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**FSSIA ESG rating** 





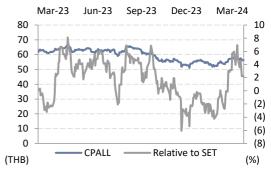
TARGET PRICE THB77.00 **CLOSE UP/DOWNSIDE PRIOR TP CHANGE IN TP** 

# UNCHANGED

THB56.25 +36.9% THB77.00 **UNCHANGED TP vs CONSENSUS** +5.1%

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	895,281	949,172	999,896	1,049,860
Net profit	18,482	21,037	24,588	27,795
EPS (THB)	2.06	2.34	2.74	3.09
vs Consensus (%)	-	(1.3)	0.7	1.8
EBITDA	52,942	57,596	65,852	73,655
Recurring net profit	18,136	21,037	24,588	27,795
Core EPS (THB)	2.02	2.34	2.74	3.09
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	4.7	1.1	nm
EPS growth (%)	36.6	16.0	16.9	13.0
Core P/E (x)	27.9	24.0	20.6	18.2
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.1	18.9	16.3	14.3
Price/book (x)	5.0	4.5	4.1	3.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	119.4	119.4	108.0	95.2
ROE (%)	17.1	18.1	19.3	19.7



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	2.3	4.2	(8.2)
Relative to country (%)	2.3	4.7	3.6
Mkt cap (USD m)			14,045
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			34.3
Free float (%)			58
Major shareholder		CP Gro	oup (35%)
12m high/low (THB)		6	7.75/50.50
Issued shares (m)			8,983.10

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

# 1Q24 set to see continued growth in all three units

- Management targets continued growth in 2024 with a 0.2% y-y rise in GPM.
- Raise our 2024-26E core profit by 5%, 1%, and 2%, respectively to reflect an above-estimate GPM from CVS.
- Maintain BUY call at our TP of THB77.

# Targeting continued growth in 2024

The analyst meeting ended on a slightly bullish note. The SSSG remained positive. The high gross margin extended due to a change in the product mix, with higher ready-to-eat (RTE) and lower low-margin cigarettes. Management sets its 2024 SSSG target at 3-5%, in line with GDP growth and inflation forecasts, and aims for a higher CVS gross margin of 0.2% y-y.

# 2024 strategy: Branch expansion and improvement, O2O, and F&B product development

CPALL plans to improve outlets to make them more appealing to target customers through three new concepts. First is Convenience Food by increasing premium products and focusing more on RTE, such as All select premium coffee at All café. Second is Convenience Mart, focusing on dried and frozen food and larger pack sizes. Third is Convenience HBW (ALLife), which emphasizes health-and-beauty-related personal and healthcare products. Also, CPALL has other initiatives, such as a 7-Community format with a car park and rented shops on site, All select premium coffee, co-branded RTE with renowned chefs, Japanese and Korean RTE menu expansion, and 7-Eleven exclusive.

# Raise our profit estimate by 1-5% to reflect above-estimate 2023

We have increased our 2024-26E core profit by 1-5% to factor in the higher-than-expected 2023 brought on by an above-estimate gross margin from CVS. Our 2024-26E core profit implies growth of 16%, 17%, and 13%, respectively. In 1Q24, we anticipate a y-y growth, supported by continued positive SSSG in all three units, with an expected 3-4% from CVS and 4-5% from wholesale and retail.

#### Retain BUY call at our TP of THB77

We maintain our BUY rating at our TP of THB77. In the short term, we expect an extended growth in 2024, in line with tourism and domestic consumption recoveries and O2O growth. We project a three-year average core profit growth of 15% CAGR for 2024-26. Additionally, CPALL trades at an attractive valuation of 24x 2024E P/E, its five-year historical average -2SD.



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#### Investment thesis

CPALL is the #1 convenience store (CVS) operator in Thailand. It is expanding rapidly and has set foot in Cambodia and Laos. At end-2Q23, it has 14,545 branches in Thailand, 82 in Cambodia, and three in Laos.

After the consolidation of CPAXT (BUY, 2024 TP THB36), in which it holds a 59.9% stake, CPALL has three main units. They include CVS, wholesale, and retail.

