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TARGET PRICE THB36.00 **CLOSE** THB28.00 **UP/DOWNSIDE** +28.6% PRIOR TP THB35.00 **CHANGE IN TP** +2.9% TP vs CONSENSUS +7.0%

4Q23 core profit should hit an all-time high of THB3.1b

- We expect a 4Q23 core profit of THB3.1b (+81% q-q, +15% y-y), an all-time high.
- We have raised our 2023-25E normalized earnings to factor in a higher-than-expected recovery of Lotus's.
- We maintain our BUY call after increasing our TP to THB36.

A bullish view of CPAXT's targets and growth plan

CPAXT hosted an open house meeting led by its management to guide its targets and growth plan for 2024. To elaborate, it targeted total sales growth of 7-9% for its wholesale business, assuming SSSG equal GDP growth + inflation and eight new branches, while its retail unit set a total sales growth target of 7-9% and branch expansion of 106, including 2-3 hypermarkets, 3-5 supermarkets, and 100 mini GoFreshs. Also, it aimed to raise the fresh product mix to 35-40% by 2028, which would support the gross margin of Lotus's.

Expect 4Q23 normalized earnings of THB3.1, an all-time high

We anticipate a 4Q23 core profit of THB3.1b (+81% q-q, 15% y-y) due to sales growth of two units. In particular, we expect 4Q23 SSSG of the wholesale unit at about 3% and its retail business at 5% due to a recovery in consumption and tourist arrivals. Also, it should be attributable to omni-channel sales growth. Meanwhile, the gross margin should increase by 30 bps q-q due to an improved product mix of its two units, especially retail, where the fresh product mix increased. The SG&A-to-sales ratio should decrease by 90 bps q-q and 60 bps y-y due to extendedly low electricity prices, a change in the service hours of Lotus's branches, and the development expenses of its applications booked earlier.

Increase 2023-25E profit to reflect a better-than-expected recovery of Lotus's

We have raised our 2023E core profit to factor in a higher 4Q23E core profit of THB8.6b (+12% y-y) after a better-than-expected recovery of Lotus's. Also, we have increased our 2024-25E normalized earnings to THB10.6b (+24% y-y) and THB12.4b (+17% y-y), respectively.

Maintain BUY rating after raising our TP to THB36 (DCF)

We retain our BUY call at our TP of THB36 as we anticipate continued growth following a format change to focus on fresh products and private labels. Also, we expect omni-channel to jump, cost controls, and synergies between the two units.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	466,082	485,779	511,022	537,998
Net profit	7,697	8,466	10,633	12,471
EPS (THB)	0.73	0.80	1.00	1.18
vs Consensus (%)	-	(0.7)	(5.4)	(4.1)
EBITDA	34,252	34,281	37,203	39,448
Recurring net profit	7,697	8,603	10,633	12,471
Core EPS (THB)	0.73	0.81	1.00	1.18
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	6.4	6.1	5.2
EPS growth (%)	10.4	11.8	23.6	17.3
Core P/E (x)	38.5	34.4	27.9	23.8
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.8	10.5	9.8	9.3
Price/book (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Net debt/Equity (%)	25.7	21.8	23.5	22.8
ROE (%)	2.7	2.9	3.6	4.2



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month			
Absolute (%)	6.7	(8.2)	(33.3)			
Relative to country (%)	4.6	(5.1)	(20.2)			
Mkt cap (USD m)			8,448			
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			7.1			
Free float (%)			15			
Major shareholder		CP	ALL (60%)			
12m high/low (THB)		43.50/25.25				
Issued shares (m)		10,580.32				

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

CPAXT is a leading wholesaler (under Makro). After its retail and space rental units merged under Lotus's, CPAXT achieved synergies from the expertise of Makro in the wholesale business, especially in the food segment, and Lotus's in the retail and space rental unit. In 2023-25, we expect revenue growth of 7% CAGR to THB572b and normalized earnings growth of 21.5% CAGR to THB14b, supported by 1) a recovery in tourism and domestic consumption, which would boost domestic purchasing power, 2) synergies between Makro and Lotus's, 3) the O2O strategy, and 4) the government's economic stimulus.

