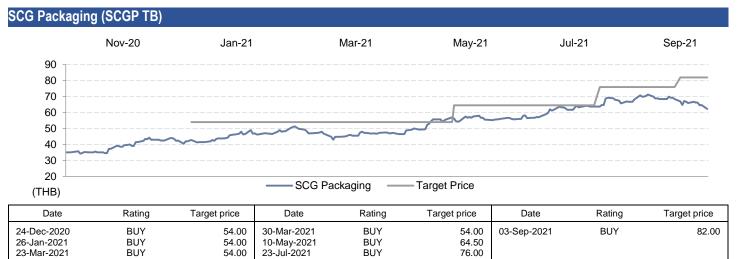
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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Eastern Polymer Group (EPG TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
09-Oct-2018	BUY	10.00	29-May-2020	BUY	7.40	08-Feb-2021	BUY	12.00
20-Feb-2020	BUY	8.30	20-Aug-2020	BUY	6.30	26-Mar-2021	BUY	12.00
29-May-2020	BUY	7.40	10-Nov-2020	BUY	6.30	22-Apr-2021	BUY	15.50

Suwat Sinsadok started covering this stock from 09-Oct-2018

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
SCG Packaging	SCGP TB	THB 62.25	BUY	Downside risks to our EV/EBITDA-based TP include a lower-than-expected demand for packaging, rising raw material costs of recycled paper and higher energy costs.
Eastern Polymer Group	EPG TB	THB 11.80	BUY	Downside risks to our EV/EBITDA-based target price include 1) a sharp rise in feedstock prices, driven mostly by a higher oil price; and 2) lower-than-expected demand

Source: FSSIA estimates



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Stock ratings

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BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

HOLD (H). The upside or downside is less than 10%.

REDUCE (R). The downside is 10% or more.

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* In most cases, the target price will equal the analyst's assessment of the current fair value of the stock. However, if the analyst doesn't think the market will reassess the stock over the specified time horizon due to a lack of events or catalysts, then the target price may differ from fair value. In most cases, therefore, our recommendation is an assessment of the mismatch between current market price and our assessment of current fair value.

Industry Recommendations

Overweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months. **Neutral.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months. **Underweight.** The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be negative over the next 12 months.

Country (Strategy) Recommendations

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Underweight (U). Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.