We believe CPALL will benefit from domestic consumption recovery and the government's measures to stimulate domestic purchasing power. We project a 2024-26 core profit growth of 15% 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 cash-and-carry business under MAKRO.

www.cpall.co.th



Source: CP All

# **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
May 2024	1Q24 results announcement

# **Key assumptions**

■ Others - 64.7 %

CPALL	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
SSSG CVS (%)	5.5	3.0	3.0	3.0
SSSG Makro (%)	5.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
SSSG Lotus-TH (%)	2.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
SSSG Lotus-ML (%)	(2.5)	3.0	3.0	3.0
New stores - CVS (no.)	707	700	700	700
GPM - CVS (%)	28.2	28.4	28.6	28.7
SG&A to sales	20.1	20.0	20.0	20.0

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we estimate 2024 EPS to rise 1.3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in GPM, we estimate 2024 EPS to rise 3.0%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A to revenue, we estimate 2024 EPS to fall 3.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

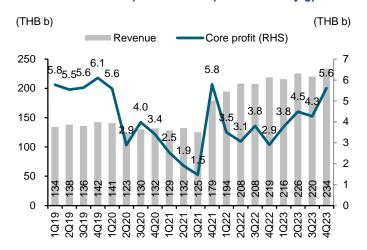
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Exhibit 1: 4Q23 results summary and 2024 forecast

	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	Cha	nge	2023	2024E	Change
Year to Dec 31	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Revenue	218,863	215,895	225,603	220,051	233,732	6	7	895,281	949,172	6
COGS	(171,615)	(168,983)	(176,041)	(172,085)	(181,901)	6	6	(699,010)	(740,991)	6
Gross profit	47,248	46,913	49,561	47,966	51,831	8	10	196,271	208,181	6
Other income	6,548	6,125	6,399	6,215	6,821	10	4	25,560	27,967	9
Operating costs	(44,398)	(43,178)	(45,867)	(44,486)	(46,381)	4	4	(179,912)	(190,196)	6
Operating profit	9,397	9,859	10,094	9,695	12,272	27	31	41,920	45,951	10
FX gain (loss)	231	352	(51)	161	(116)	(172)	(150)	346	0	(100)
Interest expense	(4,747)	(4,408)	(4,145)	(3,995)	(4,010)	0	(16)	(16,558)	(16,185)	(2)
Profit before tax	4,651	5,451	5,949	5,700	8,262	45	78	25,362	29,766	17
Tax	(996)	(1,043)	(1,073)	(970)	(1,517)	56	52	(4,602)	(5,401)	17
Equity income	175	193	201	185	168	(9)	(4)	746	826	11
Minority interests	(923)	(831)	(588)	(651)	(1,300)	100	41	(3,370)	(4,155)	23
Non-recurring items	231	352	(51)	161	(116)	(172)	(150)	346	0	(100)
Reported net profit	3,138	4,123	4,438	4,424	5,497	24	75	18,482	21,037	14
Recurring net profit	2,907	3,771	4,490	4,264	5,612	32	93	18,136	21,037	16
EPS (THB)	0.35	0.46	0.49	0.49	0.61	24	75	2.06	2.34	2
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.32	0.42	0.50	0.47	0.62	32	93	2.02	2.34	13
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin-overall	21.6	21.7	22.0	21.8	22.2	0.4	0.6	21.9	21.9	0.0
Gross margin-CVS	27.6	27.9	28.4	27.9	28.7	0.7	1.0	28.2	28.4	0.2
Operating margin	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	5.3	0.8	1.0	4.7	4.8	0.2
Recurring net margin	1.3	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.4	0.5	1.1	2.0	2.2	0.2
SG&A / Sales	20.3	20.0	20.3	20.2	19.8	(0.4)	(0.4)	20.1	20.0	(0.1)
Operating statistics						(q-q%)	(y-y%)			(y-y%)
Expansion (no.)	178	209	168	176	154	(13)	(13)	707	700	(1)
Outstanding store (no.)	13,838	14,047	14,215	14,391	14,545	1.1	5.1	14,545	15,245	5
Average daily sales/store (THB)	76,659	78,735	83,558	79,308	79,308	0.0	3.5	80,837	n/a	
Spending per ticker (THB)	84	84	84	82	83	1.2	(1.2)	83	n/a	
Daily customer/store (no.)	916	941	995	959	959	0.0	4.7	965	n/a	
SSSG CVS (%)	14.5	8.0	7.9	3.5	3.6			5.5	3.0	
SSSG - MAKRO (%)	9.6	10.9	6.0	3.2	1.7			5.3	3.0	
SSSG - Lotus's TH (%)	2.4	0.8	(0.9)	2.5	5.8			2.1	3.0	
SSSG - Lotus's ML (%)	(2.4)	(0.9)	(12.2)	0.6	3.6			(2.5)	3.0	

