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# Likely unexciting 3Q23 before a high season in 4Q23

- We expect the 3Q23 core profit at THB4.0b, down by 12% q-q due to seasonality but up by 4% y-y, supported by positive SSSG in all three units.
- 4Q23 normalized earnings should grow q-q and y-y due to a high season.
- Maintain BUY rating at our 2024 TP of Bt77 (DCF).

# Sales likely to decrease q-q due to seasonal factors but grow y-y, supported by SSSG in all three units

We expect sales revenue of THB217b, down by 3.9% q-q due to seasonality since 3Q was a low season for CVS but up by 4.4% y-y. We anticipate SSSG of 3% y-y in the CVS business due to a recovery in tourism and domestic consumption, continued branch expansion, and SSSG of 3% y-y and 1% y-y in the wholesale and retail units.

## Expect 3Q23 core profit of THB4.0b (-12% q-q, +4% y-y)

We anticipate the CVS unit to report its gross margin at 28.1% (vs. 28.4% in 2Q23 and 27.6% in 3Q22). It would decrease q-q due to its product mix but improve y-y due to price adjustments in 3Q22. We project the gross margin at 21.7% (vs. 22.0% in 2Q23 and 21.8% in 3Q22). It would be down q-q due to CVS and y-y due to retail (Lotus's) after its price promotion. SG&A to sales should equal 20.3% (vs. 20.3% in 2Q23 and 20.2% in 3Q22), nearly flat q-q and y-y. Although electricity bills may decrease, higher promotional expenses would offset it. As a result, we forecast the 3Q23 core profit at THB4.0b (-12% q-q, +4% y-y).

## Continued q-q and y-y growth likely in 4Q23

If the 3Q23 is in line, the 9M23 normalized earnings will secure 76% of our full-year estimate. In 4Q23, We expect continued q-q and y-y growth due to a high season in the CVS (7-Eleven), wholesale (MAKRO), and retail (Lotus's) units. Also, CPAXT (in which CPALL owns a 59.9% stake) should record lower interest expenses after its debt restructuring in 2Q23, and there would be no extra CVS personnel expenses as in 4Q22.

#### Maintain BUY rating at our 2024 TP of THB77

We retain our 2023-2024E normalized earnings growth of 23% y-y and 19% y-y, respectively. Also, we reaffirm our BUY rating at our 2024 TP of THB77. CPALL has decreased to trade at an attractive 2024E P/E of 27.7x, its 5Y average P/E -1.75SD.



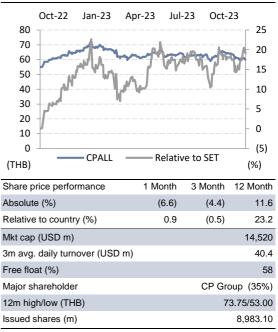
# BUY

UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB77.00
CLOSE	THB60.00
UP/DOWNSIDE	+28.3%
PRIOR TP	THB77.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+2.0%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	829,099	902,362	975,667	1,060,793
Net profit	13,272	16,396	19,434	23,582
EPS (THB)	1.48	1.83	2.16	2.63
vs Consensus (%)	-	(5.9)	(9.9)	(6.2)
EBITDA	49,129	50,815	56,911	64,062
Recurring net profit	13,281	16,396	19,434	23,582
Core EPS (THB)	1.48	1.83	2.16	2.63
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	13.5	23.5	18.5	21.3
Core P/E (x)	40.6	32.9	27.7	22.9
Dividend yield (%)	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	22.7	22.3	19.8	17.4
Price/book (x)	5.9	5.4	4.9	4.4
Net debt/Equity (%)	129.2	129.2	120.1	109.3
ROE (%)	13.0	15.6	17.0	18.8



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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# **Investment thesis**

CPALL is Thailand's largest convenience store (CVS) operator. It is expanding and has expanded to Cambodia and Laos. At the end of 2Q23, it has 14,215 branches in Thailand, 66 in Cambodia, and one in Laos (on September 7, 2023).

After its consolidation of CPAXT (BUY, 2024 TP THB38), in which CPALL holds a 59.9% stake, CPALL has three main businesses. They include CVS, wholesale, and retail.

We view that CPALL will see positive impacts from domestic consumption recovery and the government's measures to stimulate domestic purchasing power. We expect CPALL to report a 2023-25 core profit growth of 21% CAGR.

# **Company profile**

CPALL is the operator and franchiser of CVS under the 7-Eleven trademark in Thailand. Also, it invests in CVS supporting businesses, such as manufacturing and distribution of ready-to-eat food and bakery, and a cashand-carry business under MAKRO.

