**EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT** 

### CARABAO GROUP

**CBG TB** 

THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE

### HOLD

#### UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE THB87.00
CLOSE THB84.00
UP/DOWNSIDE +3.6%
PRIOR TP THB87.00
CHANGE IN TP UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS -1.3%

## So far so good

- Even though CBG's price has a limited upside we see a few positive catalysts. Recommend trading buy for short-term investors.
- CBG's 4Q23 net profit should grow q-q and y-y; it is the best choice in the beverage sector in the short term, in our view.
- Beer contribution to show significant numbers in 1Q24.

#### Gaining more energy drink market share in November

We are impressed by CBG's higher market share in November 2023 of 23.2% (vs 22.7% in October 2023) by gaining from its two major competitors. Hence, we expect 4Q23 domestic revenue to slightly increase q-q. Aside from that, its 4Q23 overseas revenue should recover q-q due to the low bases from Cambodia and Myanmar in 3Q23. Currently, CBG has not seen any further negative impact from Myanmar's regulatory change. However, we assume its 4Q23 branded own gross margin would be flat q-q due to higher sugar costs.

#### Beer contribution is rising to support 4Q23

CBG should recognize a larger beer contribution in 4Q23, due to higher beer packaging revenue and starting to receive revenue from beer distribution. To elaborate, we expect its 4Q23 beer packaging revenue would rise to THB450m, up from THB160m in 3Q23. Revenue from beer distribution should show a small number in 4Q23 as Tawandang (not listed) has just launched in the traditional trade and cash van channel since December. Note that CBG distributes via only traditional trade and cash vans. We initially project a 4Q23 net profit of THB635m (+20% q-q, +57% y-y), which includes Carabao Cup's sponsorship of THB66m from support by Tawandang.

#### **Expect 1Q24 continue to grow significantly**

We expect CBG's beer distribution revenue to sharply increase in 1Q24, supported by Tawandang, which is set to expand more in the traditional trade channel in 1Q24 onward. Meanwhile, we are less concerned about sugar and aluminum costs in 2024. In particular, CBG has not locked in a sugar price (Quota C) for 2024 yet, but the latest NYMEX No.11 sugar price has declined to US cent21 per pound (vs US cent25-26 per pound earlier). Currently, the LME aluminum price has dropped to USD2.2b per ton, down from USD2.4b per ton in 2H23.

#### Potential upside to our 2024 projection and target price

Even though CBG's price has a limited upside from our TP of THB87, we see a few positive catalysts that could provide a positive upside to our 2024 net profit forecast of THB2.83b (+48% y-y). Hence, we recommend a trading buy for short-term investors. Our beverage picks are SAPPE and CBG.

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	19,215	18,889	28,081	29,775
Net profit	2,286	1,909	2,830	3,035
EPS (THB)	2.29	1.91	2.83	3.04
vs Consensus (%)	-	(2.6)	8.3	0.5
EBITDA	3,607	3,195	4,281	4,541
Recurring net profit	2,286	1,909	2,830	3,035
Core EPS (THB)	2.29	1.91	2.83	3.04
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.4)
EPS growth (%)	(20.6)	(16.5)	48.2	7.3
Core P/E (x)	36.7	44.0	29.7	27.7
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	25.0	28.3	21.2	20.0
Price/book (x)	7.9	7.4	6.6	6.1
Net debt/Equity (%)	60.0	54.1	50.6	48.8
ROE (%)	21.9	17.3	23.5	23.0



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	5.3	2.4	(10.4)
Relative to country (%)	6.0	11.0	3.1
Mkt cap (USD m)			2,428
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m	1)		11.5
Free float (%)			29
Major shareholder	Sathienthan	nholding Co	Ltd (25%)
12m high/low (THB)		10	6.00/61.25
Issued shares (m)			1,000.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

We expect the 2024 energy drink market value to moderately grow by 3% y-y, supported by a low base and a slight consumption recovery. We have started to see a profitability recovery in 2H23, thanks to declining packaging and utility costs. However, CBG is faced with soaring sugar prices, which should impact its costs in 1Q24 onward. Hence, its gross margin recovery should be lower than it had previously expected.