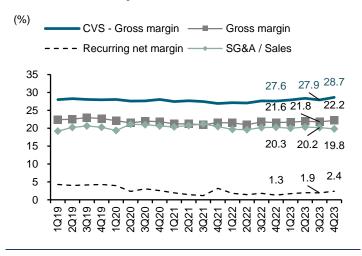
Sources: CPALL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: 4Q23 an impressive core profit driven by gpm-cvs



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**Exhibit 3: Profitability** 

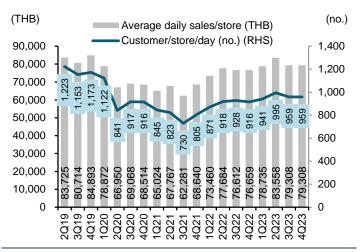


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Exhibit 4: Achieve expansion target of 707 stores



**Exhibit 5: Store performance** 



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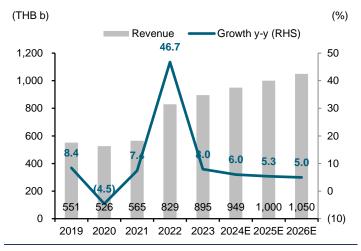
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Exhibit 6: Revised up a core profit 2024-26E by 1-5% to factor in the higher-than-expected 2023 earnings

	Actual	Current				Previous		Change			
	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
Revenues (THB m)	895,281	949,172	999,896	1,049,860	957,661	1,025,491	1,097,047	(0.9)	(2.5)	(4.3)	
SSSG CVS (%)	5.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	
SSSG MAKRO (%)	6.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SSSG Lotus-TH (%)	1.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SSSG Lotus-ML (%)	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	
CVS Gross margin (%)	28.2	28.4	28.6	28.7	28.2	28.4	28.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	
Consolidated GPM (%)	21.9	21.9	22.2	22.4	21.8	22.1	22.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	
No. of new stores	707	700	700	700	700	700	700	0	0	0	
SG&A to sales (%)	20.1	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.1	20.1	20.1	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	
Core profit (THB m)	18,136	21,037	24,588	27,795	20,089	24,313	27,214	4.7	1.1	2.1	

Sources: CPALL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: Revenue and growth



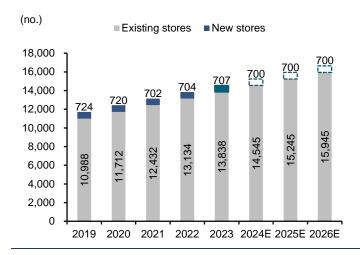
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Exhibit 8: Core profit and growth



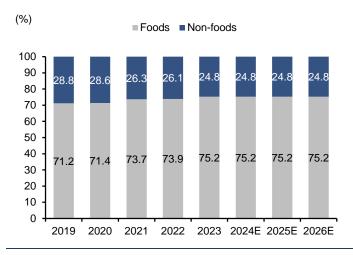
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# **Exhibit 9: Store expansion**



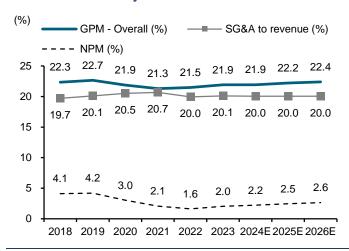
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#### Exhibit 11: Product sales mix



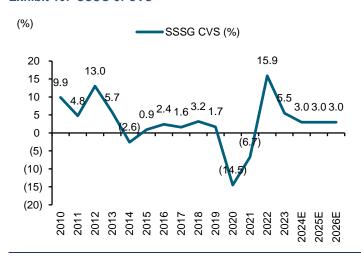
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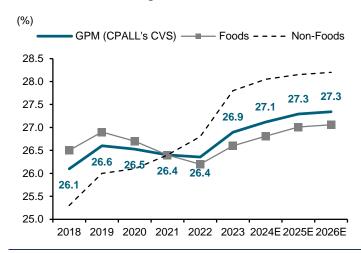
Sources: CPALL; FSSIA estimates

**Exhibit 10: SSSG of CVS** 



Sources: CPALL; FSSIA estimates

#### **Exhibit 12: Product margin**



Note: excl. T&E Sources: CPALL; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 14: Strong balance sheet