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#### Catalysts

Potential catalysts for CPALL are 1) higher-than-expected recovery in domestic consumption and the tourism industry and 2) better-than-expected wholesale and retail operating performance.

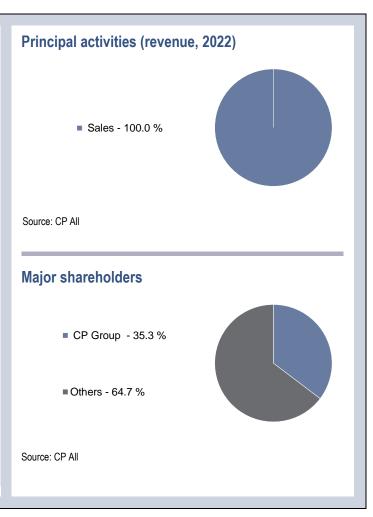
#### **Risks to our call**

The key downside risks to our DCF-derived TP include 1) lower-than-expected SSSG, 2) lower-than-expected gross margin, and 3) higher-than-expected SG&A to sales ratio.

#### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 November 2023
 2Q23 results announcement



#### **Key assumptions**

CPALL	2023E	2024E	2025E
SSSG CVS (%)	8.0	5.0	5.0
SSSG Makro (%)	6.0	3.0	3.0
SSSG Lotus-TH (%)	(0.5)	2.0	3.0
SSSG Lotus-ML (%)	(1.0)	1.0	3.0
New stores (no.)	700	700	700
CVS GPM (%)	27.7	27.8	27.9
SG&A to sales (%)	20.1	20.0	19.9

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we estimate 2023 EPS to rise 1.3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in GPM, we estimate 2023 EPS to rise 3.2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A to sales, we estimate 2023 EPS to fall 3.4%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

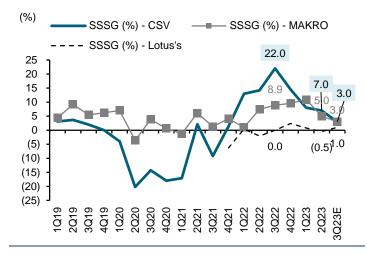


#### Exhibit 1: 3Q23 results preview

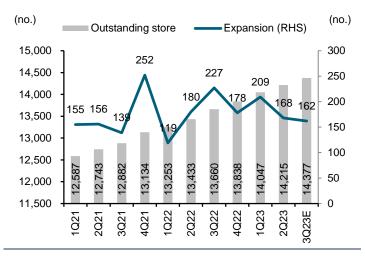
	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23E	Cha	nge		9M23E		2023E	Change
Year to Dec 31	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	(%23E)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Retail sales	207,617	218,863	215,895	225,603	216,702	(4)	4	658,200	8	73	902,362	9
COGS	(162,429)	(171,615)	(168,983)	(176,041)	(169,743)	(4)	5	(514,767)	7	73	(708,164)	9
Gross profit	45,188	47,248	46,913	49,561	46,959	(5)	4	143,433	10	74	194,198	9
Other income	6,191	6,548	6,125	6,399	6,472	1	5	18,996	12	71	26,837	16
Operating costs	(41,916)	(44,398)	(43,178)	(45,867)	(43,907)	(4)	5	(132,952)	10	73	(181,310)	10
Operating profit	9,463	9,397	9,859	10,094	9,525	(6)	1	29,478	10	74	39,725	11
Interest expense	(4,283)	(4,747)	(4,408)	(4,145)	(3,848)	(7)	(10)	(12,401)	3	77	(16,133)	(4)
Profit before tax	5,180	4,651	5,451	5,949	5,677	(5)	10	17,077	17	72	23,823	24
Tax	(987)	(996)	(1,043)	(1,073)	(1,079)	1	9	(3,194)	11	67	(4,765)	23
Equity income	230	175	193	201	194	(4)	(16)	588	nm	64	918	10
Minority interests	(614)	(923)	(831)	(588)	(836)	42	36	(2,254)	11	63	(3,580)	21
Non-recurring items	(133)	231	42	(51)	0	(100)	(100)	(9)	(96)	n/a	0	(100)
Reported net profit	3,677	3,138	4,123	4,438	3,956	(11)	8	12,517	24	76	16,396	24
Recurring net profit	3,810	2,907	4,080	4,490	3,956	(12)	4	12,526	21	76	16,396	23
EPS (THB)	0.41	0.35	0.46	0.49	0.44	(11)	8	1.39	23	79	1.77	28
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.42	0.32	0.42	0.50	0.44	(12)	4	1.36	18	77	1.77	27
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)		(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin-overall	21.8	21.6	21.7	22.0	21.7	(0.3)	(0.1)	21.8	0.4		21.5	0.1
Gross margin-CVS	27.6	27.6	27.9	28.4	28.1	(0.2)	0.5	28.2	0.9		27.7	0.4
Operating margin	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	(0.1)	(0.2)	4.5	0.1		4.4	0.1
Recurring net margin	1.8	1.3	1.9	2.0	1.8	(0.2)	(0.0)	1.9	0.2		1.8	0.2
SG&A / Sales	20.2	20.3	20.0	20.3	20.3	(0.1)	0.1	20.2	0.4		20.1	0.1
Operating statistics						( <b>q-q%</b> )	(y-y%)					
Expansion (no.)	227	178	209	168	162	(3.6)	(28.6)	539	2.5		700	(1)
Outstanding store (no.)	13,660	13,838	14,047	14,215	14,377	1.1	5.2	14,377	5.2		14,538	5
Average daily sales/store (THB)	76,612	76,659	78,735	83,558	n/a						n/a	
Spending per ticker (THB)	82	84	84	84	n/a						n/a	
Daily customer/store (no.)	928	916	941	995	n/a						n/a	
SSSG CVS (%)	22.1	14.5	8.0	7.9	3.0						8.0	
SSSG - MAKRO (%)	8.9	9.6	10.9	6.0	3.0						6.0	
SSSG - Lotus's TH (%)	0.0	2.4	0.8	(0.9)	1.0						(0.5)	
SSSG - Lotus's ML (%)	(3.7)	(2.4)	(0.9)	(12.2)	0.0						(1.0)	

