### EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT

# **CENTRAL PATTANA**

THAILAND / REAL ESTATE

## ม้ามืดจากการเติบโตของธุรกิจ Lifestyle

- เราคิดว่า CPN เป็นหนึ่งในหุ้นที่น่าสนใจที่สุดที่จะได้ประโยชน์จากการกลับมาเปิด เศรษฐกิจและการกลับมาของนักท่องเที่ยว
- 3 ปัจจัยหนุนสำหรับการเติบโตของกำไรสุทธิ: การขยายธุรกิจให้เช่า การควบคุมตันทุน อย่างมีประสิทธิผล และการซื้อหุ้นใน SF

**CPN TB** 

คงแนะนำซื้อหลังปรับราคาเป้าหมายจาก 82 เป็น 85 บาท (DCF)

### หุ้นพึ่งพาปัจจัยภายในประเทศที่น่าสนใจจากการท่องเที่ยวและความต้องการใน ประเทศ

เราคิดว่า CPN เป็นหนึ่งในหุ้นพึ่งพาปัจจัยภายในประเทศที่น่าสนใจที่สุดที่จะได้ประโยชน์จาก การกลับมาเปิดเศรษฐกิจ (ธุรกิจให้เช่าและสำนักงาน), การซื้อ SF, และการกลับมาของ นักท่องเที่ยว (ธุรกิจโรงแรม) เราเห็นว่า CPN มีความเสี่ยงต่ำจากปัจจัยภายนอก เช่น ราคา พลังงานที่อยู่ในระดับสูง เงินเฟ้อที่กำลังปรับตัวขึ้นซึ่งบั่นทอนอำนาจในการซื้อของผู้บริโภค และแนวโน้มอัตราดอกเบี้ยขาขึ้นจากความต้องการสินค้าขายปลึกที่อั้นอยู่ การขยายธุรกิจเพื่อ เพิ่มพื้นที่เช่าสุทธิได้อย่างทันเวลา และการควบคุมต้นทุนอย่างมีประสิทธิผล

### อำนาจสูงในการตั้งราคา โครงสร้างต้นทุนที่ดีกว่า และการขยายพื้นที่เช่าสุทธิ

เราเห็นปัจจัยหนุน 3 ประการสำหรับการเดิบโตของกำไรสุทธิของ CPN ที่เราคาดว่าจะอยู่ที่ 64% CAGR ในช่วงปี 2021-24 โดยจะเพิ่มขึ้นจาก 3.4พัน ลบ. ในปี 2021 เป็น 16.9พัน ลบ. ในปี 2024 ปัจจัยแรกอยู่ที่การขยายธุรกิจให้เช่าพร้อมศูนย์การค้าใหม่ อัตรากำไรที่กำลัง ปรับตัวดีขึ้น และอัตราการเช่าสำนักงานและอัตราการเข้าพักโรงแรมที่สูงขึ้นจากดัวเลข นักท่องเที่ยวที่เพิ่มขึ้น ข้อสองอยู่ที่การควบคุมต้นทุนได้อย่างมีประสิทธิผลเพื่อลดสัดส่วน ต้นทุนผันแปร ข้อสามอยู่ที่การชื่อหุ้น 99.73% ใน Siam Future Development (SF TB, ถอด ออกจากตลาด) เป็นเงิน 24.2พัน ลบ. ในเดือน พ.ค. 22 ซึ่งเราคาดว่าจะช่วยเพิ่มกำไรสุทธิของ CPN อีก 0.8-1.2พัน ลบ. หรือ 30-40% ต่อปีในปี 2022-24

### ปัจจัยหนุนการเติบโตใหม่จาก SF, Dusit Central Park, และโรงแรมใหม่

เมื่อรวมพื้นที่เช่าสุทธิอีก 0.36ล้าน ตรม. จากการซื้อ SF ในเดือน พ.ค. 22 พื้นที่เช่าสุทธิของ CPN ในปัจจุบันอยู่ที่ 2.2ล้าน ตรม. พร้อมอัตราการเช่าร้านค้าปลีกเฉลี่ยที่ 91% จากกิจการเรือ ธงของ SF อย่าง Mega Bangna (SF เป็นเจ้าของ 49%) และโครงการร้านค้าปลีกขนาดเล็กอีก 18 แห่ง เราคาดว่า SF จะให้รายได้อย่างน้อย 1พัน ลบ. และกำไรสุทธิ 0.7พัน ลบ. ต่อปีแก่ CPN ตั้งแต่ปี 2023 เป็นต้นไป ใน 4Q23 CPN วางแผนเปิดโครงการ Mixed-use ใหม่ขนาด 32,000 ตรม. กล่าวคือ Central Westville เพื่อตอบสนองต่อความต้องการของผู้มีรายได้ใน ระดับปานกลางถึงสูงที่อาศัยอยู่บนถนนราชพฤกษ์ นอกจากนี้การลงทุนของบริษัทฯ ใน โครงการ Mixed-use อย่าง Dusit Central Park และการเปิดโรงแรมใหม่ 37 แห่งภายใต้ 3 ตราสินค้าน่าจะช่วยเติมเต็มแผนการเติบโตระยะยาวของ CPN

### คงแหะหำซื้อหลังปรับราคาเป้าหมายเป็น 85 บาท

เราคงแนะนำซื้อหลังปรับราคาเป้าหมายจาก 82 เป็น 85 บาท (DCF) เพื่อสะท้อนการปรับ ประมาณการกำไรต่อหุ้น เราปรับเพิ่มประมาณการกำไรปกติต่อหุ้นในปี 2022-24 อีก 14.5-21.5% เพื่อสะท้อน 1) สมมติฐานรายได้ที่สูงขึ้นอีก 14.9-16.5% หลังการควบรวม SF และการ เพิ่มพื้นที่เช่าสุทธิอีก 17.5-19.7% ในปี 2022-24; และ 2) อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นที่สูงขึ้นเล็กน้อยเพื่อ สะท้อนโครงสร้างต้นทุนที่ลดลงของ CPN หลังการแพร่ระบาด Covid-19