Note: excl lease liability Sources: CPALL; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 15: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 16: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 17: Commerce peers as of 18 March 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	S	hare price	·	Market	F	'E	R	DE	PE	3V	- EV/ EB	ITDA -
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Consumer Staple														
CP AII	CPALL TB	BUY	56.25	77.00	37	14,045	24.0	20.6	18.1	19.3	4.5	4.1	18.9	16.3
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	BUY	32.75	36.00	10	9,631	32.6	27.8	3.6	4.2	1.2	1.2	11.9	11.3
Berli Jucker*	BJC TB	n/a	25.50	n/a	n/a	2,805	18.1	17.1	4.6	4.9	0.8	8.0	12.1	11.5
Consumer Staple average						26,481	24.9	21.8	8.8	9.4	2.2	2.0	14.4	13.2
Consumer Discretionary						,	•	•		•			·	
Com7	COM7 TB	BUY	19.00	30.00	58	1,260	13.0	12.1	41.7	40.3	5.1	4.6	9.4	8.7
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	BUY	37.25	44.00	18	6,244	24.9	22.3	12.9	13.3	3.1	2.8	10.4	9.7
Home Improvement														
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	BUY	21.60	26.70	24	303	14.1	13.0	12.7	13.1	1.8	1.7	6.9	6.2
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	BUY	11.00	13.60	24	4,021	21.2	20.0	26.1	26.4	5.4	5.1	12.3	11.7
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	BUY	17.00	17.70	4	2,458	28.8	25.6	12.3	13.0	3.4	3.2	22.1	19.9
Dohome	DOHOME TB	BUY	11.40	12.30	8	1,023	36.1	28.1	7.7	9.3	2.7	2.5	18.2	15.9
Home Improvement avg.						7,805	25.0	21.7	14.7	15.4	3.3	3.1	14.9	13.4
Consumer Discretionary avg.						15,309	23.0	20.2	18.9	19.2	3.6	3.3	13.2	12.0
Total average						41,790	23.6	20.7	15.5	16.0	3.1	2.9	13.6	12.4

Sources: \*Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

CP All

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	829,099	895,281	949,172	999,896	1,049,860
Cost of goods sold	(651,100)	(699,010)	(740,991)	(777,782)	(814,613)
Gross profit	177,999	196,271	208,181	222,114	235,247
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Operating costs	(165,414)	(179,912)	(190,196)	(200,405)	(210,406)
Operating EBITDA	49,129	52,942	57,596	65,852	73,655
Depreciation	(36,544)	(36,582)	(39,611)	(44,143)	(48,814)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	12,585	16,359	17,985	21,709	24,841
Net financing costs	(16,549)	(16,090)	(15,639)	(16,078)	(16,421)
Associates	831	746	826	868	911
Recurring non-operating income	24,055	25,839	28,247	30,177	32,043
Non-recurring items	(9)	346	0	0	0
Profit before tax	20,082	26,454	30,593	35,808	40,463
Tax	(3,861)	(4,602)	(5,401)	(6,340)	(7,177)
Profit after tax	16,221	21,852	25,191	29,468	33,286
Minority interests	(2,949)	(3,370)	(4,155)	(4,880)	(5,491)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	13,272	18,482	21,037	24,588	27,795
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	9	(346)	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	13,281	18,136	21,037	24,588	27,795
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.48	2.02	2.34	2.74	3.09
Reported EPS	1.48	2.06	2.34	2.74	3.09
DPS	0.75	1.00	1.17	1.37	1.55
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	8,983	8,983	8,983	8,983	8,983
Growth					
Revenue (%)	46.7	8.0	6.0	5.3	5.0
Operating EBITDA (%)	76.0	7.8	8.8	14.3	11.8
Operating EBIT (%)	267.8	30.0	9.9	20.7	14.4
Recurring EPS (%)	13.5	36.6	16.0	16.9	13.0
Reported EPS (%)	2.2	39.3	13.8	16.9	13.0
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	21.5	21.9	21.9	22.2	22.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	25.9	26.0	26.1	26.6	27.1
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.6	7.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.4
Net margin (%)	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.6
Effective tax rate (%)	20.0	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	50.7	49.5	50.0	50.0	50.0
Interest cover (X)	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.5
Inventory days	32.3	31.9	30.7	30.8	30.7
Debtor days	7.9	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.5
Creditor days	85.0	84.7	77.5	71.1	72.8
Operating ROIC (%)	7.4	10.2	10.6	11.9	14.5
ROIC (%)	4.2	5.0	5.3	5.8	6.4
ROE (%)	13.0	17.1	18.1	19.3	19.7
ROA (%)	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.5	4.9
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales	829,099	895,281	949,172	999,896	1,049,860
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Sources: CP All; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