We estimate that strong net profit growth will continue into 4Q23-1Q24, after recognizing a full quarter of beer-related revenue – from both packaging and distribution. However, since this is the launch period, we will continue to monitor the success of its beer business in the future. Moreover, if the beer profit contribution is lower than our forecast, it could create a downside to our projection by around 25% at most.

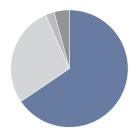
#### Company profile

CBG was established in 2002 by a joint investment between Khun Sathien Setthasit, Khun Nutchamai Thanombooncharoen, and Khun Yuenyong Opakul (Add Carabao). CBG is a holding company with invest in subsidiaries company, whom engaged in manufacturing, marketing and distributing energy drinks and others drinks, both domestically and internationally. Its main product is energy drink under named Carabao Dang.

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### Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

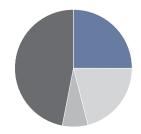
- Branded own 65.5 %
- 3rd party distribution 27.8 %
- Branded OEM 2.4 %
- Others (Packaging) 4.2 %



Source: Carabao Group

#### **Major shareholders**

- Sathienthamholding Co Ltd -25.0 %
- Ms Nutchamai
  Thanombooncharoen 21.0 %
- Mr Yuenyong Opakul 7.1 %
- Others 46.9 %



Source: Carabao Group

#### **Catalysts**

Potential catalysts for CBG's earnings growth in 2024 are 1) revenue growth driven by rising market share; 2) declining packaging and raw material costs; 3) successful new product launches; and 4) a successful production line established in Myanmar.

#### Risks to our call

Downside and upside risks to our PE-based TP 1) a slower or faster-than-expected recovery in consumption; 2) a higher or lower competition in domestic energy drink market; 3) a potential rise or fall in packaging and raw material costs; and 5) regulatory risks from domestic and international markets.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
February 2024	4Q23 results announcement
March 2024	4Q23 analyst meeting

#### Key assumptions

	2023E	2024E	2025E
Branded own growth (%)	(10.7)	8.7	7.3
Branded OEM growth (%)	(48.7)	15.0	10.0
3rd-party growth (%)	17.5	124.0	5.0
Other-packaging (%)	38.2	34.4	5.0
Total revenue growth (%)	(1.7)	48.7	6.0
Gross margin (%)	25.8	21.4	21.6

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in revenue, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 1.3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 4.2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.2% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2024 net profit to fall by 1.7%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

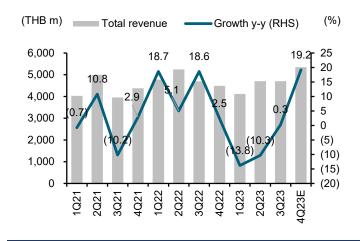
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Exhibit 1: 4Q23 earnings preview