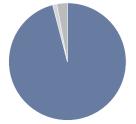
Company profile

Siam Makro Public Company Limited was established in 1988 to operate wholesale businesses throughout Thailand and overseas under the name Makro, selling food and non-food products to registered members, predominantly small and medium-sized businesses, retailers, caterers, professional sectors, and institutions. It also operates a food service that imports and trades frozen and chilled foods, and restaurants and minimarts. In addition, its subsidiaries operate retail businesses and provide mall rental services.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2022)

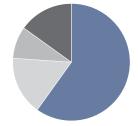
- Sales 95.9 %
- Service income 1.2 %
- Rental and rendering retail services - 2.9 %



Source: CP Axtra

Major shareholders

- CP ALL 59.9 %
- Charoen Pokphand Holdings -16.2 %
- CP Merchandising 8.9 %
- Others 15.1 %



Source: CP Axtra

Catalysts

Potential catalysts for CPAXT include: 1) a faster-thanexpected domestic consumption and tourism recovery; and 2) a speedy turnaround for Lotus's.

Risks to our call

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.

Event calendar

Date	Event
14 Feb 2024	4Q23 results announcement

Key assumptions

MAKRO	2023E	2024E	2025E
SSSG MAKRO (%)	6.0	3.0	3.0
SSSG Lotus-TH (%)	1.0	3.0	3.0
SSSG Lotus-ML (%)	0.0	3.0	3.0
New stores growth (%)	(4.0)	4.5	4.3
GPM (%)	16.1	16.3	16.4
SG&A to revenue (%)	13.3	13.2	13.1

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we estimate 2024 EPS to rise by 0.9% and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in GPM, we estimate 2024 EPS to rise by 3.8% and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A to revenue, we estimate 2024 EPS to fall by 3.9% and vice versa, all else being equal.

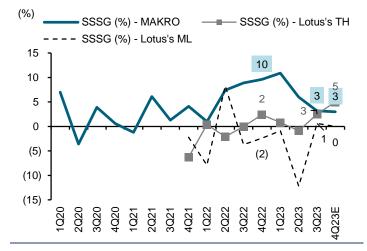
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 1: 4Q23 earnings preview

	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23E	Chan	ge	2023E	Change
Year to Dec 31	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Total revenue	121,995	119,089	120,909	118,837	126,944	7	4	485,779	4
- Retail sales	117,389	114,044	115,980	113,838	121,459	7	3	465,322	4
- Service income	1,165	1,487	1,445	1,405	1,489	6	28	5,825	7
- Rental and rendering services	3,952	3,558	3,484	3,594	3,996	11	1	14,632	9
Gross profit	20,332	19,473	19,001	18,930	20,855	10	3	78,260	2
Operating costs	(16,419)	(16,106)	(16,306)	(16,263)	(16,301)	0	(1)	(64,977)	3
Operating profit	3,913	3,367	2,695	2,667	4,554	71	16	13,283	(3)
Other income	1,386	1,133	703	665	859	29	(38)	3,360	10
EBIT	5,299	4,500	3,398	3,332	5,413	62	2	16,643	(0)
Interest expense	(2,204)	(1,895)	(1,570)	(1,403)	(1,422)	1	(35)	(6,290)	(12)
Profit before tax	3,095	2,605	1,828	1,929	3,991	107	29	10,353	8
Tax	(810)	(647)	(527)	(448)	(966)	116	19	(2,588)	(5)
Associates	175	193	201	185	208	13	19	787	(5)
Minority interests	11	15	14	11	11	(2)	2	51	239
Non-recurring items	(225)	87	(185)	(39)	0	(100)	(100)	(137)	(84)
Reported net profit	2,471	2,166	1,516	1,677	3,107	85	26	8,466	10
Recurring net profit	2,696	2,079	1,701	1,716	3,107	81	15	8,603	12
EPS (THB)	0.23	0.20	0.14	0.16	0.29	85	26	0.80	10
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.25	0.20	0.16	0.16	0.29	81	15	0.81	12
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross profit margin from sales	14.2	14.0	13.5	13.7	14.0	0.3	(0.2)	13.8	(0.4)
Gross profit margin	16.6	16.4	15.7	15.9	16.4	0.5	(0.2)	16.1	(0.3)
Operating margin	3.2	2.8	2.2	2.2	3.6	1.3	0.4	2.7	(0.2)
Recurring net margin	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.4	2.4	1.0	0.2	1.8	0.1
SG&A / Revenue	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.6	12.8	(0.9)	(0.6)	13.3	(0.8)
Operating statistics	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)
SSSG (%) - MAKRO	9.6	10.9	6.0	3.2	3.0	(0.2)	(6.6)	6.0	(0.9)
SSSG (%) - Lotus's TH	2.4	0.8	(0.9)	2.5	5.0	3.4	2.6	1.0	0.8
SSSG (%) - Lotus's ML	(2.4)	(0.9)	(12.2)	0.6	0.0	12.8	2.4	0.0	1.8
Number of stores (Wholesales) (no.)	162	163	163	164	166			166	
Number of stores (Lotus) (no.)	2,643	2,654	2,565	2,525	2,522			2,522	

