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Adding gas growth engines

- BCPG announced a 25%-stake acquisition in two combined cycle gas turbine projects in the US, adding equity capacity of 426MW.
- We estimate an annual net profit contribution of THB0.6b-0.7b to BCPG, based on an IRR of 10-12%.
- We maintain BUY and our SoTP-based TP of THB13.

TARGET PRICE	THB13.00
CLOSE	THB9.95
UP/DOWNSIDE	+30.7%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-9.4%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	5,406	5,620	8,360	11,627
Net profit	2,631	1,571	1,468	1,588
EPS (THB)	0.90	0.54	0.51	0.55
vs Consensus (%)	-	(1.5)	(1.2)	(3.0)
EBITDA	4,764	2,663	2,820	4,273
Core net profit	2,066	1,571	1,468	1,588
Core EPS (THB)	0.71	0.54	0.51	0.55
EPS growth (%)	(10.0)	(24.0)	(6.5)	8.1
Core P/E (x)	14.0	18.4	19.7	18.2
Dividend yield (%)	3.6	3.1	2.0	2.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.9	15.1	16.6	12.8
Price/book (x)	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Net debt/Equity (%)	14.0	37.5	58.4	81.2
ROE (%)	7.3	5.3	4.9	5.1

Acquisition of operating combined cycle gas projects in the US

Today, BCPG announced the acquisition of another 25% stake in Hamilton Holdings II LLC, which owns two combined cycle gas turbine projects in the US (COD 2016): 1) the 848MW combined cycle gas turbine, Liberty, located in Asylum, Pennsylvania; and 2) the 857MW combined cycle gas turbine, Patriot, located in Clinton, Pennsylvania, from Franklin Power Holdings, LLC. According to management, the total acquisition cost is not expected to exceed THB8.9b, or USD260m, and the deal should be closed by 3Q23. This follows BCPG's previous acquisition of two combined cycle power generation projects in Ohio on 20 February 2023, with a 17.76% stake in Carroll County Energy LLC (CCE; 700MW) and a 15.55% stake in South Field Energy LLC (SFE; 1,182MW), for an acquisition cost of THB4.0b, or USD115m.

Sizeable capacity and net profit contribution expected

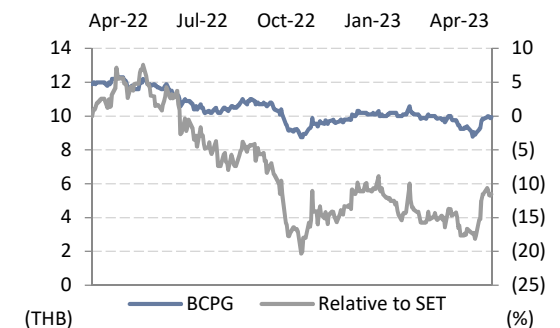
We are positive on this move for four reasons: 1) the acquisition will more than double BCPG's combined cycle gas turbine equity capacity in the US to 577MW, adding an equity capacity of 426MW (212MW from Liberty and 214MW from Patriot) starting in 3Q23, on top of the previous equity capacity in the US of 151MW (90MW SFE and 61MW CCE); 2) we think the acquisition cost is reasonable at THB20.9m per MW lower than the previous acquisition cost at THB26.3m per MW; 3) we expect a high utilisation rate of 80-90%; and 4) we estimate an annual net profit contribution of THB0.6b-0.7b to BCPG, based on an IRR of 10-12%.

Fully funded by internal cashflow

According to management, BCPG will fund this cTHB8.9b acquisition via its existing cash of THB20b as of 31 December 2023, following the THB9.0b expenditure from the acquisition of Asia Link Terminal and THB4.0b from the acquisition of CCE and SFE.

Maintain BUY and our TP of THB13

We maintain BUY and our SoTP-based TP of THB13. We believe BCPG's acquisition of combined cycle gas turbine projects in the US is a sound move that should strengthen its financial and strategic growth roadmap, and act as a key catalyst to fill the earnings gap from its adder expirations in 2023-24.