	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23E	Cha	nge	2022	2023E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Sales	4,490	4,124	4,707	4,707	5,351	13.7	19.2	19,215	18,889	(1.7)
Cost of sales	3,299	3,107	3,447	3,445	4,008	16.4	21.5	13,582	14,008	3.1
Gross profit	1,191	1,017	1,260	1,262	1,343	6.4	12.8	5,633	4,881	(13.4)
SG&A	772	729	712	655	614	(6.3)	(20.4)	3,078	2,710	(12.0)
Operating profit	492	350	588	650	769	18.3	56.3	2,794	2,356	(15.6)
Interest expense	35	36	44	51	52	1.8	50.1	115	183	58.9
Tax expense	55	61	80	80	93	16.2	71.4	433	315	(27.3)
Reported net profit	404	264	482	530	635	19.9	57.3	2,282	1,909	(16.3)
Core profit	404	264	482	530	635	19.9	57.3	2,282	1,909	(16.3)
Key Ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	26.5	24.7	26.8	26.8	25.1	(1.7)	(1.4)	29.3	25.8	(3.5)
SG&A / Sales	17.2	17.7	15.1	13.9	11.5	(2.4)	(5.7)	16.0	14.3	(1.7)
Operating margin	11.0	8.5	12.5	13.8	14.4	0.6	3.4	14.5	12.5	(2.1)
Net margin	9.0	6.4	10.2	11.3	11.9	0.6	2.9	11.9	10.1	(1.8)
Core margin	9.0	6.4	10.2	11.3	11.9	0.6	2.9	11.9	10.1	(1.8)
Operating Statistics (THB m)										
Branded Own sales	2,756	2,486	3,017	2,798	2,944	5.2	6.8	12,591	11,246	(10.7)
Branded OEM sales	82	49	64	61	65	6.6	(20.7)	467	239	(48.7)
3rd party sales	1,478	1,464	1,452	1,450	1,922	32.6	30.0	5,349	6,288	17.6
Other (packaging)	174	124	174	398	420	5.5	141.4	808	1,116	38.1
GM - Branded Own (%)	34.2	33.7	35.2	35.6	35.5	(0.1)	1.3	38.4	34.8	(3.6)
GM - Branded OEM (%)	12.2	12.1	14.1	18.0	18.0	(0.0)	5.8	11.4	14.7	3.3
GM - 3rd party (%)	12.2	9.6	10.0	10.0	8.7	(1.3)	(3.5)	9.6	9.9	0.3
GM - other (%)	32.2	26.7	25.3	27.6	28.0	0.4	(4.2)	40.5	26.5	(14.0)
Domestic sales (% of total sales)	67.8	67.9	68.0	75.3	76.4	1.1	8.6	60.1	64.2	4.1
Overseas sales (% of total sales)	32.2	32.1	32.0	24.7	23.6	(1.1)	(8.6)	39.9	35.8	(4.1)

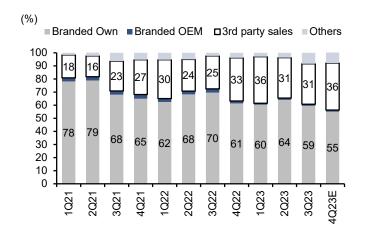
Sources: CBG, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Total revenue and growth



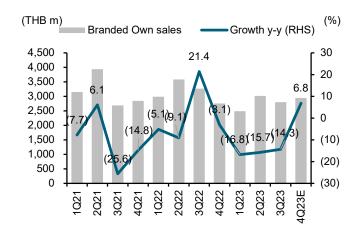
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**Exhibit 3: Revenue proportion** 



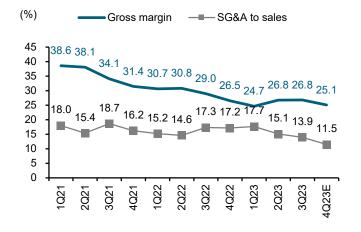
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#### Exhibit 4: Branded own revenue and growth



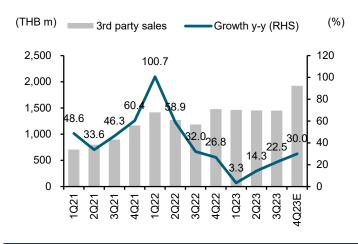
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#### Exhibit 6: Gross margin and SG&A to sales



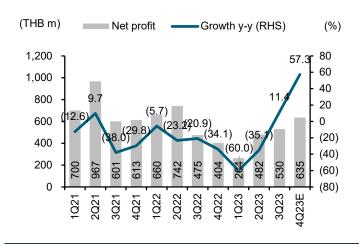
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**Exhibit 5: Third-party revenue and growth** 



Sources: CBG; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 7: Net profit and growth



Sources: CBG; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: Key assumptions for CBG