Sources: CPALL; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 2: CPALL's SSSG breakdown by business unit



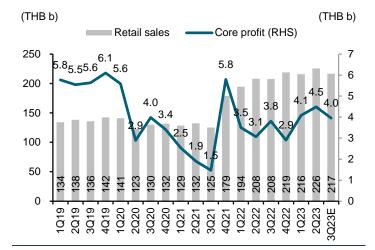
#### Exhibit 3: CPALL's convenience stores



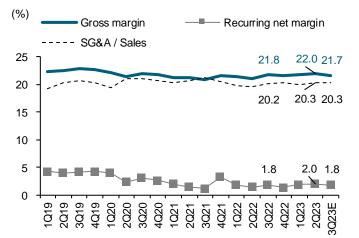
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#### Exhibit 4: CPALL's performance by quarter



#### Exhibit 5: CPALL's profitability (overall)



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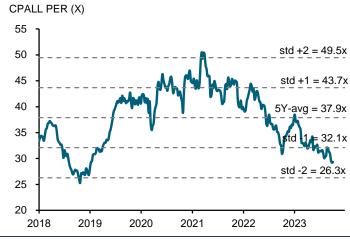
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#### Exhibit 6: 2024 DCF-based valuation

DCF-derived TP	(%)	(THB b)
Discount rate (WACC)	6.9%	
Terminal growth	2.0%	
NPV		277
Add: terminal value		973
Sum of PV		1,250
Add: investment		18
Less: debt		380
Less: minorities		198
Residual ordinary equity		691
No. of shares (m)		8,983
Residual ordinary equity (THB/share)		77

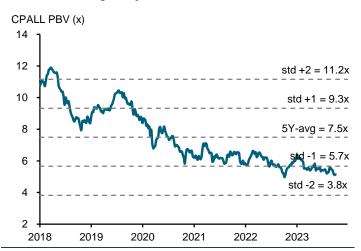
Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 7: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 8: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 9: Commerce peers as of 9 October 2023

