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BUY

UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB43.00
CLOSE	THB31.25
UP/DOWNSIDE	+37.6%
PRIOR TP	THB48.00
CHANGE IN TP	-10.4%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+7.2%

Solid demand drives 1Q24E margin

- Solid packaging demand in ASEAN should lead to a strong quarter in 1Q24. We expect a core profit of THB1.4b (+8% q-q, +34% y-y).
- Following our downward earnings revision, we project SCGP's core profit to rise by 17%/19%/8% in 2024-26.
- Reiterate a BUY call with our new TP of THB43.

Expect a solid quarter in 1Q24 with strong packaging demand

The overall packaging demand continued its strong momentum in every economy during 1Q24, driven by the solid domestic consumption in ASEAN, particularly in FMCG, the F&B segment, e-commerce activities, and the recovery of the tourism sector. We expect SCGP to report a strong quarter in 1Q24, with core profit growth of 8% q-q and 34% y-y reaching THB1.4b. This would be attributable to the improved sales volumes and selling prices of its packaging paper and fibrous businesses, together with its efficient cost management. The 1Q24 EBITDA margin should expand to 14.4% from 14.1% in 4Q23.

Less stiff competition leads to increased prices in IPB and FB

The improved demand has allowed for increased selling prices in almost every region, compensating for the higher raw material and energy costs, especially in the Indonesian market where the recovery was the slowest. The selling prices in the Indonesian market rose nearly 10% from their bottom in October 2023 along with the improved domestic demand and exports to China. We anticipate that Fajar's EBITDA could turn positive in 1Q24 – one quarter sooner than expected after posting an EBITDA margin of only -2% in 4Q23, helping the overall integrated packaging business (IPB) (75% of total revenue in 2023). The fibrous business (FB) (20% of 2023 revenue) is seeing continually increasing prices on the low global inventory level and rising demand in ASEAN.

Trim forecast to reflect our too-aggressive assumptions

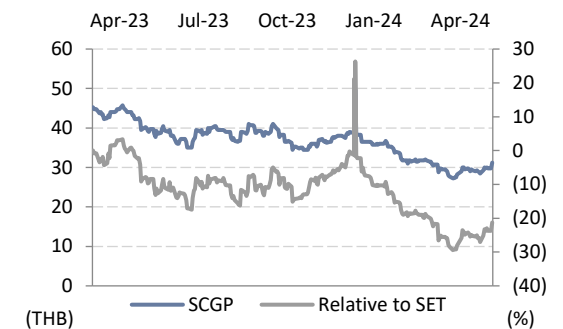
We believe that SCGP's core operations bottomed out in 3Q23 and a gradual recovery began in 4Q23, which should accelerate in 2024. However, we cut our 2024-26 core profit forecast by 11%/10%/5%, toning down our too-aggressive assumptions mainly by trimming the IPB selling price and increasing the interest expense. Our new estimates assume core profit growth of 17%/19%/8% (or +13% CAGR) in 2024-26.

Undemanding valuations; maintain BUY call

Following our downward revision, we derive a new DCF-based TP of THB43.0 (10.7% WACC, 3.1% LTG), down from the previous TP of THB48.0. This implies 13x 2024E EV/EBITDA, equal to its four-year average. We reiterate our BUY call on its undemanding valuations.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	129,398	140,285	150,010	157,174
Net profit	5,248	6,043	7,161	7,753
EPS (THB)	1.22	1.41	1.67	1.81
vs Consensus (%)	-	(4.2)	(1.0)	(3.7)
EBITDA	17,689	20,495	22,393	23,721
Recurring net profit	5,169	6,043	7,161	7,753
Core EPS (THB)	1.20	1.41	1.67	1.81
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(11.1)	(9.6)	(10.9)
EPS growth (%)	(8.6)	16.9	18.5	8.3
Core P/E (x)	26.0	22.2	18.7	17.3
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.6	9.1	8.3	7.9
Price/book (x)	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5
Net debt/Equity (%)	27.5	25.8	24.3	23.7
ROE (%)	5.9	7.6	8.5	8.8