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TARGET PRICE	THB85.00
CLOSE	THB60.75
UP/DOWNSIDE	+39.9%
PRIOR TP	THB82.00
CHANGE IN TP	+3.7%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+25.2%

### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Revenue	24,515	40,465	48,600	53,465
Net profit	7,148	11,629	15,425	16,922
EPS (THB)	1.59	2.59	3.44	3.77
vs Consensus (%)	-	30.5	38.8	32.3
EBITDA	12,356	21,538	26,879	29,541
Core net profit	3,380	11,629	15,425	16,921
Core EPS (THB)	0.75	2.59	3.44	3.77
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	14.1	14.1	13.3
EPS growth (%)	(39.9)	244.1	32.6	9.7
Core P/E (x)	80.7	23.4	17.7	16.1
Dividend yield (%)	1.0	1.6	2.1	2.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	32.3	20.0	17.2	16.7
Price/book (x)	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	143.7	166.7	181.8	192.2
ROE (%)	4.8	15.2	18.1	17.8



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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### **Investment thesis**

We think CPN stands as one of the most attractive domestic plays to capture the benefits of the economic reopening (rental, office business), the acquisition of SF, and the return of tourists (hotel business). In our view, CPN has a low risk from external factors such as the high energy prices, rising inflation to erode the purchasing power of consumers, and the interest uptrend thanks to the pent-up demand for retail products, its timely expansion to increase NLA, and effective cost control.

### **Company profile**

Central Pattana PCL is Thailand's largest retail developer with about a 20% market share of Bangkok's shopping centres by leasable area. It currently manages 38 shopping centres, 17 community malls, ten office buildings, two hotels and 22 residential projects. CPN is the flagship company of the Central Group (not listed).

#### www.centralpattana.co.th

### Principal activities (revenue, 2021)

- Revenue from rent and services -88.7 %
- Revenue from food and beverage -1.3 %
- Revenue from hotel operation -10.0 %

Source: Central Pattana

### **Major shareholders**

Chirathivat Family - 37.0 %



Source: Central Pattana

### Catalysts

We see three drivers for CPN's net profit growth that we estimate at a 64% CAGR in 2021-24: 1) stronger earnings growth from retail rents driven by the NLA expansion with new shopping malls, improving margins on gradually lower rental rate discounts, and higher occupancy rates for offices and hotels; 2) effective cost control to lower the variable cost portion; and 3) the acquisition of SF which we expect will boost CPN's net profit by THB0.8b-1.2b, or 30-40%, annually.

### **Risks to our call**

Key downside risks to our DCF-derived TP are deviations to our estimates on rental rate, occupancy rate, returns on its new investments, capex and interest rate.

### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 August 2022
 2Q22 results announcement

#### Key assumptions

	2022E	2023E	2024E
NLA (sqm m)	2.29	2.38	2.52
Retail rental rate (THB/sqm)	1,379	1,586	1,634
Occupancy rate (%)	90.0	92.0	93.0
Residential sales (THB m)	2,600	3,600	4,000
Blended GPM (%)	47.8	51.0	51.4
SG&A to sales (%)	16.0	15.0	15.0

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 5% increase in rental rate, we project 2022 earnings to rise by 3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in occupancy rate, we project 2022 earnings to rise by 1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in SG&A to sales, we project 2022 earnings to drop by 2.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



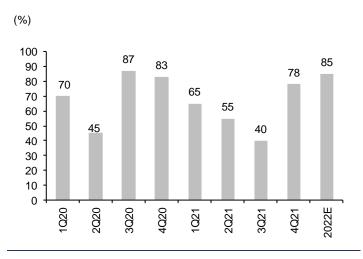
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### A dark horse on lifestyle prosperity

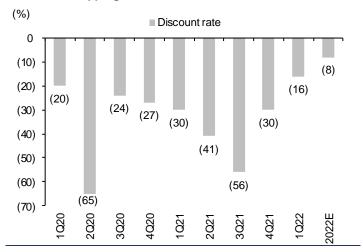
Since 1Q20 when the Covid-19 pandemic hit the global economy, CPN, as the Central Group's property development arm to strive for growth in retail and retail-related businesses, has suffered from the sharp drop in domestic retail demand as a result of the multiple economic shutdowns during 2020-21, with its quarterly net profits plunging to below THB1b – far lower than the two-year, pre-Covid average level of THB2.7b in 2018-19.

However, since 4Q21, CPN's quarterly net profits have continued to improve, rising from almost zero in 3Q21 to THB2.16b in 1Q22 – around 80% of the pre-Covid net profit average of THB2.7b.





# Exhibit 2: Estimated discount rates of CPN's rental rates for tenants in shopping malls



Sources: CPN; FSSIA estimates

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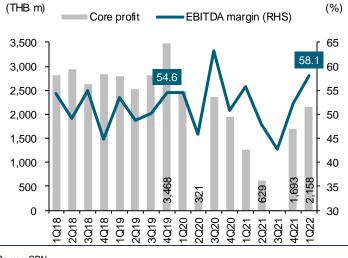
We see three drivers for CPN's net profit growth that we estimate at a 64% CAGR in 2021-24, rising from THB3.4b in 2021 to THB16.9b in 2024. We expect these three catalysts to catapult CPN's core net profit to surpass its historical peak level of THB10.8b in 2018.