	Actual		Forecast			Growth	
	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Total revenue	19,215	18,889	28,081	29,775	(1.7)	48.7	6.0
Costs	13,582	14,008	22,070	23,339	3.1	57.5	5.8
Gross profit	5,633	4,881	6,012	6,436	(13.4)	23.2	7.1
SG&A expense	3,078	2,710	2,808	2,978	(12.0)	3.6	6.0
Interest expense	115	183	174	185	58.9	(4.6)	5.9
Profit sharing	5	19	25	28	319.7	30.7	12.0
Reported net profit	2,286	1,909	2,830	3,035	(16.5)	48.2	7.3
Core profit	2,286	1,909	2,830	3,035	(16.5)	48.2	7.3
Key ratios (%)							
Total revenue growth	10.7	(1.7)	48.7	6.0			
Net profit growth	(20.6)	(16.5)	48.2	7.3			
Core profit growth	(20.6)	(16.5)	48.2	7.3			
Gross margin	29.3	25.8	21.4	21.6	(3.5)	(4.4)	0.2
SG&A to sales	16.0	14.3	10.0	10.0	(1.7)	(4.3)	0.0
Net margin	11.9	10.1	10.1	10.2	(1.8)	(0.0)	0.1
Core margin	11.9	10.1	10.1	10.2	(1.8)	(0.0)	0.1
Operating statistics (THB m)							
Branded own sales	12,591	11,246	12,220	13,107	(10.7)	8.7	7.3
Branded OEM sales	467	239	275	303	(48.7)	15.0	10.0
3rd-party sales	5,350	6,288	14,086	14,790	17.5	124.0	5.0
-Spirit	5,083	5,500	5,775	6,064	8.2	5.0	5.0
-Beer	0	500	8,000	8,400	nm	1500.0	5.0
Other (packaging) sales	807	1,116	1,500	1,575	38.2	34.4	5.0
GM - Branded Own (%)	37.4	35.0	35.5	35.8	(2.4)	0.5	0.3
GM - Branded OEM (%)	11.6	15.7	18.0	18.0	4.2	2.3	0.0
GM - 3rd party (%)	10.4	9.5	7.4	7.2	(0.9)	(2.1)	(0.2)
GM - Beer (%)	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	nm	0.0	0.0
Domestic sales (THB m)	12,332	13,666	22,276	23,403	10.8	63.0	5.1
Overseas sales (THB m)	6,883	5,223	5,805	6,372	(24.1)	11.2	9.8
Domestic sales (% of total sales)	64.2	72.4	79.3	78.6	8.2	7.0	(0.7)
Overseas sales (% of total sales)	35.8	27.6	20.7	21.4	(8.2)	(7.0)	0.7
Aluminum price (USD per tonne)	2,711	2,300	2,300	2,300	(15.2)	0.0	0.0
Sugar price (US cent per pound)	18.7	21.0	25.0	23.0	12.1	19.0	(8.0)

Sources: CBG; FSSIA estimates

#### **Financial Statements**

Carabao Group

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	17,364	19,215	18,889	28,081	29,775
Cost of goods sold	(11,181)	(13,582)	(14,008)	(22,070)	(23,339)
Gross profit	6,183	5,633	4,881	6,012	6,436
Other operating income	205	239	186	225	214
Operating costs	(2,945)	(3,078)	(2,710)	(2,808)	(2,978)
Operating EBITDA	4,197	3,607	3,195	4,281	4,541
Depreciation	(753)	(813)	(838)	(853)	(868)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	3,444	2,794	2,356	3,428	3,673
Net financing costs	(88)	(114)	(180)	(171)	(182)
Associates	0	5	19	25	28
Recurring non-operating income	0	5	19	25	28
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	3,356	2,684	2,196	3,282	3,519
Tax	(513)	(433)	(315)	(489)	(524)
Profit after tax	2,843	2,251	1,881	2,793	2,995
Minority interests	38	35	28	37	40
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	2,881	2,286	1,909	2,830	3,035
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Recurring net profit	2,881	2,286	1,909	2,830	3,035
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	2.88	2.29	1.91	2.83	3.04
Reported EPS	2.88	2.29	1.91	2.83	3.04
DPS	1.90	1.50	1.24	1.84	1.97
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Growth					
Revenue (%)	0.8	10.7	(1.7)	48.7	6.0
Operating EBITDA (%)	(16.0)	(14.1)	(11.4)	34.0	6.1
Operating EBIT (%)	(20.5)	(18.9)	(15.6)	45.5	7.1
Recurring EPS (%)	(18.3)	(20.6)	(16.5)	48.2	7.3
Reported EPS (%)	(18.3)	(20.6)	(16.5)	48.2	7.3
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	35.6	29.3	25.8	21.4	21.6
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	39.9	33.5	30.3	24.4	24.5
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	24.2	18.8	16.9	15.2	15.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	19.8	14.5	12.5	12.2	12.3
Net margin (%)	16.6	11.9	10.1	10.1	10.2
Effective tax rate (%)	15.3	16.1	14.3	14.9	14.9
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	65.9	65.6	65.0	65.0	65.0
Interest cover (X)	39.3	24.5	13.2	20.1	20.4
Inventory days	67.0	72.2	74.9	58.5	67.1
Debtor days	33.4	40.7	44.5	31.0	34.0
Creditor days	58.5	51.8	52.3	47.7	60.6
Operating ROIC (%)	19.2	14.2	11.3	15.3	15.1
ROIC (%)	18.2	13.5	10.9	14.8	14.6
ROE (%)	28.6	21.9	17.3	23.5	23.0
ROA (%)	16.1	11.9	9.9	13.1	12.7
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Branded own	12,622	12,591	11,246	12,220	13,107
3rd party distribution	3,568	5,350	6,288	14,086	14,790
Branded OEM	504	467	239	275	303
Branded OEM Others (Packaging)	504 670	467 807	239 1,116	2/5 1,500	1,575