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	3.1	(2.5)	(17.1)
Relative to country (%)	3.0	1.8	(12.3)
Mkt cap (USD m)	847		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	1.4		
Free float (%)	30		
Major shareholder	Bangchak Corporation Plc (70%)		
12m high/low (THB)	12.60/8.70		
Issued shares (m)	2,907.69		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

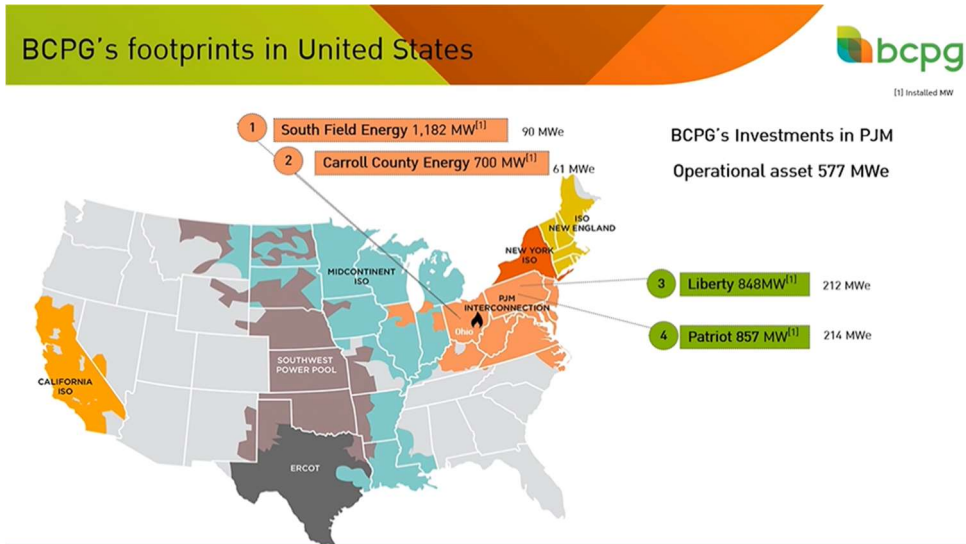


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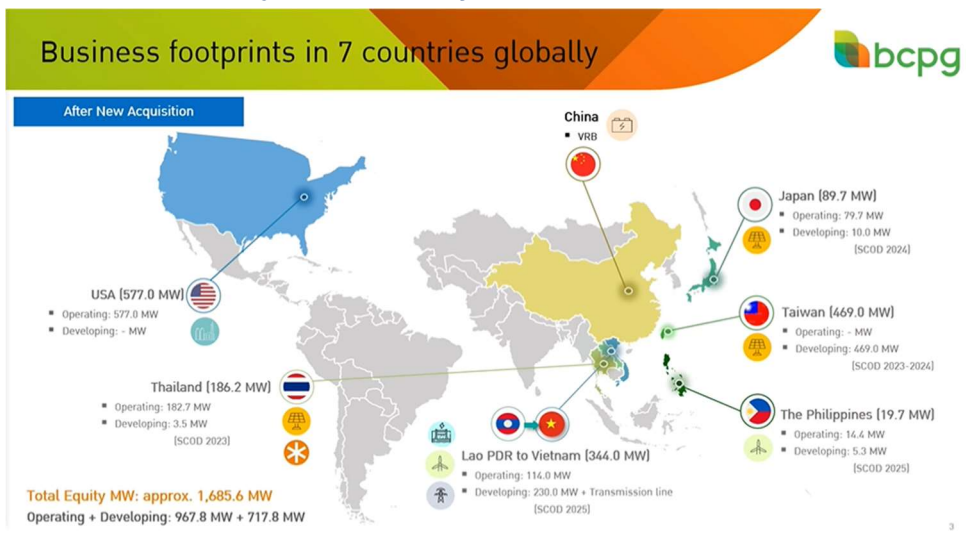
The Chairman of The Audit Committee and Independent Director of Finansia Syrus Securities PCL is also BCPG's Independent Director.