The first driver would be the net profit growth from the rental business expansion with new shopping malls to be opened, improving margins due to a gradual decline in rental rate discounts, improvements in the occupancy rates for offices, lower discounts on the rental rates for offices, and higher effective average room rates as a result of the rising number of tourists in both the domestic and international markets.

Second is CPN's effective cost control to lower the variable cost portion as a result of the company's cost streamlining effort during the Covid-19 period.

Third is the acquisition of a 99.73% stake in SF in May-22 worth THB24.2b. We project the acquisition to boost CPN's net profit by THB0.8b-1.2b, or 30-40%, annually in 2022-24.

### Exhibit 3: Core net profit vs EBITDA margin



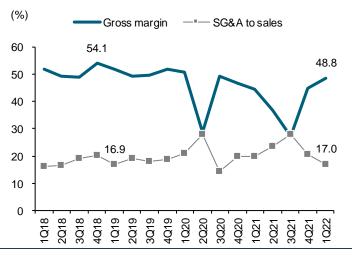


Exhibit 4: Gross margin vs SG&A to sales

Source: CPN

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The improvements are manifest in CPN's EBITDA margin recovery, which increased from 42.8% in 3Q21 to 58.1% in 1Q22, with revenues improving across all of CPN's business segments, including retail rent and services (RR, +75% from 3Q21 bottom), food and beverages (F&B, +177%), hotels (+249%), and real estate (+10%). The most significant declines in revenue during the Covid-19 period were for hotels and real estate due to the multiple lockdowns and the ban on foreign tourist arrivals.

### Exhibit 5: Quarterly revenue breakdown by segment

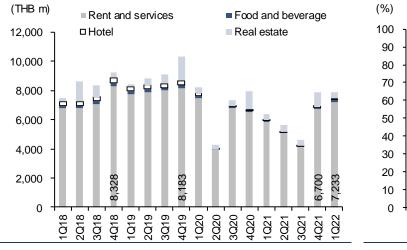
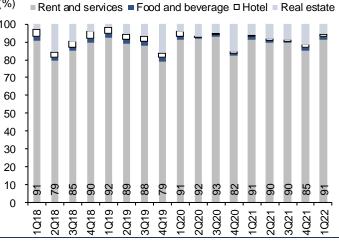


Exhibit 6: Quarterly revenue breakdown by segment (%)



Source: CPN

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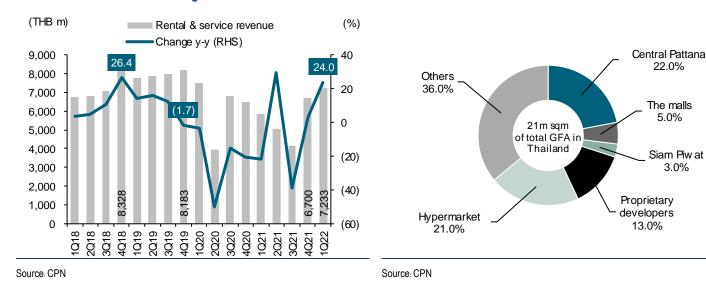
CPN has been able to sufficiently curb its costs in response to the demand shocks, resulting in mostly profitable quarterly results in 2020-21. The SG&A to sales ratio has declined from its 28% peak in 3Q21 due to a one-time expense to only 17% in 1Q22, slightly higher than the 16.5% average during the pre-Covid period in 2018-19.

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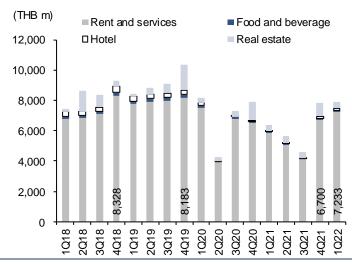
### Driver #1: Rental net profit is in an uptrend

In the past two guarters in 4Q21-1Q22, CPN has already witnessed a meaningful improvement in rental revenue, rising from THB4.1b in 3Q21 to THB7.2b in 1Q22, growing by 24% y-y. As a market leader in Thailand's retail industry, CPN is now ready to expand its retail rental business in the post-pandemic era, according to management.



### Exhibit 7: Rental revenue and growth

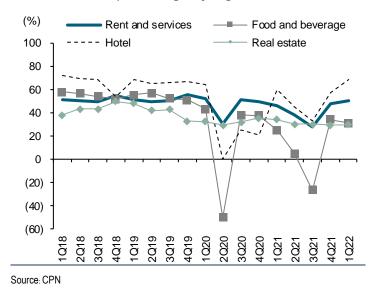
In 1Q22, rental gross profit grew to THB3.6b, still lower than the THB4.5b average during the pre-Covid period in 2018-19. During the two-year Covid pandemic period, CPN successfully streamlined its cost structure for the retail rental business, resulting in the retail rental unit's gross margin staying above 30%. It has currently risen to 50%, the pre-Covid gross margin level, even with lower revenue.



### Exhibit 9: Quarterly revenue breakdown by segment

### Exhibit 10: Gross profit margin by segment

Exhibit 8: Market share of CPN's NLA



Source: CPN

Including 0.36m sqm of NLA from the acquisition of SF in May-22, CPN's current NLA stands at 2.2m sqm, with average retail occupancy rate of 91%. With a gross profit of THB3.6b in 1Q22, CPN's rental segment generated a high gross margin of 50% in 1Q22 and is likely to improve further as CPN continues to open new malls.

In 4Q23, CPN plans to open a new 32,000-sqm mixed-use project, Central Westville, under a semi-outdoor retail model offering affluent and quality lifestyle experiences to meet the demand from the mid to high-income people living on Ratchapruek Road where Westville will be located.