Company	BBG	Rec	\$	Share price	9	Market	F	РЕ	R	0E	PE	3V	EV/ EB	ITDA
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Consumer Staple														
CP All	CPALL TB	BUY	60.00	77.00	28	14,520	32.9	27.7	15.6	17.0	5.4	4.9	22.3	19.8
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	BUY	32.00	38.00	19	9,121	37.9	30.4	3.1	3.8	1.2	1.1	11.8	10.9
Berli Jucker*	BJC TB	n/a	30.50	n/a	n/a	3,285	20.8	18.0	4.8	5.4	1.0	1.0	13.3	12.7
Consumer Staple average						26,927	30.5	25.4	7.8	8.7	2.5	2.3	15.8	14.5
Consumer Discretionary														
Com7	COM7 TB	BUY	30.00	40.00	33	1,928	20.9	17.3	44.8	46.7	8.8	7.5	14.8	12.5
Central Retail Corp*	CRC TB	n/a	38.25	n/a	n/a	6,169	27.4	22.2	12.9	14.3	3.4	3.0	11.2	10.2
Home Improvement														
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	BUY	24.30	26.70	10	331	17.7	15.9	12.0	12.7	2.1	2.0	8.3	7.5
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	BUY	12.30	16.00	30	4,358	24.6	22.3	26.4	27.7	6.3	6.0	14.5	13.3
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	BUY	16.30	20.50	26	2,196	27.9	24.5	12.8	13.4	3.4	3.1	21.2	18.9
Dohome	DOHOME TB	BUY	11.40	13.00	14	949	59.2	31.7	4.9	8.5	2.8	2.6	25.7	18.9
Home Improvement avg.						7,834	32.4	23.6	14.0	15.6	3.7	3.4	17.4	14.6
Consumer Discretionary avg.						15,930	29.6	22.3	19.0	20.6	4.5	4.0	15.9	13.5
Total average						42,857	29.9	23.3	15.3	16.6	3.8	3.5	15.9	13.9

Sources: \*Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates



# **Financial Statements**

CP All

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	565,060	829,099	902,362	975,667	1,060,793
Cost of goods sold	(444,771)	(651,100)	(708,164)	(764,132)	(829,233)
Gross profit	120,289	177,999	194,198	211,535	231,560
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	C
Operating costs	(116,867)	(165,414)	(181,310)	(195,368)	(210,854)
Operating EBITDA	27,908	49,129	50,815	56,911	64,062
Depreciation	(24,486)	(36,544)	(37,926)	(40,744)	(43,356)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	C
Operating EBIT	3,422	12,585	12,888	16,167	20,706
Net financing costs	(12,514)	(16,549)	(15,903)	(15,539)	(15,261)
Associates	(226)	831	918	964	1,012
Recurring non-operating income	20,389	24,055	27,755	28,998	30,698
Non-recurring items	1,280	(9)	0	0	C
Profit before tax	12,577	20,082	24,741	29,626	36,144
Тах	(525)	(3,861)	(4,765)	(5,732)	(7,026)
Profit after tax	12,052	16,221	19,977	23,894	29,117
Minority interests	933	(2,949)	(3,580)	(4,459)	(5,535)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	C
Other items	0	0	0	0	C
Reported net profit	12,985	13,272	16,396	19,434	23,582
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(1,280)	9	0	0	C
Recurring net profit	11,706	13,281	16,396	19,434	23,582
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.30	1.48	1.83	2.16	2.63
Reported EPS	1.45	1.48	1.83	2.16	2.63
DPS	0.60	0.75	0.89	1.06	1.29
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	8,983	8,983	8,983	8,983	8,983
Growth					
Revenue (%)	7.4	46.7	8.8	8.1	8.7
Dperating EBITDA (%)	0.4	76.0	3.4	12.0	12.6
Operating EBIT (%)	(52.1)	267.8	2.4	25.4	28.1
Recurring EPS (%)	(26.3)	13.5	23.5	18.5	21.3
Reported EPS (%)	(19.4)	2.2	23.5	18.5	21.3
Dperating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	21.3	21.5	21.5	21.7	21.8
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	25.6	25.9	25.7	25.9	25.9
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	4.9	5.9	5.6	5.8	6.0
Dperating EBIT margin (%)	0.6	1.5	1.4	1.7	2.0
Net margin (%)	2.1	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2
Effective tax rate (%)	4.6	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	46.0	50.7	48.6	48.8	49.0
nterest cover (X)	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.9	3.4
nventory days	35.7	32.3	33.1	33.2	33.0
Debtor days	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
Creditor days	98.2	85.0	77.2	71.2	71.0
Dperating ROIC (%)	3.2	7.4	7.0	8.2	10.6
ROIC (%)	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.6
ROE (%)	11.7	13.0	15.6	17.0	18.8
ROA (%)	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.4
<sup>r</sup> Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	565,060	829,099	902,362	975,667	1,060,793