Sources: Carabao Group; FSSIA estimates

#### **Financial Statements**

Carabao Group

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring net profit	2,881	2,286	1,909	2,830	3,03
Depreciation	753	813	838	853	868
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
Other non-cash items	(300)	(19)	213	10	1:
Change in working capital	(1,235)	(1,117)	565	(264)	;
Cash flow from operations	2,099	1,963	3,525	3,429	3,92
Capex - maintenance	(1,623)	(737)	(2,206)	(1,918)	(2,257
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	
Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
Other investments (net)	(65)	(16)	51	(26)	(4
Cash flow from investing	(1,689)	(753)	(2,155)	(1,944)	(2,262
Dividends paid	(2,402)	(1,760)	(1,241)	(1,839)	(1,973
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	
Debt finance	2,159	326	(256)	(46)	414
Other financing cash flows	20	27	3	101	19
Cash flow from financing	(223)	(1,408)	(1,494)	(1,784)	(1,540
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	,
Other adjustments	0	0 <b>0</b>	0 <b>0</b>	0 <b>0</b>	(
Net other adjustments	0				444
Movement in cash Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	188	(198)	(123)	(299)	1 942 6
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	499.54 2,589.91	1,324.54 1,562.23	1,553.26 1,117.43	1,659.70 1,540.37	1,843.66 <b>2,091.4</b> 9
	2,000.01	1,502.20	1,117.40	1,040.07	2,001.4
Per share (THB)	0.50	4.00	4.55	4.00	4.0
FCFF per share	0.50	1.32	1.55	1.66	1.84
FCFE per share Recurring cash flow per share	2.59 3.33	1.56 3.08	1.12 2.96	1.54 3.69	2.09 3.99
tosaning cash non-pot-share	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.0.
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025F
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	15,797	16,143	17,819	19,525	21,26
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,817)	(3,291)	(3,564)	(3,905)	(4,252
Tangible fixed assets (net)	12,980	12,852	14,255	15,620	17,00
ntangible fixed assets (net)	653	612	596	597	59
Long-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	103	162	162	162	16
Cash & equivalents	1,134	936	813	514	63
A/C receivable	1,756	2,533	2,070	2,693	2,85
Inventories	2,337	2,718	2,686	4,112	4,150
Other current assets	155	160	151	140	14
Current assets	5,382	6,347	5,720	7,458	7,79
Other assets	68	66	31	56	60
Total assets	19,186	20,039	20,764	23,893	25,62
Common equity	10,209	10,683	11,387	12,677	13,73
Minorities etc.	(99)	(118)	95	105	117
Total shareholders' equity	10,111	10,565	11,482	12,782	13,85
Long term debt	3,469	1,082	987	1,050	1,28
Other long-term liabilities	178	205	208	309	32
Long-term liabilities	3,648	1,287	1,195	1,359	1,61
A/C payable	1,769	1,853	1,919	3,628	3,83
Short term debt	3,484	6,198	6,037	5,928	6,10
Other current liabilities	174	137	132	197	208
Current liabilities	5,427	8,187	8,088	9,752	10,150
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	19,186	20,039	20,764	23,893	25,62
Net working capital	2,304	3,422	2,856	3,120	3,11
nvested capital	16,109	17,114	17,901	19,555	20,94
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	ng treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	10.21	10.68	11.39	12.68	13.74
Tangible book value per share	9.56	10.07	10.79	12.08	13.1
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	57.6	60.0	54.1	50.6	48.
Net debt/total assets (%)	30.3	31.7	29.9	27.1	26.4
Current ratio (x)	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
CF interest cover (x)	30.5	14.7	7.2	10.0	12.
Valuation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring P/E (x) *	29.2	36.7	44.0	29.7	27.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	30.2	38.1	45.6	30.7	28.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) " Reported P/E (x)	30.2 29.2	36.7	<b>45.6</b> 44.0	30.7 29.7	<b>28.</b> 27.
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Dividend yield (%)	2.3	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.
Price/book (x)	8.2	7.9	7.4	6.6	6.
Price/tangible book (x)	8.8	8.3	7.8	7.0	6.
EV/EBITDA (x) ** EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	21.4	25.0	28.3	21.2	20.
	22.1	25.8	29.2	21.9	20.
EV/invested capital (x)	5.6	5.3	5.0	4.6	4.3