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	10.6	(10.7)	(30.9)
Relative to country (%)	9.5	(9.6)	(22.3)
Mkt cap (USD m)	3,690		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	7.8		
Free float (%)	26		
Major shareholder	The Siam Cement (SCC TB) (72%)		
12m high/low (THB)	46.00/26.50		
Issued shares (m)	4,292.92		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

We expect SCGP to register a solid core profit of THB1.4b in 1Q24, +8% q-q and +34% y-y. The overall packaging demand continued its strong momentum in every economy during 1Q24, driven by the solid domestic consumption in ASEAN, particularly in FMCG, the F&B segment, e-commerce activities, and the recovery of the tourism sector. The improved demand has allowed for increased selling prices in almost every region, compensating for the higher raw material and energy costs, especially in the Indonesian market where the recovery was the slowest.

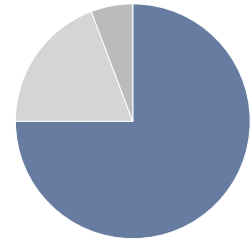
Company profile

SCGP is a leading multinational consumer packaging solutions provider in ASEAN providing fiber-based packaging, polymer packaging, food service products, design, printing, and other solutions for customers. The company's major businesses include: integrated packaging chain, fibrous chain, and recycling.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

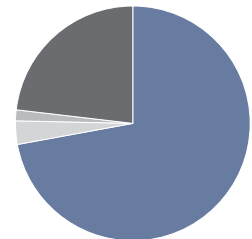
- Integrated packaging chain - 75.0 %
- Fibrous chain - 19.2 %
- Recycling business and others - 5.8 %



Source: SCG Packaging

Major shareholders

- The Siam Cement (SCC TB) - 72.1 %
- Thai NVDR - 3.2 %
- CPB Equity Co., Ltd. - 1.5 %
- Others - 23.2 %



Source: SCG Packaging

Catalysts

Key potential catalysts include 1) the strong recovery of China's economy; 2) lower costs of RCP and energy; and 3) more M&Ps.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) the slow demand for packaging; 2) the rising cost of recycled paper, other raw material, and energy; 3) the rising cost of funds; and 4) the fluctuation in foreign exchange currencies.

Event calendar

Date	Event
23 April 2024	1Q24 earnings announcement

Key assumptions

		2024E	2025E	2026E
	unit	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)
Packaging paper sales volume	m ton	3.96	4.09	4.19
Packaging paper ASP	THB/ton	13,322	13,765	14,315
Fiber packaging sales volume	m ton	1.02	1.06	1.08
Fiber packaging ASP	THB/ton	32,536	34,274	34,648
Integrated packaging revenue	THB m	104,419	112,193	117,618
Fibrous sales volume	m ton	0.67	0.70	0.72
Fibrous ASP	THB/ton	40,964	41,876	42,596
Fibrous business revenue	THB m	27,610	29,313	30,797

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 5% change in packaging paper ASP, we project SCGP's 2024 core profit to change by 2.7%, all else being equal.
- For every 5% change in fiber packaging ASP, we project SCGP's 2024 core profit to change by 1.5%, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% change in blended gross margin, we project SCGP's 2024 core profit to change by 8%, all else being equal.