Sources: CP All; FSSIA estimates

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cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
curring net profit	11,706	13,281	16,396	19,434	23,58
epreciation	24,486	36,544	37,926	40,744	43,35
sociates & minorities	(707)	2,118	2,662	3,495	4,52
ther non-cash items	-	-	-	-	
hange in working capital	24,046	(180)	(18,615)	4,085	5,20
ash flow from operations	59,531	51,763	38,369	67,758	76,67
apex - maintenance	0	0	0	0	(46.654
apex - new investment et acquisitions & disposals	(115,821) 71,299	(38,421) (633)	(42,348) (213)	(44,589) (178)	(46,651 (141
ther investments (net)	(297,198)	(3,773)	(3,447)	(3,295)	(3,346
ash flow from investing	(341,720)	(42,827)	(46,007)	(48,063)	(50,138
ividends paid	(5,390)	(6,737)	(7,968)	(9,487)	(11,561
quity finance	174,772	(12,001)	0	0	( )
ebt finance	169,315	(15,440)	(35,005)	3,794	(9,328
ther financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	
ash flow from financing	338,697	(34,179)	(42,973)	(5,693)	(20,889
on-recurring cash flows	0	0	0	0	
ther adjustments	0	0	0	0	
et other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
ovement in cash	56,508	(25,243)	(50,612)	14,003	5,64
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(269,546.20)	25,767.66	8,495.09	35,512.71	42,169.1
ee cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(112,874.06)	(6,504.42)	(42,643.43)	23,489.89	17,203.9
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(30.01)	2.87	0.95	3.95	4.6
CFE per share	(12.57)	(0.72)	(4.75)	2.61	1.9
ecurring cash flow per share	3.95	5.78	6.34	7.09	7.9
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	20251
angible fixed assets (gross)	292,181	307,562	348,042	390,670	435,26
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(80,648)	(94,152)	(130,210)	(168,993)	(210,289
angible fixed assets (net)	211,533	213,410	217,832	221,677	224,97
tangible fixed assets (net)	360,641	360,641	360,641	360,641	360,64
ong-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	,
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	14,838	15,957	17,088	18,231	19,38
ash & equivalents	97,134	71,891	21,279	35,282	40,92
/C receivable	17,085	18,633	20,279	21,927	23,84
ventories	50,535	58,183	63,282	68,284	73,64
ther current assets	1,019	249	271	293	31
urrent assets	165,773	148,955	105,112	125,785	138,73
ther assets	179,107	185,097	191,662	198,555	205,79
otal assets ommon equity	<b>931,893</b>	<b>924,061</b>	<b>892,335</b>	924,889	949,52 131 12
ommon equity linorities etc.	104,134 188,673	100,724 189,577	109,152 193,157	119,099 197,617	131,12 203,15
otal shareholders' equity	<b>292,807</b>	290,301	<b>302,310</b>	316,716	334,27
ong term debt	390,277	393,871	296,042	391,930	354,16
ther long-term liabilities	33,921	32,446	35,313	38,181	41,51
ong-term liabilities	424,197	426,317	331,355	430,111	395,67
/C payable	138,666	147,682	135,812	146,546	159,03
hort term debt	72,000	52,965	115,789	23,696	52,13
ther current liabilities	4,222	6,796	7,069	7,821	8,40
urrent liabilities	214,888	207,443	258,671	178,062	219,57
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	931,893	924,061	892,335	924,889	949,52
et working capital	(74,248)	(77,413)	(59,049)	(63,863)	(69,632
vested capital	691,871	697,693	728,175	735,241	741,15
ncludes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	eing treated as debt				
er share (THB)					
pok value per share	9.38	10.10	11.04	12.15	13.4
angible book value per share	(30.77)	(30.04)	(29.10)	(28.00)	(26.66
nancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	124.7	129.2	129.2	120.1	109.
et debt/total assets (%)	39.2	40.6	43.8	41.1	38.
urrent ratio (x)	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.
Finterest cover (x)	1.2	2.9	1.0	5.4	5.
aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
ecurring P/E (x) *	46.0	40.6	32.9	27.7	22.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	59.1	52.1	42.2	35.6	29.
eported P/E (x)	41.5	40.6	32.9	27.7	22.
ividend yield (%)	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.
rice/book (x)	6.4	5.9	5.4	4.9	4.
rice/tangible book (x)	(1.9)	(2.0)	(2.1)	(2.1)	(2.3
V/EBITDA (x) **	39.9	22.7	22.3	19.8	17.
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	45.3	25.8 1.6	25.3 1.6	22.5 1.5	19.
V/invested capital (x)	1.6				1.

Sources: CP All; 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) "<u>CG Score</u>" by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD); 2) "<u>AGM Checklist</u>" by the Thai Investors Association (TIA), a "<u>CAC certified member</u>" of the Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC); and 3) <u>Sustainability Investment List (THSI)</u> 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

#### CG Score by the Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)<sup>1</sup>

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 <u>Thai IOD website</u> 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).