CP All

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Recurring net profit	13,281	18,136	21,037	24,588	27,79
Depreciation	36,544	36,582	39,611	44,143	48,81
associates & minorities	2,118	2,624	3,328	4,012	4,58
Other non-cash items	- (400)	-	- (00.004)	-	
Change in working capital	(180)	12,711	(26,001)	6,064	6,39
cash flow from operations	51,763	70,053	37,975	78,808	87,58
Capex - maintenance	0 (38,421)	0 (36,964)	0 (41,877)	0 (43,180)	(44,524
Capex - new investment let acquisitions & disposals	(633)	,	(41,877)	(43, 180)	(44,524
Other investments (net)	(3,773)	(448) (6,574)	(3,159)	(5,769)	(5,036
Cash flow from investing	(42,827)	(43,987)	(45,029)	(48,908)	(49,484
Dividends paid	(6,737)	(8,983)	(10,518)	(12,294)	(13,897
Equity finance	(12,001)	(2,347)	0	0	(10,001
Debt finance	(15,440)	(19,310)	19,589	(15,528)	(22,062
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	,,,,,
cash flow from financing	(34,179)	(30,640)	9,071	(27,822)	(35,960
Ion-recurring cash flows	0	0	0	0	•
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Novement in cash	(25,243)	(4,574)	2,017	2,078	2,14
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	25,767.66	42,623.96	9,131.20	46,539.40	55,099.5
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(6,504.42)	6,756.51	12,535.34	14,371.62	16,037.2
Per share (THB)					
CFF per share	2.87	4.74	1.02	5.18	6.1
CFE per share	(0.72)	0.75	1.40	1.60	1.7
Recurring cash flow per share	5.78	6.38	7.12	8.10	9.0
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
angible fixed assets (gross) ess: Accumulated depreciation	307,562	319,191 (105,399)	358,743	399,482 (184,388)	441,44
angible fixed assets (net)	(94,152) <b>213,410</b>	213,792	(142,686) <b>216,057</b>	215,094	(230,639 <b>210,80</b>
ntangible fixed assets (net)	360,641	360,641	360,641	360,641	360,64
ong-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	300,0
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	15,957	16,768	17,587	18,414	19,25
Cash & equivalents	71,891	67,317	69,334	71,411	73,55
VC receivable	18,633	18,734	19,861	20,923	21,96
nventories	58,183	57,501	60,543	63,117	65,65
Other current assets	249	247	262	276	29
Current assets	148,955	143,798	150,000	155,727	161,46
Other assets	185,097	191,492	198,347	205,544	213,10
otal assets	924,061	926,491	942,632	955,420	965,25
Common equity	100,724	110,995	121,514	133,808	147,70
finorities etc.	189,577	190,600	194,754	199,634	205,12
otal shareholders' equity	290,301	301,595	316,268	333,442	352,83
ong term debt	393,871	353,745	422,602	379,105	383,36
Other long-term liabilities	32,446	32,954	34,937	36,804	38,64
ong-term liabilities	426,317	386,699	457,540	415,910	422,01
√C payable	147,682	159,811	137,980	147,680	157,65
Short term debt	52,965	73,781	24,513	52,483	26,15
Other current liabilities	6,796	4,604	6,331	5,906	6,60
Current liabilities	207,443	238,197	168,824	206,068	190,41
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	924,061	926,491	942,632	955,420	965,25
let working capital	(77,413)	(87,935)	(63,645)	(69,270)	(76,34
nvested capital	697,693	694,759	728,988	730,423	727,44
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	ng treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	10.10	11.25	12.42	13.79	15.3
angible book value per share	(30.04)	(28.90)	(27.73)	(26.36)	(24.8
inancial strength					
let debt/equity (%)	129.2	119.4	119.4	108.0	95
let debt/total assets (%)	40.6	38.9	40.1	37.7	34
Current ratio (x)	0.7	0.6	0.9	8.0	0
CF interest cover (x)	2.9	3.7	4.5	4.6	4
'aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Recurring P/E (x) *	38.0	27.9	24.0	20.6	18
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	52.1	38.1	32.9	28.1	24
,	38.1	27.3	24.0	20.6	18
Reported P/E (x)		1.8	2.1	2.4	2
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1.3				
Reported P/E (x) Dividend yield (%) Price/book (x)	1.3 5.6	5.0	4.5	4.1	3
Dividend yield (%)	5.6				
Dividend yield (%) Price/book (x)		5.0 (1.9) 20.1	4.5 (2.0) 18.9	4.1 (2.1) 16.3	(2.
oividend yield (%) Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x)	5.6 (1.9)	(1.9)	(2.0)	(2.1)	3 (2. 14 16

