EQUITIES RESEARCH



Thailand EV

Overcoming regulatory delay for rapid delivery

- Maintain our positive view on the development of EA-NEX's EV venture; we expect EA-NEX to deliver 400 e-buses in 3Q22 and 500 e-buses plus 400 e-trucks in 4Q22.
- EA-NEX's growth plan for the EV venture: 1) strong backlog of over 3,000 e-buses and 500 e-tractor trucks in 4Q22-1H23; and 2) potential growth from e-truck market.
- We expect the share prices of EA and NEX to outperform in the next few months.

Delivery bottleneck should be the last hurdle for EV growth trajectory

We returned from our site visit to Energy Absolute (EA TB, BUY, TP THB101)'s battery plant and the EV manufacturing plant (owned 60% by EA and 40% by Nex Point (NEX TB, BUY, TP THB21.6)) with a positive view on the development of the EV venture. While the delivery to the major customer, Beyond Securities (BYD TB, NR), has taken longer than expected – even with over 400-500 e-buses produced in August – we think the total order of 900 e-buses and 500 e-trucks will be delivered within 2H22. We expect EA-NEX to deliver 400 e-buses in 3Q22 and 500 e-buses plus 400 e-trucks in 4Q22. Management also plans to expand the battery plant's capacity to 2GW by 1Q23 and 4GW by 2024, up from 1GW, and the EV manufacturing plant's capacity from 3,000 EVs to 50,000 EVs p.a. by 2025.

NEX's turnaround in 3Q22, with EA's earnings growth from EVs to jump in 2H22

Despite the delivery delay, we remain sanguine on the earnings growth outlook for EA and NEX in 2H22-2024, backed by more visible revenue and earnings from the EV venture, including the manufacture and sales of batteries and EVs, plus the high potential for demand growth in the new tractor truck market. Financially, we project NEX to post a net profit of THB100m-150m in 3Q22, rising to THB0.4b in 4Q22, based on the deliveries of 400 e-buses in 3Q22 and 900 e-buses and e-tractor trucks in 4Q22. EA could post a net profit of THB0.3b in 3Q22 and THB0.8b in 4Q22 on the earnings from its 100%-owned battery plant, 65%-owned EV production plant, and 45%-owned sales and marketing associate, NEX.

Future growth outlook remains rosy

EA-NEX's growth plan for the EV venture includes 1) a strong backlog of over 3,000 e-buses and 500 e-tractor trucks in 4Q22-1H23; and 2) growth potential of up to 10,000 e-trucks from an e-truck market of over 0.1m annually in Thailand. The business model entails EV sales and fuel charge services (SFS) by selling e-trucks at comparable prices to diesel-based trucks, then allowing customers to pay an agreed-upon, inclusive charging rate of THB10-11/km for the variable costs incurred. The new marketing strategy via SFS could incentivise customers to switch to EA-NEX's EVs and then save on fuel costs by paying a fixed, inclusive rate, which includes the costs of fuel, maintenance, and EV charging fees.

Dual winners in Thailand's booming commercial EV market

We maintain our positive view on Thailand's EV sector and expect the share prices of EA and NEX to outperform in the next few months, based on 1) more visible earnings growth from the deliveries of e-buses and e-trucks in 2H22-2023; 2) a high e-bus and e-truck backlog in 2023-24; 3) capacity expansions; and 4) the potential for 10,000 e-truck orders.



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Exhibit 1: E-bus during the manufacturing process



Source: EA

Exhibit 3: EV passenger car to be adapted to logistics carrier



Source: EA

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Exhibit 5: Welders working on the production line



Source: EA

Exhibit 2: Finished e-buses waiting to be delivered



Source: EA

Exhibit 4: EV assembly line



Source: EA

Exhibit 6: Painting and welding line



Source: EA

Corporate Governance report of Thai listed companies 2021

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AF	BE8	CPN	GFPT	KBS	MINT	PK	RML	SPALI	THREL	TVO
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AMATA	BROOK	DUSIT	HARN	KWC	NEP	PPS	SCB	SST	TMT	UPF
AMATAV	BRR	EA	HEMP	KWI	NINE	PR9	SCC	STA	TNITY	UV
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B52	CPW	ECF	III	KUMWEL	NOVA	PIMO	SCM	TKN	VCOM	
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16-Apr-2020	BUY	62.00	15-Dec-2020	BUY	56.00	13-Dec-2021	BUY	122.00
20-May-2020	BUY	55.00	08-Jan-2021	BUY	76.00	25-May-2022	BUY	101.00

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