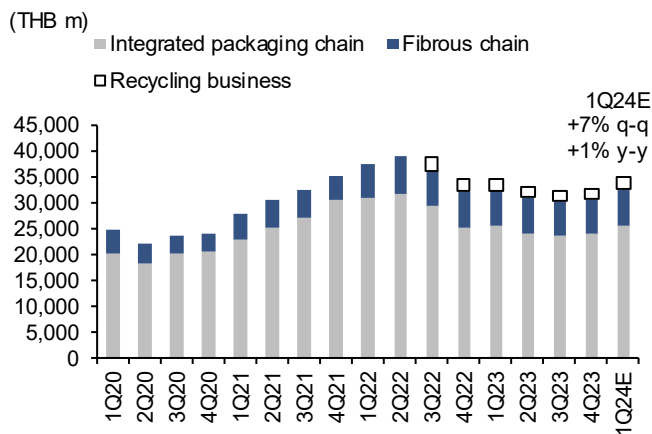
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Exhibit 1: SCGP – 1Q24 earnings preview

Year to Dec 31	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24E	----- Change -----		2023	2024E	Change	% of
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)	2024E
Sales revenue	33,729	32,216	31,573	31,881	34,120	7.0	1.2	129,398	140,285	8.4	24.3
Cost of sales	(27,780)	(26,350)	(25,965)	(26,179)	(27,978)	6.9	0.7	(106,274)	(114,753)	8.0	24.4
Gross profit	5,948	5,866	5,608	5,702	6,142	7.7	3.2	23,124	25,532	10.4	24.1
Operating costs	(4,220)	(3,754)	(3,824)	(3,886)	(4,128)	6.2	(2.2)	(15,684)	(16,624)	6.0	24.8
Operating profit	1,729	2,112	1,784	1,816	2,013	10.8	16.4	7,440	8,908	19.7	22.6
Operating EBITDA	4,318	4,566	4,319	4,487	4,672	4.1	8.2	17,689	20,495	15.9	22.8
Other income	232	161	325	325	300	(7.7)	29.2	1,043	989	(5.2)	30.3
Interest expense	(497)	(510)	(496)	(516)	(518)	0.3	4.3	(2,020)	(2,086)	3.3	24.8
Profit before tax	1,464	1,762	1,612	1,625	1,795	10.5	22.6	6,464	7,811	20.8	23.0
Net profit	1,220	1,485	1,324	1,219	1,429	17.3	17.1	5,248	6,043	15.1	23.6
Core profit	1,067	1,370	1,413	1,318	1,429	8.4	33.9	5,169	6,043	16.9	23.6
Reported EPS (THB)	0.28	0.35	0.31	0.28	0.33	17.3	17.1	1.22	1.41	15.1	23.6
Core EPS (THB)	0.25	0.32	0.33	0.31	0.33	8.4	33.9	1.20	1.41	17.5	23.6
Key ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(%)
Gross margin	17.6	18.2	17.8	17.9	18.0	0.1	0.4	17.9	18.2	0.3	
Operating margin	5.8	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.8	0.1	1.0	6.6	7.1	0.5	
EBITDA margin	12.8	14.2	13.7	14.1	14.4	0.3	1.6	13.7	14.6	0.9	
Core profit margin	3.2	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.2	0.1	1.0	4.3	4.8	0.5	
SG&A / Sales	12.5	11.7	12.1	12.2	12.1	(0.1)	(0.4)	12.1	11.9	(0.3)	
Revenue breakdown	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)	(%)
Integrated packaging chain	25,480	24,185	23,655	24,043	25,607	1.6	(5.1)	97,044	104,419	7.6	24.5
Fibrous chain	6,805	6,847	6,591	6,592	6,873	0.0	(3.8)	24,894	27,610	10.9	24.9
Recycling business	1,444	1,184	1,326	1,246	1,639	(6.0)	(5.0)	7,460	8,256	10.7	19.9

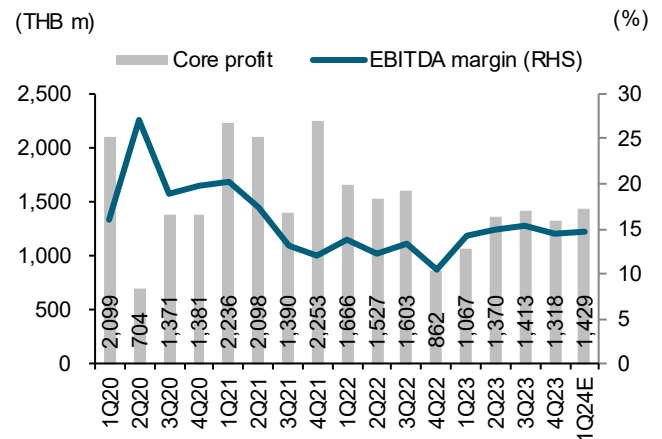
Sources: SCGP, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Revenue by product type