Sources: CP All; FSSIA estimates

# **CP All PCL (CPALL TB)**



# Exhibit 18: FSSIA ESG score implication

78.53 /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 19: 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	Y	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	3.77			
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 20: 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	1.45	2.14	2.35	2.64	3.62	4.51	3.79	3.74
BESG environmental pillar score	0.67	1.58	1.62	2.24	4.32	5.59	2.56	_
BESG social pillar score	1.22	1.97	2.23	2.52	3.28	4.57	4.82	_
BESG governance pillar score	2.87	3.08	3.40	3.27	3.50	3.45	3.48	_
ESG disclosure score	41.90	53.95	56.31	59.53	65.34	65.74	66.17	_
Environmental disclosure score	29.02	45.09	45.42	47.39	52.73	56.12	56.78	_
Social disclosure score	33.19	35.55	36.03	43.74	55.83	53.66	54.29	_
Governance disclosure score	63.40	81.10	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36	87.36	_
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes							
Climate change policy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No							
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	11	8	9	13	13	11	324	435
GHG scope 2 location-based	1,011	1,124	1,058	1,273	1,216	1,177	1,454	1,555
GHG Scope 3	_	_	_	_	1,275	1,413	13,132	13,192
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	Yes						
Energy efficiency policy	Yes							
Total energy consumption	1,784	1,994	2,293	2,425	2,541	3,405	3,340	3,717
Renewable energy use	0	0	1	4	4	4	52	135
Electricity used	1,737	1,930	2,019	2,191	2,390	3,255	3,181	3,504
Fuel used - natural gas	64	441	1,050	1,423	1,554	59,257	57,213	13,143

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 21: 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	No	No	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total waste	13	22	74	135	174	82	219	208
Waste recycled	0	0	27	83	120	70	110	140
Waste sent to landfills	11	18	41	45	46	48	51	54
Environmental supply chain management	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	_	_	_	_	_	15,199	14,470	17,393
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Pct women in workforce	65	66	66	64	61	65	64	65
Pct disabled in workforce	1	1	_	_	1	0	1	1
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Number of employees – CSR	63,654	71,072	75,842	92,692	122,894	191,480	190,008	167,401
Employee turnover pct	47	49	44	42	42	34	40	59
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	_	_	_	2,360,870	2,725,790	3,620,890	3,929,370	5,055,510
Social supply chain management	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance								
Board size	15	15	15	15	15	15	16	16
No. of independent directors (ID)	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6
No. of women on board	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
No. of non-executive directors on board	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	11	7	6	8	7	10	9	8
Board meeting attendance pct	82	86	90	90	95	98	99	95
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director	51	52	53	54	52	53	54	55
Age of the oldest director	83	84	85	80	81	82	83	84
No. of executives / company managers	14	15	18	18	16	15	13	11
No. of female executives	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	3
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No.	No	No	No
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	11	13	12	12	12	13	13	12
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	100	97	100	100	100	100
Size of compensation committee	<b>0</b>	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	_	<b>-</b> 2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee	_	1	3	3	4	2	3	3
	_	75	100	3 89	92	100		3 100
Compensation meeting attendance %	0	75 <b>4</b>	100 <b>3</b>	89 <b>3</b>	92 <b>3</b>	100 <b>3</b>	100 <b>3</b>	
Size of nomination committee	U							3
No. of nomination committee meetings	_	1	3	3	4	100	3	100
Nomination meeting attendance %		75	100	89	92	100	100	100
Sustainability governance								