Exhibit 1: BCPG's projects in the US



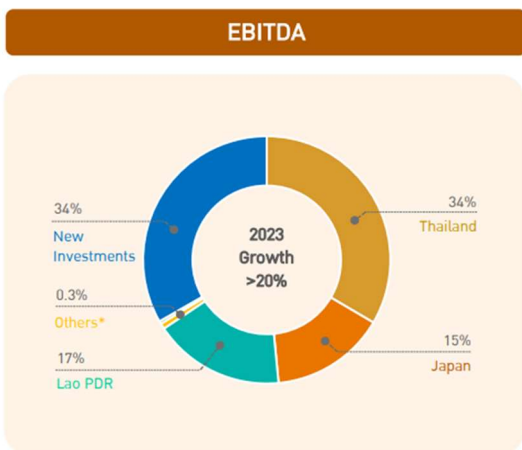
Source: BCPG

Exhibit 2: BCPG's project breakdown by location



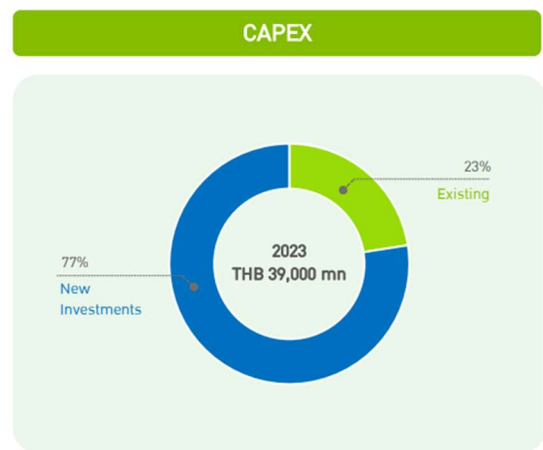
Source: BCPG

Exhibit 3: BCPG's target EBITDA in 2023



Source: BCPG

Exhibit 4: BCPG's target CAPEX in 2023



Source: BCPG

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	4,669	5,406	5,620	8,360	11,627
Cost of goods sold	(428)	(474)	(2,025)	(4,237)	(5,429)
Gross profit	4,241	4,932	3,596	4,123	6,198
Other operating income	23	1,236	23	35	52
Operating costs	(524)	(1,405)	(955)	(1,338)	(1,977)
Operating EBITDA	3,740	4,764	2,663	2,820	4,273
Depreciation	(1,180)	(1,504)	(1,066)	(1,238)	(2,042)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	2,560	3,259	1,597	1,582	2,231
Net financing costs	(812)	(744)	(531)	(630)	(1,185)
Associates	600	130	605	637	652
Recurring non-operating income	600	130	605	637	652
Non-recurring items	(273)	565	0	0	0
Profit before tax	2,075	3,209	1,671	1,589	1,698
Tax	(64)	(577)	(84)	(112)	(102)
Profit after tax	2,011	2,633	1,587	1,477	1,596
Minority interests	0	(2)	(16)	(9)	(9)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	2,011	2,631	1,571	1,468	1,588
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	273	(565)	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	2,284	2,066	1,571	1,468	1,588
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.79	0.71	0.54	0.51	0.55
Reported EPS	0.70	0.90	0.54	0.51	0.55
DPS	0.33	0.36	0.31	0.20	0.20
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	2,894	2,908	2,908	2,908	2,908
Growth					
Revenue (%)	10.4	15.8	4.0	48.8	39.1
Operating EBITDA (%)	10.5	27.4	(44.1)	5.9	51.5
Operating EBIT (%)	11.0	27.3	(51.0)	(0.9)	41.0
Recurring EPS (%)	6.4	(10.0)	(24.0)	(6.5)	8.1
Reported EPS (%)	(4.0)	30.2	(40.3)	(6.5)	8.1
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	65.6	63.4	45.0	34.5	35.7
Gross margin of key business (%)	65.6	63.4	45.0	34.5	35.7
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	80.1	88.1	47.4	33.7	36.8
Operating EBIT margin (%)	54.8	60.3	28.4	18.9	19.2
Net margin (%)	48.9	38.2	27.9	17.6	13.7
Effective tax rate (%)	4.3	18.7	7.9	11.7	9.7
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	41.8	50.7	57.4	39.6	36.6
Interest cover (X)	3.9	4.6	4.1	3.5	2.4
Inventory days	-	-	-	-	-
Debtor days	138.2	137.7	151.0	162.5	179.6
Creditor days	378.9	611.9	333.3	399.1	480.8
Operating ROIC (%)	11.9	13.9	5.7	4.2	(1.2)
ROIC (%)	5.9	6.7	4.5	3.8	(1.1)
ROE (%)	9.2	7.3	5.3	4.9	5.1
ROA (%)	5.3	4.6	3.0	2.4	1.6
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)					
Revenue from sale of electricity	2,797	3,590	3,859	6,652	9,970
Revenue from adder	1,872	1,816	1,761	1,709	1,657
Rendering of service					