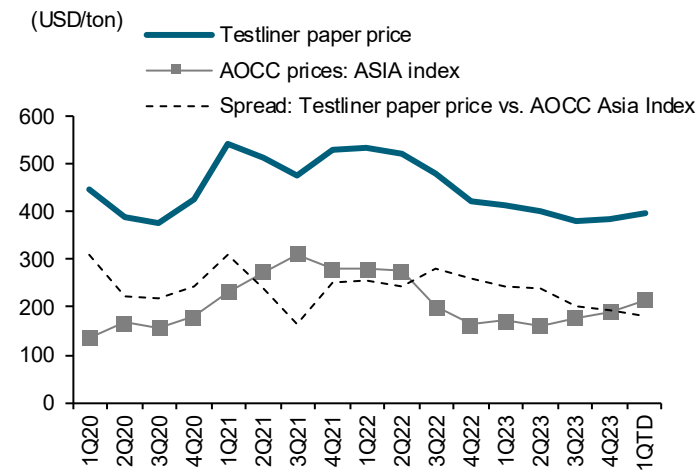
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Exhibit 3: EBITDA margin and core profit



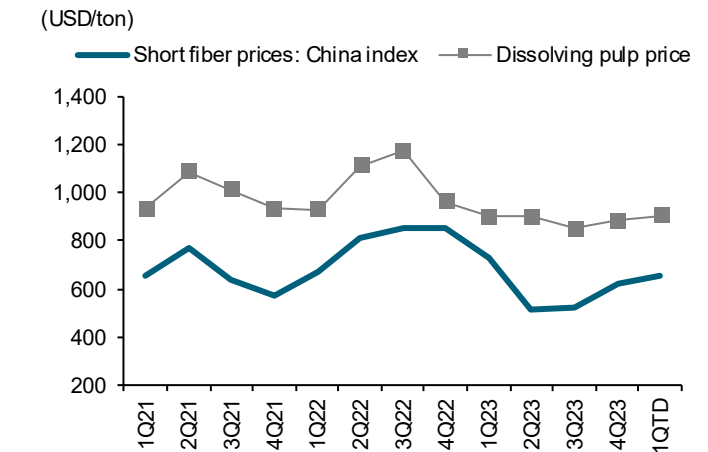
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Exhibit 4: Packaging paper prices and spread



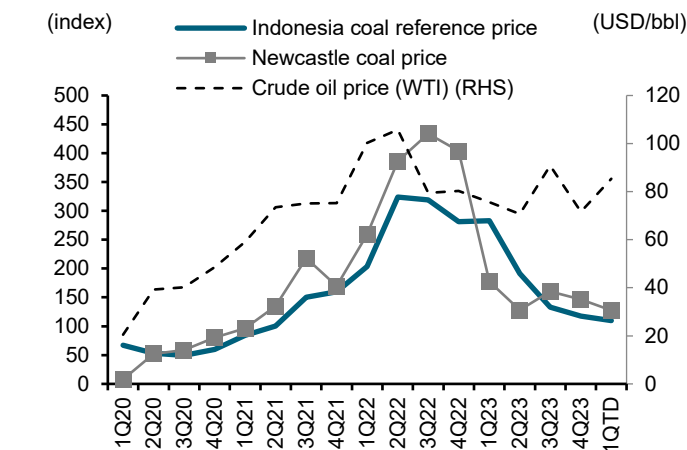
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Exhibit 5: Short fiber prices and dissolving pulp prices