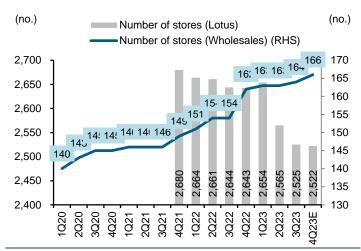
Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Same-store sales growth by BU



Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: Number of stores

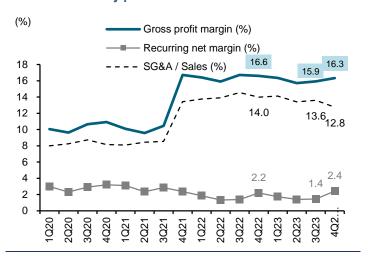


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Exhibit 4: Quarterly revenue and core profit

(THB b) (THB b) Total revenue Recurring net profit (RHS) 140 3.1 120 3.0 100 2.5 2.0 80 60 1.5 40 1.0 20 0.5 0.0 1Q23E 2Q22 3022 4Q22 1Q23 1Q22 1Q21 3021 2021

Exhibit 5: Quarterly profitabilities



Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

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Exhibit 6: Revised up earnings 2023-25

	Current				Previous -		Change		
	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Retail sales (THB m)	485,779	511,022	537,998	485,169	509,925	537,324	0.1	0.2	0.1
SSSG MAKRO (%)	6.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SSSG Lotus-TH (%)	1.0	3.0	3.0	(0.5)	3.0	3.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
SSSG Lotus-ML (%)	0.0	3.0	3.0	(1.0)	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	0.0
New stores growth - MAKRO (%)	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.5	0	0	0
New stores growth - Lotus's (%)	(4.6)	4.5	4.3	(4.4)	4.5	4.4	(0)	(0)	(0)
Gross margin (%)	16.1	16.3	16.4	16.1	16.2	16.3	(0.0)	0.1	0.1
Gross margin - MAKRO (%)	10.6	10.8	10.9	10.7	10.8	10.9	(0.1)	0.0	0.0
Gross margin - Lotus's (%)	18.0	18.3	18.4	18.0	18.3	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
SG&A expenses to total revenues (%)	13.3	13.2	13.1	13.4	13.3	13.2	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Core profit (THB m)	8,603	10,633	12,471	8,221	10,022	11,855	4.6	6.1	5.2

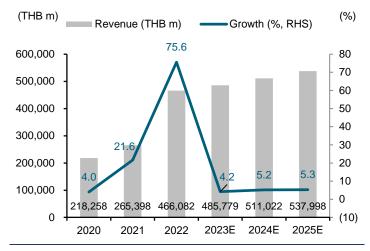
Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: Yearly SSSG by BU



Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: Yearly revenue and growth

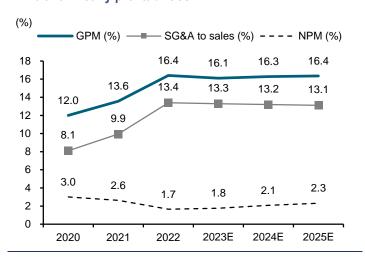


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Exhibit 9: Yearly core profit and growth

(THB m) (%) Core profit (THB m) Growth (%, RHS) 23.6 14,000 25 12,000 20 10,000 15 8,000 10.4 6,000 10 4,000 5 2,000 6,563 6,972 7,697 8,603 10,633 12,471 0 0 2020 2021 2022 2023E 2024E 2025E

Exhibit 10: Yearly profitabilities



Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

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Exhibit 11: 2024 DCF-based valuation

DCF-derived TP	(%)	(THB b)
Discount rate (WACC)	7.1	
Terminal growth	2.0	
NPV		88
Add: terminal value		357
Sum of PV		446
Add: investment		0
Less: debt		70
Less: minorities		0.5
Residual ordinary equity		376
No. of shares (m)		10,580
Residual ordinary equity (THB/share)		36.0