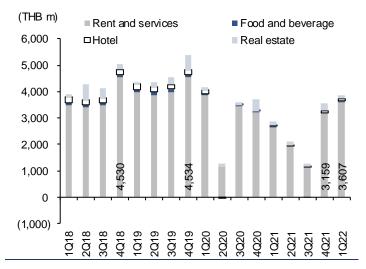
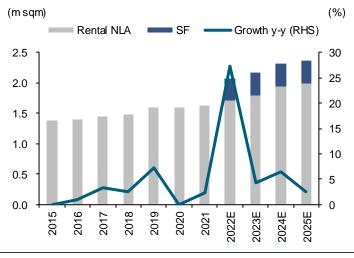


Exhibit 11: Gross profit breakdown by segment



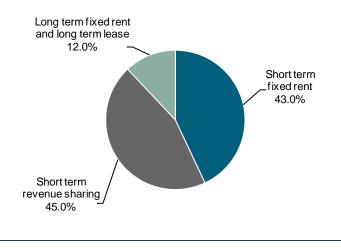


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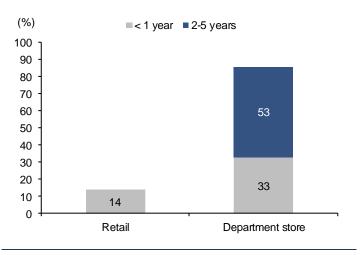
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**Rental contract structure.** We think that on top of the increasing NLA, CPN will see upsides from the higher rental rate as 1) most of the rental contracts are short term, accounting for 88% of total NLA; 2) the revenue sharing upsides for the short-term revenue-sharing contracts, mostly for movie theatres, department stores (mostly Central department stores run by Central Retail Corporation (CRC TB, BUY, TP THB43)) and foreign brand shops. In particular, the revenue generated from these short-term revenue-sharing contracts (45% of total NLA) should rise in tandem with higher traffic.

### Exhibit 13: Rental rate structure



### Exhibit 14: Expiry profile for long-term lease contract



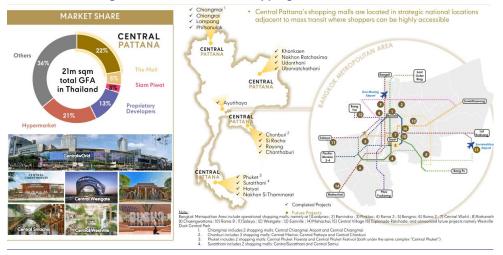
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The number of retail projects for CPN and SF will total 56 projects, comprising 38 shopping malls, 17 community malls, and one super-regional mall (JV for Mega-Bangna mall under SF) located in Thailand and one retail property in Malaysia. For non-retail businesses, CPN owns ten offices, 22 residential projects, and two hotels.





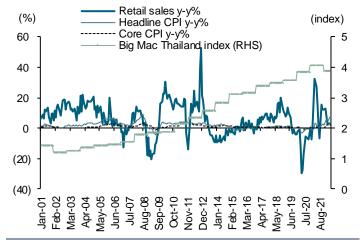
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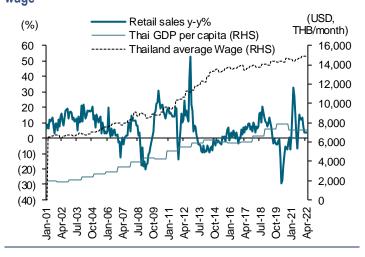
For the retail rental segment, CPN now operates 38 shopping malls with one new 20,000-sqm mall, Central Chanthaburi, recently opened on 26 May-22 in Chanthaburi province in eastern Thailand. It is the largest and most comprehensive mixed-use development in the eastern region. With capex of THB2.5b, this new mall is expected to turn profitable by 2H23 as the traffic from the gem traders and wealthy Cambodians crossing the border should drive it to profitability by 2024, according to management.

**Retail rental revenue vs Thailand's GDP.** Since 2001, Thailand's retail sales growth has been moving in tandem with the changes in average wage and GDP per capita, but less so with the changes in headline and core Consumer Price Index (CPI), and the Big Mac Thailand index, a key proxy for purchasing power.

The high correlation between retail sales growth and the average wage is understandable as higher wages increase the purchasing power and demand for retail products. Similarly, rising GDP per capita reflects the overall higher income that directly supports retail sales growth.

# Exhibit 16: Retail sales growth, headline CPI, core CPI, Big Mac (Thailand) index





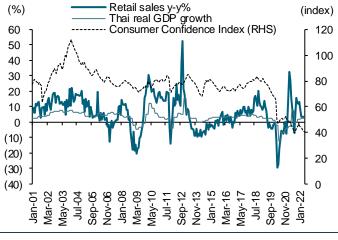
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# Exhibit 17: Retail sales growth, GDP per capita, average wage

Meanwhile, there is not a strong link between retail sales growth and changes in the crude oil price and Thailand's crude oil import value, as the country's cash outflows may not have a direct impact on domestic retail sales growth, but rather on the government's balance sheet and budget, in our view.