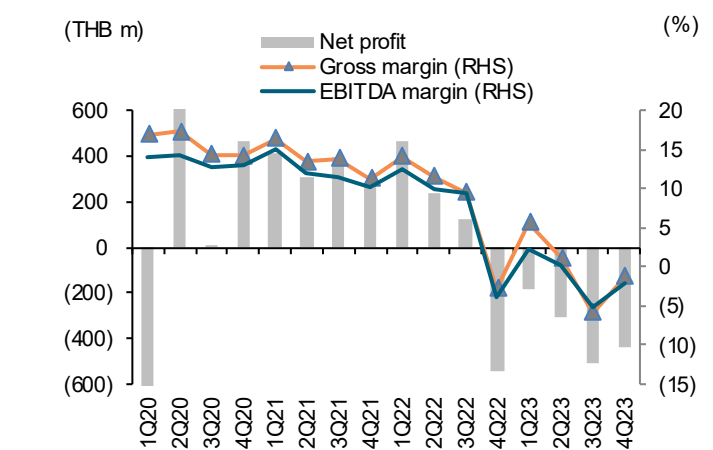
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Exhibit 6: Indonesia coal prices



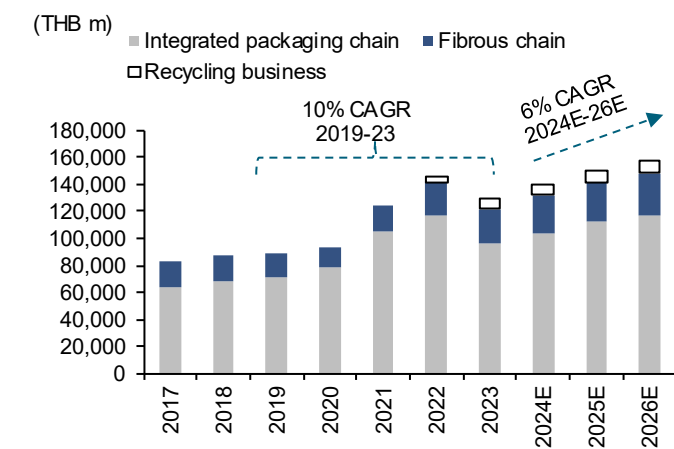
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Exhibit 7: Fajar's margins and net profit



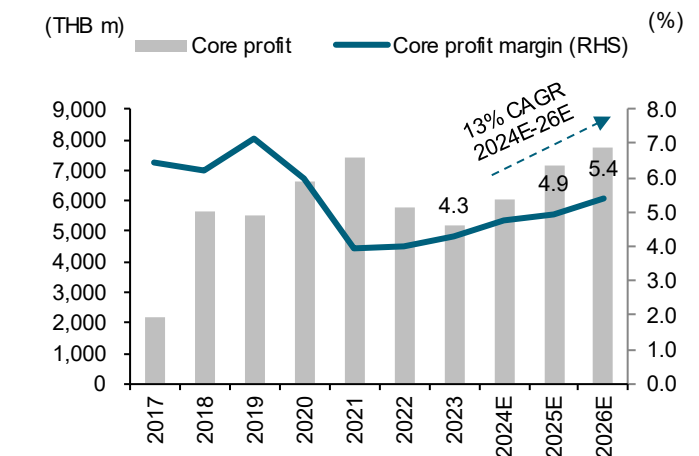
Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 8: Revenue forecast



Sources: SCGP, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 9: Core profit forecast and core profit margin



Sources: SCGP, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 10: Key changes in assumptions