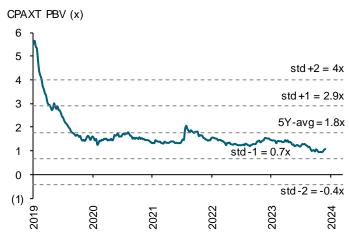
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 12: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 13: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 14: Commerce peers as of 11 January 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	S	hare price)	Market	PE		R	OE	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	54.25	77.00	42	13,896	29.0	24.3	16.0	17.5	4.9	4.4	20.6	17.9
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	BUY	28.00	36.00	29	8,448	34.4	27.9	2.9	3.6	1.0	1.0	10.5	9.8
Berli Jucker*	BJC TB	n/a	26.25	n/a	n/a	3,087	21.5	18.6	4.2	4.6	0.9	0.9	13.2	12.6
Consumer Staple average						25,431	28.3	23.6	7.7	8.6	2.3	2.1	14.8	13.4
Consumer Discretionary														
Com7	COM7 TB	BUY	23.20	30.00	29	1,578	17.7	15.9	41.6	41.7	7.0	6.3	12.5	11.4
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	BUY	38.75	48.00	24	6,664	28.5	24.5	12.6	13.4	3.4	3.1	14.4	12.8
Home Improvement														
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	BUY	23.60	26.70	13	340	17.2	15.5	12.0	12.7	2.0	1.9	8.1	7.4
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	BUY	11.80	16.00	36	4,425	23.6	21.4	26.4	27.7	6.1	5.8	13.9	12.8
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	BUY	15.80	18.00	14	2,254	28.7	26.2	12.1	12.2	3.3	3.1	21.5	19.7
Dohome	DOHOME TB	BUY	10.90	13.00	19	960	56.6	30.3	4.9	8.5	2.7	2.5	25.0	18.4
Home Improvement avg.						7,979	31.5	23.3	13.8	15.3	3.5	3.3	17.1	14.6
Consumer Discretionary avg.						16,220	28.7	22.3	18.3	19.4	4.1	3.8	15.9	13.7
Total average						41,651	28.6	22.7	14.8	15.8	3.5	3.2	15.5	13.6

Sources: *Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

CP Axtra

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	265,398	466,082	485,779	511,022	537,998
Cost of goods sold	(229,384)	(389,588)	(407,519)	(427,815)	(449,984)
Gross profit	36,014	76,494	78,260	83,207	88,014
Other operating income	970	3,050	3,360	3,336	3,477
Operating costs	(26,490)	(62,842)	(64,977)	(67,876)	(71,001)
Operating EBITDA	16,622	34,252	34,281	37,203	39,448
Depreciation	(6,128)	(17,551)	(17,638)	(18,537)	(18,957)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	10,494	16,701	16,643	18,667	20,490
Net financing costs	(1,557)	(7,122)	(6,290)	(5,998)	(6,050)
Associates	(226)	831	787	826	868
Recurring non-operating income	(226)	831	787	826	868
Non-recurring items	6,714	0	(137)	0	0
Profit before tax	15,425	10,411	11,003	13,495	15,308
Tax	(2,128)	(2,729)	(2,588)	(2,914)	(2,888)
Profit after tax	13,298	7,682	8,415	10,582	12,420
Minority interests	389	15	51	51	51
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	13,687	7,697	8,466	10,633	12,471
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(6,714)	0	137	0	0
Recurring net profit	6,972	7,697	8,603	10,633	12,471
Per share (THB)	-,	-,	-,	,	,
Recurring EPS *	0.66	0.73	0.81	1.00	1.18
Reported EPS	1.29	0.73	0.80	1.00	1.18
DPS	0.32	0.73	0.56	0.70	0.83
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	10,580	10,580	10,580	10,580	10,580
Growth	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Revenue (%)	21.6	75.6	4.2	5.2	5.3
Operating EBITDA (%)	32.6	106.1	0.1	8.5	6.0
Operating EBIT (%)	17.2	59.1	(0.3)	12.2	9.8
Recurring EPS (%)	(51.8)	10.4	11.8	23.6	17.3
Reported EPS (%)	(5.4)	(43.8)	10.0	25.6	17.3
Operating performance	(0.1)	(10.0)	10.0	20.0	17.0
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	13.6	16.4	16.1	16.3	16.4
	15.9	20.2	19.7	19.9	19.9
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)					
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	6.3	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.8
Net margin (%)	2.6	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.3
Effective tax rate (%)	23.8	28.5	25.0	23.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	48.6	70.1	68.9	70.0	70.0
Interest cover (X)	6.6	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.5
Inventory days	38.0	34.2	33.4	30.6	30.5
Debtor days	2.2	1.9	2.9	3.9	3.9
Creditor days	72.1	59.9	61.3	64.8	67.2
Operating ROIC (%)	17.7	15.4	16.6	19.2	20.5
ROIC (%)	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.6	4.0
ROE (%)	3.5	2.7	2.9	3.6	4.2
ROA (%)	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
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Revenue by Division (THB m)	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
1 71 0	2021 258,630	2022 447,182	2023E 465,322	2024E 490,153	2025E 515,913
Revenue by Division (THB m)					