# Exhibit 18: Retail sales, GDP growth, and Consumer Confidence Index



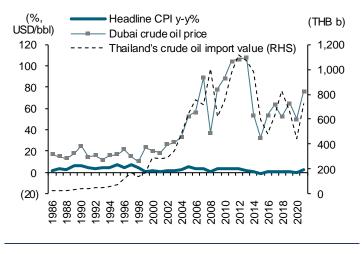


Exhibit 19: Headline CPI, Dubai crude oil price, Thailand's

#### Source: Bank of Thailand (BoT)

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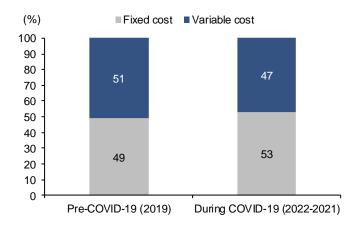
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### Driver #2: Effective cost control

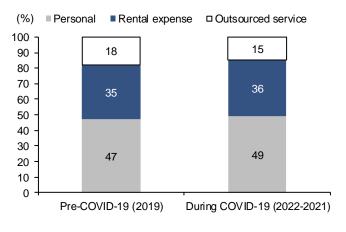
Facing the demand shocks and unprecedented shutdowns enforced by the government during 2020-21 in the Covid-19 pandemic period, CPN has effectively been able to adapt and reduce its variable cost portion, mainly for personnel expenses, which now stand at 47%, down from 51% in the pre-Covid period. Meanwhile, the fixed cost portion has risen from 49% to 53% as a result of the lower overall costs on the declining variable. This reflects CPN's cost resiliency to optimise its cost structure to align with changes in the demand and supply environments.

Within its fixed costs, the outsourced service expenses are now permanently streamlined and CPN confirmed that the company could retain its existing cost structure with lower fixed costs, mainly in the form of lower outsourced service expenses.

# Exhibit 20: Pre- and during Covid (2020-21) cost structures (fixed vs variable)



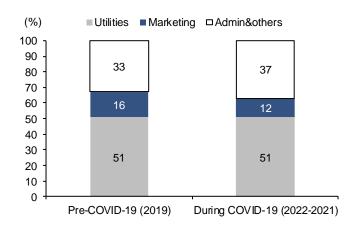
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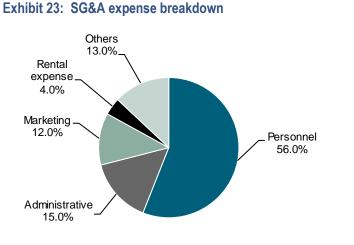


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### Exhibit 22: Variable cost structure pre- and during Covid



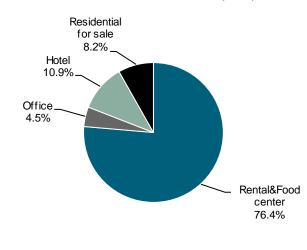


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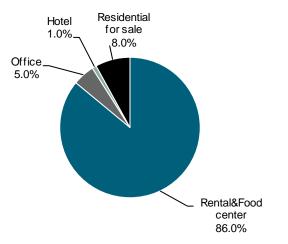
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CPN's revenue structure also changed during the Covid pandemic period, with the rental revenue portion increasing from 76% in the pre-Covid (2019) period to 86% during the Covid-19 period (2020-21). This, in our view, reflects CPN's higher rental revenue resiliency compared to the revenues from its hotel and residential sales businesses.

Exhibit 24: Pre-Covid revenue structure (2019)







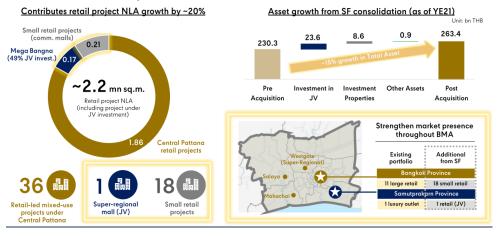
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### Driver #3: SF's acquisition in May 2022

In May-22, CPN further strengthened its retail business competitiveness by acquiring a 99.73% stake in SF, one of Thailand's major players in the retail industry with a flagship super-regional mall, Mega Bangna (49% owned by SF), and 18 small retail projects. After the acquisition of SF, CPN's NLA increased by 20% to 2.2m sqm, and its asset size grew from THB230b to THB263b.

#### Exhibit 26: SF's asset portfolio



Source: CPN

With THB433m net profit and THB291.8b revenue in 1Q22 and THB0.7b net profit in 2021, we think the consolidation of SF beginning in May-22 will further strengthen CPN's net profit growth outlook, both in terms of strong revenue and NLA and an enhanced EBITDA margin thanks to Mega Bangna's strong earnings contribution in the range of THB0.4b-0.5b annually.

According to management, the 18 community malls under SF generated THB280m in revenue, with a share of profit of THB130m in 1Q22 from Mega Bangna. we estimate that SF will contribute at least THB1b in revenue and THB0.7b in net profit annually to CPN in 2023 onward.

### Driver #4: Hotels emerging as CPN's next catalyst

On top of CPN's two existing hotels, Centara Udon (280 rooms) and Hilton Pattaya (320 rooms), CPN is poised to grow its hotel business via the investment in Dusit Central Park (DUSIT) and the launch of three new brands for low to mid-level hotel chains.

### Exhibit 27: Dusit Central Park

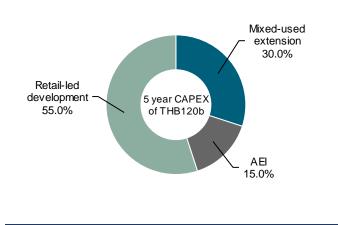


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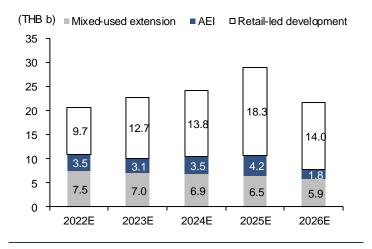
**DUSIT: THB0.2b net profit upside by 2024.** This project is a high-end lifestyle complex with a 250-room hotel (commercial operation date (COD) in 2H23), two condominiums with 390 units for sale (40% owned by CPN), a retail (85%) complex with 80,000 sqm of NLA, and an office building (100%) with 90,000 sqm of NLA. The project's full COD is scheduled in 2024.