#### Corporate Governance Report Disclaimer

The disclosure of the survey result of the Thai Institute of Directors Association ("IOD") regarding corporate governance is made pursuant to the policy of the Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The survey of the IOD is based on the information of companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand and the Market of Alternative Investment disclosed to the public and able to be accessed by a general public investor at <u>Thai IOD website</u>. The result, therefore, is from the perspective of a third party. It is not an evaluation of operation and is not based on inside information.

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#### AGM Checklist by the Thai Investors Association (TIA)<sup>2</sup>

The "<u>AGM Checklist</u>" 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 <u>Checklist</u> 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)<sup>3</sup>

A <u>CAC certified member</u> 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 <u>start with</u> 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.

A passed Checklist will move on to the <u>CAC Council</u> for granting certification approvals. The CAC Council consists of twelve prominent individuals who are highly respected in professionalism and ethical achievements. Among them are former ministers, a former central bank governor, the former head of the Thai Listed Companies Association, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Organizations (Thailand), Chairman of Thai Institute of Directors, and reputable academic scholars.

#### Sustainability Investment (THSI)<sup>4</sup> by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)

Thailand Sustainability Investment (<u>THSI</u>) quantifies responsibility in <u>Environmental</u>, and <u>Social</u> issues, by managing business with transparency in <u>Governance</u>. 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: <u>E</u>conomic (CG, risk management, customer relation management, supply chain management, and innovation); <u>E</u>nvironmental (environmental management, eco-efficiency, and climate risk); <u>S</u>ocial (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 Indices<sup>5</sup> (DJSI) during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality.

Note that, from the <u>THSI list</u>, the SET further developed a sustainability <u>SETTHSI Index</u> 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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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Thai Institute of Directors Association (<u>Thai IOD</u>) was established in December 1999 and is a membership organisation that strives to promote professionalism in directorship. The Thai IOD offers directors certification and professional development courses, provides a variety of seminars, forums and networking events, and conducts research on board governance issues and practices. Membership comprises board members from companies ranging from large publicly listed companies to small private firms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Thai Investors Association (<u>TIA</u>) was established in 1983 with a mission to promote investment knowledge and to protect the investment rights of Thai investors. In 2002, the association was appointed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to represent individual shareholders. To obtain information for evaluation, the association recruits volunteer investors to join AGMs and score the meetings. Weightings for each meeting are at a 45:45:10 ratio. They have been applied since 2017 and subject to change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Thai Private Sector Collective Action against Corruption (CAC) was founded in 2010 and is 100% privately funded. It is an initiative by the Thai private sector to take part in tackling corruption problems via collective action. The CAC promotes the implementation of effective anti-corruption policies in order to create a transparent business ecosystem by developing a unique certification program for large/medium/small companies to apply for and to control corruption risk systematically and efficiently. The CAC's operations are sponsored by the US-based Center for Private Enterprise (CIPE) and the UK Prosperity Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sustainability Investment List (THSI), created by the Stock Exchange of Thailand in 2015, comprises the listed companies that conduct sustainable business operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Dow Jones Sustainability Indices – <u>Wikipedia</u> – Launched in 1999, DJSI evaluates the sustainability performance of companies based on corporate economic, environmental, and social

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
CP All	CPALL TB	THB 60.00	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-derived TP are: 1) a lower-than-expected impact from SSSG at its convenience store business; 2) lower-than-expected performance from CPAXT; and 3) a slower recovery in tourist arrival numbers and private consumption.
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	THB 32.00	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM improvement; and 3) operational losses from its overseas business.
Com7	COM7 TB	THB 30.00	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) lower consumer spending; 2) store cannibalisation; and 3) product shortages.
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	THB 24.30	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; and 3) higher-than-expected SG&A.
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	THB 12.30	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) the slow recovery of tourist numbers; and 3) operating losses from its overseas business.
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	THB 16.30	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-based TP are volatile farm incomes and farm prices which could negatively impact purchasing power, especially in the provinces and a larger-than-expected impact on farm income from the El Nino effect.
Dohome PCL	DOHOME TB	THB 11.40	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; 3) higher-than-expected SG&A and 4) a worse-than-expected effect from El Nino.

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Additional Disclosures**

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All share prices are as at market close on 09-Oct-2023 unless otherwise stated.

#### **RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE**

#### **Stock ratings**

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

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