Sources: Carabao Group; FSSIA estimates

# **Carabao Group PCL (CBG TB)**



#### Exhibit 9: FSSIA ESG score implication

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Rating	Score	Implication
****	>79-100	Leading its industry peers in managing the most significant ESG risks which not only better cost efficiency but also lead to higher profitability.
****	>59-79	A mixed track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers.
***	>39-59	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been constructively addressed, well-managed and incorporated into day-to-day operations, in which targets and achievements are evaluated annually.
**	>19-39	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been identified with key management in charge for progress to be followed up on and to provide intensive disclosure. Most targets are conventional and achievable.
*	1-19	The company has adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), established sustainability management guidelines and fully complies with regulations or ESG suggested guidance from related organizations such as the SET and SEC.

Sources: FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 10: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA			Dome	estic ratings			Global ratings					Bloomberg		
	ESG score	DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar ESG risk	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score
SET100	69.20	5.34	4.40	4.40	4.76	4.65	3.84	Medium	51.76	BBB	20.87	58.72	63.91	3.72	28.17
Coverage	67.12	5.11	4.15	4.17	4.83	4.71	3.53	Medium	52.04	BB	16.97	56.85	62.09	3.40	31.94
CBG	51.54		Υ	Υ	4.00	4.00	Declared	High	59.58	В		33.28	56.00	2.14	41.92
ICHI	43.67		Y	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	High	61.36				18.00		
OSP	61.48		Y	Υ	5.00	4.00	Declared	Medium	68.64	BBB		63.08	51.00	3.00	63.65
SAPPE	35.25		Υ	Υ	4.00	5.00	Certified	Medium							
TACC	15.00				5.00	5.00									