With THB21b invested in DUSIT out of CPN's total 2022E capex of THB20.7b, we expect CPN to receive a THB2b net profit contribution annually from DUSIT, which would start from the COD of the hotel in 2H23, followed by the two condominiums, the retail shopping mall, and office building.

### Exhibit 28: 5-year capital expenditure breakdown (2022-26)



### Exhibit 29: Capital expenditure plan (THB120b in 2022-26)



Source: CPN

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**Budget hotels.** On 9 Jun-22, according to <u>Brand Inside</u>, CPN announced that it plans to invest THB10b for 37 new budget to mid-level hotels with a total of 4,000 rooms in 27 provinces during 2022-27. There will be three hotel chains:

"Go! Hotel" (target 25 hotels) for the premium budget segment at an average room rate of THB1,000/night.

"Centara One" (target 8 hotels) for the lifestyle midscale segment at a room rate of THB1,700/night.

"Centara" (target 4 hotels) for the upscale segment at a room rate of THB2,000/night.

Exhibit 30: Opening of CPN's new hotel business

# Exhibit 31: Opening of CPN's new hotel business with a target of 37 hotels



Source: Brand Inside

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We expect the revenue from hotels to rise from THB1b in the pre-Covid period to over THB4b by 2025, accounting for over 10% of CPN's total revenue and generating annual net profits of over THB0.4b.

### Exhibit 32: Hotel revenue and gross margin

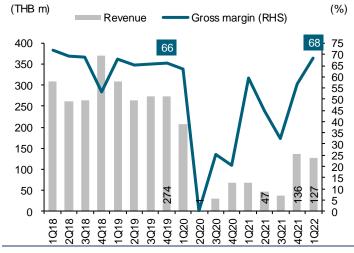
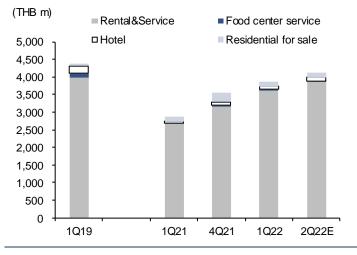


Exhibit 33: Gross profit breakdown by segment



Sources: CPN; FSSIA estimates

Source: CPN



### **EPS** and target price revisions

We revise up our core EPS forecasts for 2022-24 by 14.5-21.5% to reflect 1) our higher revenue assumptions by 14.9-16.5% to incorporate the consolidation of SF, increasing NLA by 17.5-19.7% in 2022-24; and 2) a slightly higher gross profit margin to reflect CPN's lower cost structure after the Covid-19 pandemic.

We raise our DCF-based TP from THB82 to THB85 to reflect our EPS revisions. We think CPN stands as one of the most attractive domestic plays to capture the benefits of the economic reopening (rental, office business), the acquisition of SF, and the return of tourists (hotel business). In our view, CPN has a low risk from external factors such as the high energy prices, rising inflation to erode the purchasing power of consumers, and the interest uptrend thanks to the pent-up demand for retail products, its timely expansion to increase NLA, and effective cost control.

### Exhibit 34: Key changes in assumptions and EPS forecasts

		Current			- Previous		Change			
	2022E	2023E	2024E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2022E	2023E	2024E	
Revenue (THB m)	40,465	48,600	53,465	34,743	41,954	46,545	16.5	15.8	14.9	
NLA (sqm m)	2.29	2.38	2.52	1.92	2.01	2.15	19.7	18.8	17.5	
Retail rental rate (THB/sqm)	1,379	1,586	1,634	1,379	1,586	1,634	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Occupancy rate (%)	90.0	92.0	93.0	90.0	92.0	93.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Residential sales (THB m)	2,600	3,600	4,000	2,600	3,600	4,000	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Blended GPM (%)	47.8	51.0	51.4	47.7	50.9	51.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	
SG&A to sales (%)	16.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net profit (THB m)	11,629	15,425	16,922	10,156	12,696	14,458	14.5	21.5	17.0	
Core EPS (THB/share)	2.6	3.4	3.8	2.3	2.8	3.2	14.5	21.5	17.0	

Sources: CPN; FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 35: DCF-based target price

DCF valuation estimate	(THB m)	(THB/share)	Comments
Core operating assets	538,635	120	WACC 6%, terminal growth 3%
Net debt	(149,035)	(33)	Net debt at end-2022E
Minorities	(9,055)	(2)	
Residual ordinary equity	380,546	85	