Sources: CP Axtra; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

CP Axtra

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Recurring net profit	6,972	7,697	8,603	10,633	12,47
Depreciation	6,128	17,551	17,638	18,537	18,957
Associates & minorities	419	96	0	0	(
Other non-cash items	(191)	(187)	386	(252)	167
Change in working capital	13,416	(4,400)	8,837	5,019	4,296
Cash flow from operations	26,744	20,757	35,463	33,936	35,89
Capex - maintenance Capex - new investment	(93,470)	(15,872)	(26,080)	(26,818)	(27,459
Net acquisitions & disposals	(229,281)	(5,027)	(3,130)	(3,296)	(3,459
Other investments (net)	12,662	815	9,263	(3,189)	3,55
Cash flow from investing	(310,090)	(20,085)	(19,947)	(33,303)	(27,367
Dividends paid	(3,386)	(5,396)	(5,926)	(7,443)	(8,730
Equity finance	176,619	50	185	185	18
Debt finance	168,123	(23,753)	1,445	4,674	(1,825
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	(1,020
Cash flow from financing	341,357	(29,099)	(4,296)	(2,584)	(10,370
Non-recurring cash flows		• •	-	-	•
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Movement in cash	58,011	(28,426)	11,220	(1,951)	(1,846
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(281,788.59)	7,794.01	21,806.62	6,630.29	14,573.38
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(115,221.97)	(23,080.44)	16,960.96	5,306.44	6,698.72
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(26.63)	0.74	2.06	0.63	1.38
FCFE per share	(10.89)	(2.18)	1.60	0.50	0.63
Recurring cash flow per share	1.26	2.38	2.52	2.73	2.99
Salance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Fangible fixed assets (gross)	141,469	148,498	174,578	201,396	228,855
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(23,025) 118,444	(30,383) 118,115	(46,537) 128,041	(63,456) 137,940	(80,666 148,18 9
Fangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	137,940	140,10
ntangible fixed assets (net) _ong-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	14,310	14,961	14,961	14,961	14,96
Cash & equivalents	68,530	40,103	51,323	49,372	47,52
VC receivable	2,301	2,431	5,324	5,600	5,89
nventories	31,967	37,820	33,495	35,163	36,98
Other current assets	7,203	7,001	7,297	7,676	8,08
Current assets	110,001	87,355	97,438	97,811	98,48
Other assets	326,737	328,213	330,082	331,989	333,93
Total assets	569,491	548,643	570,522	582,701	595,57
Common equity	287,997	290,348	293,073	296,447	300,37
Minorities etc.	501	583	531	480	42
Total shareholders' equity	288,498	290,931	293,604	296,928	300,80
Long term debt	105,120	110,025	16,088	104,578	83,64
Other long-term liabilities	57,661	56,925	58,147	59,310	60,49
ong-term liabilities	162,781	166,949	74,235	163,888	144,14
VC payable	60,236	61,818	69,222	76,186	82,60
Short term debt	34,269	4,796	99,179	14,429	32,58
Other current liabilities	23,707	24,148	34,281	31,270	35,44
Current liabilities	118,211	90,763	202,682	121,884	150,62
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	569,490	548,643	570,522	582,701	595,57
Net working capital	(42,472)	(38,715)	(57,388)	(59,017)	(67,081
nvested capital	417,018	422,573	415,695	425,873	430,00
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is b	enig treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	27.22	27.44	27.70	28.02	28.3
Tangible book value per share	27.22	27.44	27.70	28.02	28.3
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	24.6	25.7	21.8	23.5	22.
Net debt/total assets (%)	12.4	13.6	11.2	12.0	11.
Current ratio (x)	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.
CF interest cover (x)	(13.0)	0.0	7.8	6.4	6.
/aluation	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025
Recurring P/E (x) *	42.5	38.5	34.4	27.9	23.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	54.6	49.5	44.3	35.8	30.
Reported P/E (x)	21.6	38.5	35.0	27.9	23.
Dividend yield (%)	1.1	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.
Price/book (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.
Price/tangible book (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.
	22.1	10.8	10.5	9.8	9.
EV/EBITDA (x) **	22.1				
EV/EBITDA (x) ** EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) ** EV/invested capital (x)	27.2 0.9	13.3	13.0 0.9	12.1 0.9	11. 0.