	Current			Previous			Change		
	24E (THB m)	25E (THB m)	26E (THB m)	24E (THB m)	25E (THB m)	26E (THB m)	24E (%)	25E (%)	26E (%)
Total revenue	140,285	150,010	157,174	146,863	156,114	160,232	(4.5)	(3.9)	(1.9)
Integrated packaging chain	104,419	112,193	117,618	111,523	118,839	120,234	(6.4)	(5.6)	(2.2)
Fibrous chain	27,610	29,313	30,797	27,610	29,313	30,797	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Recycling business and others	8,256	8,504	8,759	7,731	7,963	9,201	6.8	6.8	(4.8)
Cost of goods sold	(114,753)	(122,151)	(127,481)	(120,244)	(126,941)	(130,065)	(4.6)	(3.8)	(2.0)
Gross profit	25,532	27,860	29,693	26,619	29,173	30,168	(4.1)	(4.5)	(1.6)
SG&A	(16,624)	(17,476)	(18,389)	(17,110)	(18,422)	(18,468)	(2.8)	(5.1)	(0.4)
EBITDA	20,495	22,393	23,721	19,989	21,502	21,814	2.5	4.1	8.7
Interest expense	2,086	2,050	2,123	2,005	1,885	1,803	4.0	8.8	17.7
Core profit	6,043	7,161	7,753	6,794	7,918	8,118	(11.1)	(9.6)	(4.5)
Margins	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppt)
Blended gross margin	18.2	18.6	18.9	18.1	18.7	18.8	0.1	(0.1)	0.1
Integrated packaging chain	19.4	19.5	19.7	19.4	19.7	19.9	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Fibrous chain	13.3	14.3	14.9	11.7	13.4	14.3	1.6	0.9	0.7
Recycling business and others	20.0	21.0	22.0	22.7	23.0	23.3	(2.7)	(2.0)	(1.3)
SG&A to sales	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.8	0.2	(0.2)	(0.1)
EBITDA margin	14.6	14.9	15.1	13.6	13.8	13.6	1.0	1.2	1.5
Core profit margin	4.8	4.9	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.4	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.0)
Sales volume	(m ton)	(m ton)	(m ton)	(m ton)	(m ton)	(m ton)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Packaging paper	3.96	4.09	4.19	3.68	3.86	4.00	7.5	6.0	4.6
Fiber packaging	1.02	1.06	1.08	1.04	1.05	1.06	(1.3)	1.3	1.3
Fibrous	0.67	0.70	0.72	0.65	0.67	0.69	3.7	4.5	4.8
Average selling price	(THB/ton)	(THB/ton)	(THB/ton)	(THB/ton)	(THB/ton)	(THB/ton)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Packaging paper	13,322	13,765	14,315	19,702	20,884	22,137	(32.4)	(34.1)	(35.3)
Fiber packaging	32,536	34,274	34,648	35,936	36,295	36,658	(9.5)	(5.6)	(5.5)
Fibrous	40,964	41,876	42,596	42,477	43,751	44,626	(3.6)	(4.3)	(4.6)

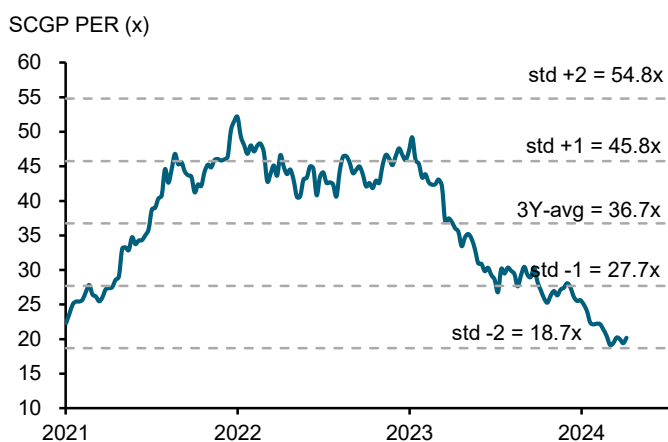
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Exhibit 11: DCF valuation