Sources: <u>SETTRADE.com</u>; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 11: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 202
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	1.42	2.14	-
BESG environmental pillar score	0.67	1.92	_
BESG social pillar score	0.74	0.78	-
BESG governance pillar score	3.60	4.25	-
ESG disclosure score	34.38	41.92	-
Environmental disclosure score	20.27	31.89	-
Social disclosure score	19.20	30.20	-
Governance disclosure score	63.58	63.58	
Environmental			
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes	١
Climate change policy	Yes	Yes	Y
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	1
Risks of climate change discussed	Yes	Yes	Y
GHG scope 1	_	16	
GHG scope 2 location-based	_	43	
GHG Scope 3	_	1	
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	
Biodiversity policy	No	No	I
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	I
Total energy consumption	90	135	
Renewable energy use	_	6	
Electricity used	90	88	
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 12: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	No
Hazardous waste	_	0	_
Total waste	5	7	_
Waste recycled	4	7	_
Waste sent to landfills	_	0	_
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No
Water policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	3,070,910	1,110,020	_
Social			
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	No
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No
Equal opportunity policy	No	No	No
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	Yes
Pct women in workforce	33	34	_
Pct disabled in workforce	<del>-</del>	_	_
Business ethics policy	No	Yes	Ye
Anti-bribery ethics policy	No	Yes	Ye
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Lost time incident rate - employees	0	0	-
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	_
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Ye
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	N
Number of employees – CSR	2,993	3,232	3,32
Employee turnover pct	_	_	_
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	38,150	33,137	_
Social supply chain management	No	No	No
Governance			
Board size	11	13	13
No. of independent directors (ID)	5	6	(
No. of women on board	4	4	4
No. of non-executive directors on board	6	7	;
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Ye
No. of board meetings for the year	7	6	(
Board meeting attendance pct	91	100	9:
Board duration (years)	_	_	-
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	N
Age of the youngest director	_	_	-
Age of the oldest director	_	_	-
No. of executives / company managers	7	7	1
No. of female executives	2	2	
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	N
Size of audit committee	3	3	:
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	;
Audit committee meetings	5	5	
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	10
Size of compensation committee	4	4	
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	:
No. of compensation committee meetings	2	4	
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	10
Size of nomination committee	4	4	
No. of nomination committee meetings	2	4	;
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100
Sustainability governance			
Verification type	No	No	N