Sources: CP Axtra; FSSIA estimates

CP Axtra PCL (CPAXT TB)



Exhibit 15: FSSIA ESG score implication

59.46 /100

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 16: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA		Domestic 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		
BJC	71.33	Υ	Υ	Υ	4.00	4.00		Medium	55.09	Α		65.19	89.00	2.16			
COM7	61.78		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	47.75	-		52.68	21.00	4.40	43.59		
CPALL	78.53	Υ	Υ	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	47.38	Α	34.00	59.95	82.00	3.74			
CPAXT	59.46				5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	52.81			74.64	63.00	3.80			
CRC	64.49		Y	Υ	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium		BBB		60.98	73.00	2.90	47.27		

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 17: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.80	_
BESG environmental pillar score	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.80	_
BESG social pillar score	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.77	_
BESG governance pillar score	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.84	_
ESG disclosure score	33.03	42.58	50.91	61.55	61.98	62.50	62.50	_
Environmental disclosure score	7.64	17.85	32.89	45.12	48.51	48.51	48.51	_
Social disclosure score	7.68	28.66	29.84	43.29	41.17	42.74	42.74	_
Governance disclosure score	83.59	81.10	89.86	96.12	96.12	96.12	96.12	_
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Climate change opportunities discussed	No							
Risks of climate change discussed	No							
GHG scope 1	_	_	_	50	43	50	66	147
GHG scope 2 location-based	_	_	_	209	220	184	186	571
GHG Scope 3	_	_	_	_	5	58	59	136
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes							
Total energy consumption	_	329	347	730	390	395	419	442
Renewable energy use	_	0	0	0	3	18	36	40
Electricity used	_	_	_	360	377	367	371	390
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 18: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No							
Waste reduction policy	Yes							
Hazardous waste	_	_	_	_	0	0	0	0
Total waste	40	52	61	62	91	62	68	85
Waste recycled	33	37	43	42	70	40	39	59
Waste sent to landfills	7	15	18	20	21	21	26	23
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	Yes							
Water consumption	_	_	_		_	_		994
Social		.,				.,	.,	.,
Human rights policy	Yes							
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No							
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No							
Pct women in workforce	_	55	55	55	55	55	55	52
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	0	0	0
Business ethics policy	Yes							
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes							
Health and safety policy	Yes							
Lost time incident rate - employees	_	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Training policy	Yes							
Fair remuneration policy	No							
Number of employees – CSR	_	13,365	13,786	14,560	15,212	16,108	16,920	23,280
Employee turnover pct	_	36	39	35	31	17	16	42
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	_	_	_	130,626	162,366	231,049	249,570	778,018
Social supply chain management	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance	40	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
Board size	18	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
No. of independent directors (ID)	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
No. of women on board	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2
No. of non-executive directors on board	10	7 Van	7 Vaa	7 Vaa	7 Vaa	13 Van	13 Van	13
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes							
No. of board meetings for the year	4	4	5	7	6	9	13	7 99
Board dynation (years)	83 3	95 3	92 3	94 3	96 3	99 3	98	
Board duration (years)							3 No.	3 No
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No 51	No 50	No 53	No 54	No 52	No 54	No
Age of the youngest director	48	51	52	53	54	53	54	_
Age of the oldest director	79	80	81	82	83	78 6	79 6	7
No. of executives / company managers	12 2	12 2	13	11	11	1		
No. of female executives			3	3	2 N-		2	1 N-
Executive share ownership guidelines Size of audit committee	No 5	No 5	No 5	No 5	No 3	No 3	No 3	No 3
No. of ID on audit committee	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3
Audit mosting attendance %	5	5	5	5	5	8	11	100
Audit meeting attendance %	96	_	92	96	100	100	100	100
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	1	3	2	2	4	2	3	2
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	1	3	2	2	4	2	3	2
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sustainability governance								
Verification type	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodolog	IY				Rating							