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 bas from the ani	ed on the comp nual S&P Globa	rransparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabili al Corporate Sustainabilit anies within each industry	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) List (THSI) The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing b Candidates 1) no irregul float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing	usiness with tra must pass the lar trading of the shareholders, some key disque ependent direct related to CG,	lity in Environmental and ansparency in Governance preemptive criteria, with e board members and ex and combined holding malifying criteria include: 1 tors and free float violatice social & environmental in arnings in red for > 3 year	ce, updated annually. two crucial conditions: eccutives; and 2) free nust be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' mpacts; 4) equity in	To be eligible for <b>THSI inclusion</b> , 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 a maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.					
CG Score by Thai nstitute of Directors Association Thai IOD)	annually by Thailand (SI	the Thai IOD, v	n in sustainable developn with support from the Sto s are from the perspectiv s.	ck Exchange of	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 nvestors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	treatment at transparent out of five th criteria cove date (45%), circulation of exercised. The and verifiabiliti	re incorporated and sufficiently ne CG componer AGM procedu and after the nesufficient informate second assessey; and 3) opennes	thich shareholders' rights into business operations or disclosed. All form impoents to be evaluated annures before the meeting (neeting (10%). (The first at ion for voting; and 2) facilitations of attending mess for Q&A. The third involves, resolutions and voting res	s and information is ortant elements of two ually. The assessment (45%), at the meeting ssesses 1) advance ing how voting rights can be eetings; 2) transparency is the meeting minutes that			o four categories: · (80-89), and not		, ,,	
Final CAC By Thai Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption CAC)	establishme policies. The (Companies of Declaration of Certification, i managers and	ent of key control  Certification is  deciding to become  Intent to kick off  Including risk asse	Checklist include corruptions, and the monitoring as good for three years. See a CAC certified member at an 18-month deadline to subsessment, in place of policy are ablishment of whistleblowing at stakeholders.)	nd developing of  art by submitting a  mit the CAC Checklist for ad 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	based on ar risk is unma	n assessment of naged. Sources	sk rating provides an ove of how much of a compan to be reviewed include corporer rer media, NGO reports/webs	ny's exposure to ESG orate publications and	more risk is un	managed, the	score is the sum higher ESG risk	is scored.		
	information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality & peer reviews.				<b>NEGL</b> 0-10	<b>Low</b> 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+	
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explai over-weight	o outperform ov of financial ma n future risk-ad	ustainable companies the ver the long term. The ma ateriality including informa- ljusted performance. Mat th higher materiality and it thy basis.	ethodology considers ation that significantly teriality is applied by	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>			neasure a company's ma						nethodology to	
	AAA	8.571-10.000	) Leader:	leading its industry in ma	anaging the most s	ignificant ESC ri	eke and apportunitie	ne.		
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	Α	5.714-7.142		a mixed or unaversalism	and the second second second of an access to the second se					
	BBB	4.286-5.713	-	a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative industry peers						
	ВВ	2.857-4.285								
	В	1.429-2.856	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high expos	ure and failure to	o manage significar	t ESG risks		
	CCC	0.000-1.428			-::	-C-141- · · ·		Table to an an an		
loody's ESG olutions	believes tha	t a company in	ree to which companies to tegrating ESG factors into the result of the r	to its business model and						
Refinitiv ESG ating	based on pu	ıblicly available	and objectively measure and auditable data. The a publicly. (Score ratings a	score ranges from 0 to	100 on relative E	SG performar	nce and insufficie	nt degree of ti		
S&P Global			re is a relative score mea in the same industry clas				of ESG risks, op	portunities, an	d impacts	
Bloomberg	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.									

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
CP All	CPALL TB	THB 56.25	BUY	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.
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	THB 32.75	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 19.00	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) lower consumption and domestic purchasing power, 2) store cannibalization, and 3) product shortages.
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	THB 37.25	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 21.60	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; and 3) a higher-than-expected SG&A.
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	THB 11.00	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) slower-than-expected recovery in domestic consumption and tourist arrivals, and 3) operating losses from overseas units.
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	THB 17.00	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP are 1) lower farm income, 2) a delay in government disbursement, 3) decreased private brand exposure and its lower gross margin, 4) higher-than-expected expenses, and 5) a larger-than-expected impact of the El Nino.
Dohome PCL	DOHOME TB	THB 11.40	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) lower farm income, 2) a delay in government disbursement, 3) a decreased private brand exposure and its lower margins, 4) higher-than-expected expenses, and 5) a higher-than-expected impact of the El Nino.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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

BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

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\* 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.

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