 $Sources: Bloomberg; \ FSSIA's \ compilation$ 

#### **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	У				Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ( <u>DJSI</u> ) By S&P Global	process base from the ann Only the top- inclusion.	ed on the compa ual S&P Global ranked compan	ansparent, rules-based anies' Total Sustainabil Corporate Sustainabili ies within each industr	ity Scores resulting ty Assessment (CSA). y are selected for	Be a member and invited to the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) for DJSI. Companies with an S&P Global ESG Score of less than 45% of the S&P Global ESG Score of the highest scoring company are disqualified. The constituents of the DJSI indices are selected from the Eligible Universe.						
Sustainability nvestment List (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing bu Candidates r 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	usiness with transmust pass the plans trading of the shareholders, a come key disquarpendent directorelated to CG, s	y in Environmental and isparency in Governan- reemptive criteria, with board members and extended to combined holding rilifying criteria include: and free float violatic ocial & environmental inings in red for > 3 year	ce, updated annually. two crucial conditions: xecutives; and 2) free nust be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' mpacts; 4) equity in	To be eligible for <u>THSI inclusion</u> , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. <u>SETTHSI Index</u> is extended from the THSI companies whose 1) market capitalization > 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 a maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.						
CG Score by Thai nstitute of Directors Association Thai IOD)	An indicator of CG strength in sustainable development, measured annually by the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations.				Scores are rated in six categories: 5 for Excellent (90-100), 4 for Very Good (80-89), 3 for Good (70-79), 2 for Fair (60-69), 1 for Pass (60-69), and not rated for scores below 50. Weightings include: 1) the rights; 2) and equitable treatment of shareholders (weight 25% combined); 3) the role of stakeholders (25%); 4) disclosure & transparency (15%); and 5) board responsibilities (35%).						
AGM level By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	It quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and information is transparent and sufficiently disclosed. All form important elements of two out of five the CG components to be evaluated annually. 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 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 scores are classified into four categories: 5 for Excellent (100), 4 for Very Good (90-99), 3 for Fair (80-89), and not rated for scores below 79.						
Fhai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption CAC)	The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. The Certification is good for three years. (Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start by submitting a Declaration of Intent to kick off an 18-month deadline to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification, including 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 document will be reviewed by a committee of nine professionals. A passed Checklist will move for granting certification by the CAC Council approvals whose members are twelve highly respected individuals in professionalism and ethical achievements.						
Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unmar regulatory filing	The Sustainalytics' ESG risk rating provides an overall company score based on an assessment of how much of a company's exposure to ESG risk is unmanaged. Sources to be reviewed include corporate publications and regulatory filings, news and other media, NGO reports/websites, multi-sector information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG				A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.  NEGL Low Medium High Severe					
		iality & peer reviev		0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+			
ESG Book	The ESG score identifies sustainable companies that are better positioned to outperform over the long term. The methodology considers the principle of financial materiality including information that significantly helps explain future risk-adjusted performance. Materiality is applied by over-weighting features with higher materiality and rebalancing these weights on a rolling quarterly basis.				The total ESG score is calculated as a weighted sum of the features scores using materiality-based weights. The score is scaled between 0 and 100 with higher scores indicating better performance.						
<u>MSCI</u>				anagement of financially their exposure to ESG ris					nethodology to		
	AAA	8.571-10.000		·		, ,		·			
	AA	7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in m	nanaging the most significant ESG risks and opportunities						
	Α	5.714-7.142									
	ввв	4.286-5.713	Average:	a mixed or unexceptional industry peers	al track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to				nities relative to		
	ВВ	2.857-4.285									
	В	1.429-2.856	l aggards	lagging its industry base	nd on its high over-	ure and failure t	n managa significa-	t ESC ricks			
	ccc	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	iayyiny ito industry base	on no mgn expos	ure ariu idilule l	- manaye signilican	L LOG HSKS			
Moody's ESG solutions	Moody's assesses the degree to which companies take into account ESG objectives in the definition and implementation of their strategy policies. It believes that a company integrating ESG factors into its business model and relatively outperforming its peers is better positioned to mitigate risks and create sustainable value for shareholders over the medium to long term.										
Refinitiv ESG rating	Designed to transparently and objectively measure a company's relative ESG performance, commitment and effectiveness across 10 main themes, based on publicly available and auditable data. The score ranges from 0 to 100 on relative ESG performance and insufficient degree of transparency in reporting material ESG data publicly. (Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 = satisfactory; >50 to 75 = good; and >75 to 100 = excellent.)										
S&P Global	The S&P Global ESG Score is a relative score measuring a company's performance on and management of ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.										
	ESG Score  Bloomberg score evaluating the company's aggregated Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance. The score is based on Bloomberg's view of ESG financial materiality. The score is a weighted generalized mean (power mean) of Pillar Scores, where the weights are determined by the pillar priority ranking. Values range from 0 to 10; 10 is the best.										
Bloomberg	ESG Score	s									

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"; 2) "AGM Level"; 3) "Thai CAC"; and 4) THSI. The ratings are updated on an annual basis. FSSIA does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such ratings.

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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
18-Feb-2021 30-Apr-2021 07-Jul-2021	BUY BUY BUY	180.00 163.00 185.00	16-Aug-2021 14-Oct-2021 22-Nov-2021	BUY BUY BUY	173.00 164.00 158.00	21-Feb-2022 20-Nov-2023	BUY HOLD	128.00 87.00

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Sappe (SAPPE TB) Dec-20 Jun-21 Dec-21 Jun-22 Dec-22 Jun-23 Dec-23 110 90 Married P. 70 50 30 10 Target Price Sappe (THB) Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price Date Rating Target price 09-Mar-2023 BUY 62.00 23-May-2023 BUY 88.00 21-Dec-2023 BUY 108.00 05-Apr-2023 BUY 68.00 BUY 96.50 11-Jul-2023

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Carabao Group	CBG TB	THB 84.00	HOLD	Downside and upside risks to our PE-based TP 1) a slower or faster-than-expected recovery in consumption; 2) a higher or lower competition in domestic energy drink market; 3) a potential rise or fall in packaging and raw material costs; and 5) regulatory risks from domestic and international markets.
Sappe	SAPPE TB	THB 84.00	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected recovery in consumption; 2) high volatility in packaging costs; 3) a stronger-than-expected THB; and 4) increased competition and government policy changes such as excise taxes for sugary drinks.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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