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	process base from the ann	ed on the con rual S&P Glob	npanies' Total oal Corporate	Sustainability Sustainability	omponent selection Scores resulting Assessment (CSA). 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 Investment List (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing bu Candidates in 1) no irregulation of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) indeferrongdoing	usiness with to must pass the ar trading of the shareholders ome key disquered ependent direct related to CG	ransparency in the preemptive of the board mension, and combinulalifying critectors and freed, social & environments.	n Governance criteria, with two hers and exe ed holding muria include: 1) float violation; ironmental imp	ocial issues by , updated annually. ro crucial conditions: cutives; and 2) free st be >15% of paid- CG score of below 3) executives' pacts; 4) equity in in the last 5 years.	To be eligible for THSI inclusion, 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. SETTHSI Index 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 at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.							
by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by the Thailand (SE	the Thai IOD,	with support Its are from th	ole developme from the Stock e perspective		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	treatment and transparent and tof five the criteria cover date (45%), circulation of sexercised. The and verifiability	e incorporate and sufficientl e CG compor r AGM procec and after the ufficient informa e second assess r; and 3) openno	d into busines ly disclosed. A nents to be ev dures before t meeting (10% ation for voting; ses 1) the ease ess for Q&A. Th	All form imports aluated annua he meeting (48 b). (The first assumed 2) facilitating of attending mee	and information is ant elements of two illy. The assessment 5%), at the meeting seses 1) advance how voting rights can be tings; 2) transparency the meeting minutes that	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.							
Thai CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC)	establishmen policies. The (Companies d Declaration of Certification, in managers and	nt of key cont e Certification eciding to becon Intent to kick of acluding risk ass employees, es	rols, and the is good for the me a CAC certified an 18-month of the sessment, in place	monitoring and ree years. ied member stan leadline to submi ce of policy and rhistleblowing ch	t the CAC Checklist for control, training of	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	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								is scored.				
	information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality & peer reviews.					NEGL 0-10	Low 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+			
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explain over-weighti	outperform of of financial m of future risk-a	over the long to nateriality including the second digusted perforith higher ma	uding informati rmance. Mater	are better nodology considers on that significantly iality is applied by balancing these	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.							
MSCI					agement of financially reir exposure to ESG ris					nethodology to			
	AAA	8.571-10.00	00	andarı	looding ito industry in m		anificant FCC si						
	AA	7.143-8.57	0	.eader:	leading its industry in ma	anaging the most si	gnilicant ESG n	sks and opportunitie	es .				
	Α	5.714-7.14											
	BBB	4.286-5.71	3 A	verage:	industry peers	nal track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to							
	ВВ	2.857-4.28											
	В	1.429-2.85	L	aggard:	lagging its industry base	sed on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks							
	ccc	0.000-1.42	8										
Moody's ESG solutions	believes that	t a company i	ntegrating ES	G factors into	ke into account ESG of its business model and edium to long term.								
Refinitiv ESG rating	based on pu	blicly availabl	le and auditab	le data. The s	company's relative ES core ranges from 0 to 2 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 =	100 on relative E	SG performan	ice and insufficie	nt degree of t				
	TI 000001	obal ESG Sco			ring a company's perforication. The score range		•	of ESG risks, opp	portunities, an	nd impacts			
S&P Global		its peers with	nin the same i	madelly cladell		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.							
S&P Global Bloomberg	compared to	its peers with	Bloomberg score is bas	score evaluati sed on Bloomb	ng the company's aggr perg's view of ESG fina	ncial materiality.	The score is a	a weighted gener	alized mean ((power mean)			

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Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	THB 38.75	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a decline in domestic purchasing power, 2) lower-than-expected tourist arrivals, 3) an absence of the government's stimulus, and 4) a slower-than-expected economic recovery in Vietnam.
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	THB 23.60	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 11.80	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.
Dohome PCL	DOHOME TB	THB 10.90	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 EI Nino.
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	THB 15.80	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.

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