Sources: CPN; FSSIA estimates

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024
Revenue	26,730	24,515	40,465	48,600	53,46
Cost of goods sold	(8,063)	(6,660)	(12,452)	(14,431)	(15,905
Gross profit	18,667	17,855	28,013	34,169	37,56
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	
Dperating costs	(5,137)	(5,499)	(6,474)	(7,290)	(8,020
Dperating EBITDA	13,531	12,356	21,538	26,879	29,54
Depreciation	(7,906)	(8,124)	(8,663)	(9,373)	(10,088
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	
Dperating EBIT	5,624	4,231	12,875	17,506	19,45
Net financing costs	(696)	(1,790)	(1,936)	(2,037)	(2,404
Associates	772	704	1,363	1,508	1,584
Recurring non-operating income	1,976	1,827	3,800	4,134	4,46
Non-recurring items	3,936	3,769	0	0	
Profit before tax	10,840	8,037	14,739	19,604	21,51
-ax	(1,223)	(807)	(3,028)	(4,097)	(4,512
Profit after tax	9,617	7,230	11,710	15,507	17,00
/inority interests	(60)	(81)	(81)	(81)	(81
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	(
Dther items	0	0	0	0	
Reported net profit	9,557	7,148	11,629	15,425	16,92
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(3,936)	(3,769)	0	0	(1
Recurring net profit	5,621	3,380	11,629	15,425	16,92
Per share (THB)		•			
Recurring EPS *	1.25	0.75	2.59	3.44	3.7
Reported EPS	2.13	1.59	2.59	3.44	3.7
)PS	0.70	0.60	0.98	1.29	1.4
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	4,488	4,488	4,488	4,488	4,48
Growth	,	,	,	,	1 -
Revenue (%)	(27.2)	(8.3)	65.1	20.1	10.
Dperating EBITDA (%)	(28.9)	(8.7)	74.3	24.8	9.9
Operating EBIT (%)	(52.8)	(24.8)	204.3	36.0	11.
Recurring EPS (%)	(52.0)	(39.9)	204.5	32.6	9.1
Reported EPS (%)	(18.6)	(25.2)	62.7	32.6	9. 9.
Operating performance	(10.0)	(23.2)	02.7	52.0	5.
	40.0	00.7	47.0	54.0	54
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	40.3	39.7	47.8	51.0	51.4
Gross margin of key business (%)	45.1	41.3	47.8	51.0	51.4
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	50.6	50.4	53.2	55.3	55.3
Dperating EBIT margin (%)	21.0	17.3	31.8	36.0	36.4
Net margin (%)	21.0	13.8	28.7	31.7	31.
Effective tax rate (%)	19.9	22.6	22.6	22.6	22.
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	55.9	79.7	37.7	37.7	37.
nterest cover (X)	10.9	3.4	8.6	10.6	9.9
nventory days	-	-	-	-	
Debtor days	71.5	96.1	88.4	100.9	105.
Creditor days	286.5	319.5	222.7	240.5	241.
Operating ROIC (%)	3.3	1.9	5.5	6.9	7.
ROIC (%)	3.4	2.1	4.7	5.0	4.
	8.0	4.8	15.2	18.1	17.
ROE (%)		2.0	4.4	4.7	4.
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ROA (%)	3.2	2.0	1.1	-1.7	
	3.2 2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024
ROA (%) Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					2024
ROA (%) Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted Revenue by Division (THB m)	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	

Sources: Central Pattana; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024
Recurring net profit	5,621	3,380	11,629	15,425	16,92 <sup>-</sup>
Depreciation	7,906	8,124	8,663	9,373	10,088
Associates & minorities	(60)	558	0	0	(
Other non-cash items	60	81	81	81	8.
Change in working capital	(1,024)	(1,750)	(4,581)	(1,890)	(1,352
Cash flow from operations	12,503	10,394	15,792	22,989	25,73
Capex - maintenance	(65,031)	(14,748)	(20,700)	(21,400)	(21,000
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Capex - new investment	0	0	0	0	(00.004
Net acquisitions & disposals	15,781	(30,928)	(21,830)	(26,931)	(29,064
Other investments (net)	0	0	0	0	
Cash flow from investing	(49,249)	(45,676)	(42,530)	(48,331)	(50,064
Dividends paid	(3,142)	(2,693)	(4,381)	(5,811)	(6,374
Equity finance	(9,754)	(144)	0	0	
Debt finance	55,812	34,951	31,213	30,991	30,54
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	
Cash flow from financing	42,917	32,114	26,832	25,180	24,17
Non-recurring cash flows	-	· -	· -	· -	,
Dther adjustments	0	0	0	0	
-	0	0	0	0	
Net other adjustments					
Movement in cash	6,170	(3,168)	94	(161)	(153
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(36,050.39)	(33,492.06)	(24,802.45)	(23,304.35)	(21,921.42
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	19,065.78	(331.39)	4,474.51	5,649.44	6,221.2
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(8.03)	(7.46)	(5.53)	(5.19)	(4.88
- FCFE per share	4.25	(0.07)	1.00	1.26	1.39
Recurring cash flow per share	3.01	2.71	4.54	5.54	6.0
Salance Sheet (THR m) Year Ending Dec	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec					
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	233,513	246,508	267,208	288,608	309,60
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(70,289)	(76,660)	(85,323)	(94,696)	(104,784
Tangible fixed assets (net)	163,224	169,848	181,885	193,912	204,82
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	
_ong-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	(
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	10,141	42,381	74,621	106,861	139,10
Cash & equivalents	9,225	6,057	6,151	5,990	5,83
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A/C receivable	5,507	7,395	12,207	14,661	16,12
nventories	0	0	0	0	
Other current assets	9,032	10,062	16,609	19,948	21,94
Current assets	23,765	23,515	34,967	40,598	43,91
Other assets	24,522	27,677	45,684	54,869	60,36
Fotal assets	221,652	263,421	337,157	396,241	448,19
Common equity	68,790	73,102	80,351	89,965	100,51
Vinorities etc.	8,333	8,973	9,055	9,136	9,21
Fotal shareholders' equity	77,123	82,075	89,405	99,101	109,73
_ong term debt	71,117	94,176	117,888	141,430	164,63
Other long-term liabilities	42,979	43,677	72,094	86,588	95,25
_ong-term liabilities	114,096	137,853	189,981	228,018	259,89
A/C payable	5,400	6,259	8,939	10,077	11,004
Short term debt	17,905	29,796	37,298	44,747	52,08
Other current liabilities	7,128	7,437	11,533	14,297	15,48
Current liabilities	30,432	43,492	57,770	69,121	78,57
Fotal liabilities and shareholders' equity	221,652	263,420	337,157	396,240	448,19
Net working capital	2,012	3,762	8,343	10,234	11,58
nvested capital <sup>r</sup> Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	199,900 aing treated as debt	243,668	310,534	365,876	415,87
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Per share (THB) Book value per share	15.33	16.29	17.90	20.05	22.4
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Tangible book value per share	15.33	16.29	17.90	20.05	22.4
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	103.5	143.7	166.7	181.8	192.
Net debt/total assets (%)	36.0	44.8	44.2	45.5	47.
Current ratio (x)	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.
CF interest cover (x)	28.4	0.8	3.3	3.8	3.
/aluation	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024
Recurring P/E (x) *	48.5	80.7	23.4	17.7	16.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	67.9	112.9	32.8	24.7	22.
Reported P/E (x)	28.5	38.1	23.4	17.7	16.
Dividend yield (%)	1.2	1.0	1.6	2.1	2.
Price/book (x)	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.
Price/tangible book (x)	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.
EV/EBITDA (x) **	26.7	32.3	20.0	17.2	16.
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	34.7	41.1	25.1	21.2	20.4