Sources: BCPG; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	2,284	2,066	1,571	1,468	1,588
Depreciation	1,180	1,504	1,066	1,238	2,042
Associates & minorities	600	130	605	637	652
Other non-cash items	-	-	-	-	-
Change in working capital	(797)	(67)	1,148	1,317	(900)
Cash flow from operations	3,267	3,633	4,390	4,661	3,382
Capex - maintenance	(1,180)	(1,504)	(1,433)	(2,607)	(3,844)
Capex - new investment	(2,704)	(358)	(8,567)	(7,393)	(6,156)
Net acquisitions & disposals	(1,763)	12,144	0	0	0
Other investments (net)	(1,227)	630	605	637	652
Cash flow from investing	(6,874)	10,911	(9,395)	(9,363)	(9,348)
Dividends paid	(955)	(1,047)	(930)	(727)	(582)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	2,433	(4,682)	18,116	4,663	(1,181)
Other financing cash flows	2,219	290	(1,193)	(1,265)	(1,296)
Cash flow from financing	3,697	(5,439)	15,992	2,670	(3,059)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	90	9,105	10,987	(2,032)	(9,025)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(2,711.90)	15,425.84	(4,068.29)	(3,446.17)	(4,194.81)
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	1,044.89	10,151.79	11,917.21	(1,305.04)	(8,443.14)

Per share (THB)

FCFF per share	(0.93)	5.31	(1.40)	(1.19)	(1.44)
FCFE per share	0.36	3.49	4.10	(0.45)	(2.90)
Recurring cash flow per share	1.40	1.27	1.11	1.15	1.47

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	21,017	21,389	31,389	41,389	51,389
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,645)	(4,375)	(5,441)	(6,679)	(8,721)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	17,372	17,014	25,948	34,710	42,668
Intangible fixed assets (net)	11,810	11,412	11,412	11,412	11,412
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	13,486	1,342	1,342	1,342	1,342
Cash & equivalents	11,228	20,333	31,320	29,288	20,264
A/C receivable	2,317	1,762	2,886	4,559	6,884
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
Other current assets	389	783	814	1,211	1,684
Current assets	13,933	22,878	35,020	35,058	28,832
Other assets	2,121	3,514	3,514	3,514	3,514
Total assets	58,721	56,160	77,236	86,036	87,768
Common equity	27,160	29,225	29,865	30,607	31,613
Minorities etc.	69	51	67	76	85
Total shareholders' equity	27,228	29,276	29,933	30,683	31,698
Long term debt	25,574	21,880	39,743	44,126	42,637
Other long-term liabilities	1,241	1,542	1,542	1,542	1,542
Long-term liabilities	26,815	23,422	41,284	45,667	44,179
A/C payable	888	701	2,996	6,270	8,034
Short term debt	3,527	2,538	2,792	3,072	3,379
Other current liabilities	263	222	231	344	478
Current liabilities	4,678	3,462	6,020	9,685	11,892
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	58,721	56,160	77,236	86,036	87,768
Net working capital	1,554	1,622	473	(844)	55
Invested capital	46,343	34,904	42,689	50,134	58,991

* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt

Per share (THB)

Book value per share	9.38	10.05	10.27	10.53	10.87
Tangible book value per share	5.30	6.13	6.35	6.60	6.95

Financial strength

Net debt/equity (%)	65.6	14.0	37.5	58.4	81.2
Net debt/total assets (%)	30.4	7.3	14.5	20.8	29.3
Current ratio (x)	3.0	6.6	5.8	3.6	2.4
CF interest cover (x)	5.6	15.1	39.6	10.7	(0.9)

Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring P/E (x) *	12.6	14.0	18.4	19.7	18.2
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	16.5	18.3	24.1	25.7	23.8
Reported P/E (x)	14.3	11.0	18.4	19.7	18.2
Dividend yield (%)	3.3	3.6	3.1	2.0	2.0
Price/book (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Price/tangible book (x)	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
EV/EBITDA (x) **	12.5	6.9	15.1	16.6	12.8
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	14.9	8.8	18.4	19.8	14.9
EV/invested capital (x)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9

* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted ** EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income

Sources: BCPG; FSSIA estimates

Public disclosures related to sustainable development evaluation of Thai listed companies

Rating regarding the sustainable development of Thai listed companies, both on the SET and MAI, are publicly available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand (SEC). Currently, ratings available are 1) "**CG Score**" by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD); 2) "**AGM Checklist**" by the Thai Investors Association (TIA), a "**CAC certified member**" of the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC); and 3) **Sustainability Investment List (THSI)** by the Stock Exchange of Thailand. The ratings are updated on an annual basis. FSS International Investment Advisory Company Limited does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such ratings.

CG Score by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)¹

The CG Score indicates corporate governance (CG) strength in the sustainable development of Thai listed companies. Annually, the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), surveys and assesses the CG practices of companies and publishes the results on the Thai IOD website in a bid to promote and enhance the CG of Thai listed companies in order to promote compliance with international standards for better investment decisions. The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations, as of the date appearing in the report, and may be changed after that date.

The five underlying categories and weighting used for the CG scoring in 2022 include the rights of shareholders and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined), the role of stakeholders (25%), disclosure and transparency (15%), and board responsibilities (35%).

The CGR report rates CG in six categories: 5 for Excellent (score range 90-100), 4 for Very Good (score range 80-89), 3 for Good (Score range 70-79), 2 for Fair (score range 60-69), 1 for Pass (score range 60-69), and not rated (score below 50).

AGM Checklist by the Thai Investors Association (TIA)²

The "AGM Checklist" quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and the extent to which information is sufficiently disclosed and the level of its transparency. All the considered factors form important elements of two out of five the CG components. Annually, the TIA, with support from the SEC, leads the project to evaluate the quality of Annual General Meetings of Shareholders (AGMs) and to rate quality of the meetings.

The Checklist contains the minimum requirements under law that companies must comply with, or best practices according to international CG guidance. Representatives of the TIA will attend the meetings and perform the evaluation. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating of how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.

The results are classified into four categories: 5 for Excellent (score 100), 4 for Very Good (score 90-99), 3 for Fair (score 80-89), and not rated (score below 79).

CAC certified member by the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)³

A CAC certified member is a listed company whose Checklist satisfies the CAC Certification's criteria and is approved by the CAC Council. The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. Note that the CAC does not certify the behaviour of the employees nor whether the companies have engaged in bribery, and Certification is good for three years.

Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start with by submitting a Declaration of Intent signed by the Chairman of the Board to kick off the 18-month deadline for companies to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification. The 18-month provision is for risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of managers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.

The checklist document will be reviewed by the CAC Certification Committee for adequate information and evidence. It is worth noting that the committee consists of nine professionals in business law, corporate governance, internal audit, financial audit and experienced representatives from certified members.

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Sustainability Investment (THSI)⁴ by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (THSI) quantifies responsibility in Environmental, and Social issues, by managing business with transparency in Governance. The THSI serves as another choice for investors who desire to adopt a responsible investment approach, according to the SET.

Annually, the SET will announce the voluntary participation of the company candidates which pass the preemptive criteria, and whose two key crucial conditions are met, i.e. no irregular trading of the board members and executives and a free float of >150 by the number of shareholders, and combined holding must >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include a CG score of below 70%; independent directors and free float violation; executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social and environmental impacts, equity in negative territory, and earnings in the red for more than three years in the last five years. To become eligible for THSI, the candidate must pass three indicators in data declaration: Economic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and innovation); Environmental (environmental management, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); Social (human rights, talent attraction, operational health & safety, community development, and stakeholder engagement); and the incorporation of ESG in business operations.

To be approved for THSI inclusion, verified data must be scored at a 50% minimum for each indicator, unless the company is a part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices⁵ (DJSI) during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality.

Note that, from the THSI list, the SET further developed a sustainability SETTHSI Index in June 2018 from selected THSI companies whose 1) market capitalisation > THB5b (~USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity >0.5% of paid-up capital for at least 9 out of 12 months. The SETTHSI Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.

Sources: SEC; Thai IOD; Thai CAC; SET; FSSIA's compilation

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⁴ Sustainability Investment List (THSI), created by the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 2015, comprises the listed companies that conduct sustainable business operations.

⁵ Dow Jones Sustainability Indices – Wikipedia – Launched in 1999, DJSI evaluates the sustainability performance of companies based on corporate economic, environmental, and social performance.

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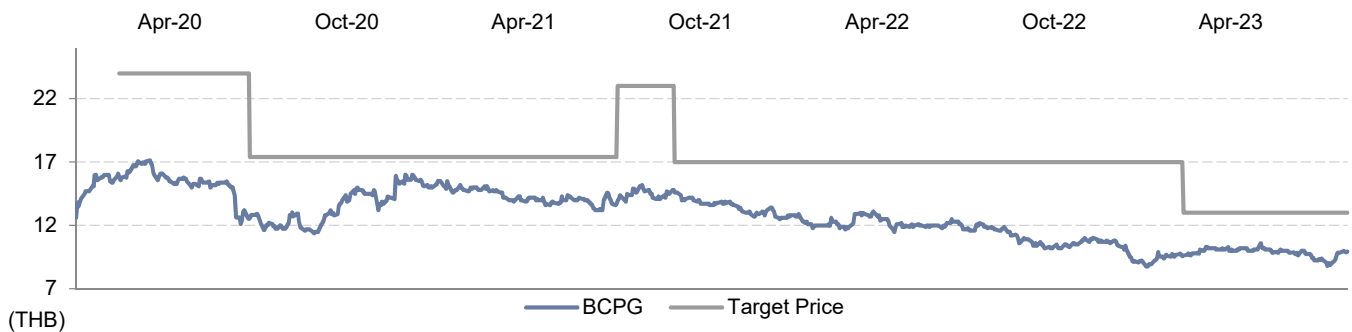
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History of change in investment rating and/or target price

BCPG (BCPG TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
12-May-2020	BUY	24.00	13-Jul-2021	BUY	23.00	10-Nov-2022	BUY	13.00
01-Sep-2020	BUY	17.40	31-Aug-2021	BUY	17.00			

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
BCPG	BCPG TB	THB 9.95	BUY	The downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected demand for electricity in Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia; and 2) government intervention by way of electricity tariff subsidies.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Additional Disclosures

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Stock ratings

Stock ratings are based on absolute upside or downside, which we define as $(\text{target price}^* - \text{current price}) / \text{current price}$.

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.

Unless otherwise specified, these recommendations are set with a 12-month horizon. Thus, it is possible that future price volatility may cause a temporary mismatch between upside/downside for a stock based on market price and the formal recommendation.

* 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

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.

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.