Sources: Central Pattana; FSSIA estimates



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Sources: Thai Institute of Directors Association (IOD); FSSIA's compilation; data as of 26 October 2021

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

CERTIFIED										
2S	BCH	CPALL	GC	к	MFC	PE	QLT	SNP	THCOM	TU
7UP	BCP	CPF	GCAP	KASET	MFEC	PG	QTC	SORKON	THIP	TVD
ADVANC	BCPG	CPI	GEL	KBANK	MILL	PHOL	RATCH	SPACK	THRE	TVI
AF	BE8	CPN	GFPT	KBS	MINT	PK	RML	SPALI	THREL	TVO
AI	BEYOND	CSC	GGC	KCAR	MONO	PL	RWI	SPC	TIDLOR	TWPC
AIE	BGC	DCC	GJS	KCE	MOONG	PLANB	S & J	SPI	TIPCO	U
AIRA	BGRIM	DELTA	GPI	KGI	MSC	PLANET	SAAM	SPRC	TISCO	UBE
AKP	BJCHI	DEMCO	GPSC	KKP	MST	PLAT	SABINA	SRICHA	TKS	UBIS
ALPHAX	BKI	DIMET	GSTEEL	KSL	MTC	PM	SAPPE	SSF	ТКТ	UEC
AMA	BLA	DRT	GUNKUL	KTB	MTI	PPP	SAT	SSP	TMD	UKEM
AMANAH	BPP	DTAC	HANA	KTC	NBC	PPPM	SC	SSSC	TMILL	UOBKH
AMATA	BROOK	DUSIT	HARN	KWC	NEP	PPS	SCB	SST	TMT	UPF
AMATAV	BRR	EA	HEMP	KWI	NINE	PR9	SCC	STA	TNITY	UV
AP	BSBM	EASTW	HENG	L&E	NKI	PREB	SCCC	STOWER	TNL	VGI
APCS	BTS	ECL	HMPRO	LANNA	NMG	PRG	SCG	SUSCO	TNP	VIH
AQUA	BWG	EGCO	HTC	LH	NNCL	PRINC	SCN	SVI	TNR	WACOAL
ARROW	CEN	EP	ICC	LHFG	NOBLE	PRM	SEAOIL	SYMC	TOG	WHA
AS	CENTEL	EPG	ICHI	LHK	NOK	PROS	SE-ED	SYNTEC	TOP	WHAUP
ASIAN	CFRESH	ERW	IFEC	LPN	NSI	PSH	SELIC	TAE	TOPP	WICE
ASK	CGH	ESTAR	IFS	LRH	NWR	PSL	SENA	TAKUNI	TPA	WIIK
ASP	CHEWA	ETE	ILINK	Μ	000	PSTC	SGP	TASCO	TPP	XO
AWC	CHOTI	FE	INET	MAKRO	OGC	PT	SINGER	TBSP	TRU	ZEN
AYUD	CHOW	FNS	INSURE	MALEE	ORI	PTG	SIRI	TCAP	TRUE	
В	CIG	FPI	INTUCH	MATCH	PAP	PTT	SITHAI	TCMC	TSC	
BAFS	CIMBT	FPT	IRC	MBAX	PATO	PTTEP	SKR	TFG	TSTE	
BAM	СМ	FSMART	IRPC	MBK	PB	PTTGC	SMIT	TFI	TSTH	
BANPU	CMC	FSS	ITEL	MC	PCSGH	PYLON	SMK	TFMAMA	TTA	
BAY	COM7	FTE	IVL	MCOT	PDG	Q-CON	SMPC	TGH	ттв	
BBL	COTTO	GBX	JKN	META	PDJ	QH	SNC	THANI	TTCL	
DECLARED										
AJ	CHG	DDD	ETC	JR	MAJOR	NUSA	RS	SSS	TQM	YUASA
ALT	CPL	DHOUSE	FLOYD	JTS	NCAP	NYT	SAK	STECH	TSI	ZIGA
APCO	CPR	DOHOME	GULF	KEX	NCL	OR	SCGP	STGT	VARO	
B52	CPW	ECF	111	KUMWEL	NOVA	PIMO	SCM	TKN	VCOM	
BEC	CRC	EKH	INOX	LDC	NRF	PLE	SIS	TMI	VIBHA	

#### Level

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

### Central Retail Corp (CRC TB)



D	ate Rat	ing Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
25-Feb-2 24-Jul-2 18-Aug-2	D20 HO	LD 31.	00 09-Jun-2021	BUY	40.00 44.00 40.00	09-Feb-2022	BUY	43.00

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Central Pattana	CPN TB	THB 60.75	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-derived TP are deviations to our estimates on rental rate, occupancy rate, returns on its new investments, capex and interest rate.
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	THB 35.25	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) new waves of Covid-19; and 2) lower-than-expected sales from the high-margin fashion business.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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

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

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**Overweight (O).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more 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.

**Neutral (N).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on one 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.

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