Cost of equity assumption	(%)	Cost of debt assumption	(%)
Risk-free rate	3.0	Pre-tax cost of debt	4.2
Market risk premium	10.0	Tax rate	20.0
Stock beta	1.1		
Cost of equity, Ke	10.8	Cost of debt, Kd	4.2
Weight applied	67.6	Weight applied	32.4
WACC	10.7		
Terminal growth	3.10		
Sum of PV of FCF	89,411		
PV of terminal value	70,741		
Enterprise value	160,152		
Net debt	24,292		
Equity value	184,444		
No. of shares	4,293		
Equity value per share	42.96		

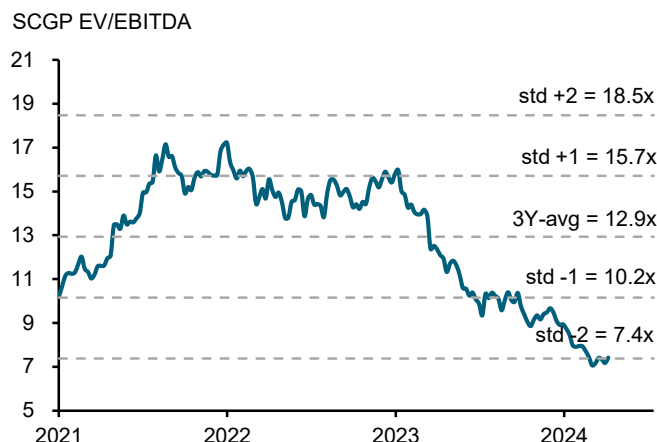
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Exhibit 12: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 13: Rolling one-year forward EV/EBITDA band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 14: Peers comparison as of 9 April 2024

Company	BBG	Market Cap (USD m)	PE		ROE		PBV		EV/EBITDA	
			24E (x)	25E (x)	24E (%)	25E (%)	24E (x)	25E (x)	24E (x)	25E (x)
Thailand										
SCGP Packaging*	SCGP TB	3,690	22.2	18.7	7.6	8.5	1.6	1.6	9.1	8.3
Eastern Polymer Group*	EPG TB	520	12.7	12.0	12.2	12.3	1.5	1.4	9.9	9.1
Starflex*	SFLEX TB	69	11.7	10.5	22.1	24.2	2.6	2.5	10.4	9.6
Thailand average		4,279	15.5	13.7	14.0	15.0	1.9	1.9	9.8	9.0
Regional										
Packaging Corp	PKG US	17,041	21.6	18.8	19.3	20.5	4.1	3.8	11.5	10.5
Amcor	AMCR US	13,557	13.7	12.8	24.1	25.3	3.3	3.2	10.6	10.1
Smurfit Kappa	SKG LN	12,042	13.6	12.1	14.2	14.8	1.8	1.7	7.1	6.5
Mondi	MNDI LN	7,969	15.5	11.8	8.2	12.3	1.5	1.4	7.1	5.9
Graphic Packaging	GPK US	9,034	10.9	10.1	26.1	22.9	2.7	2.3	7.6	7.3
Sonoco Products	SON US	5,724	11.2	10.6	19.9	19.9	2.3	2.2	8.0	7.7
DS Smith	SMDS LN	7,162	12.5	12.2	10.7	10.8	1.4	1.3	7.5	7.3
Sealed Air	SEE US	4,933	11.9	10.4	63.7	53.9	6.0	4.3	8.4	7.9
Silgan Holdings	SLGN US	5,233	13.4	12.3	18.8	18.1	2.6	2.4	8.7	8.3
Huhtamaki	HUH1V FH	4,407	14.8	13.6	13.3	13.5	2.0	1.8	8.6	8.1
Nine Dragons	2689 HK	2,085	18.5	6.6	1.7	5.6	0.3	0.3	11.5	8.6
Henan Mingtai Industrial	601677 CH	2,012	8.5	7.2	11.5	11.8	0.9	0.8	5.4	4.8
Winpak	WPK CT	1,889	12.5	11.8	10.6	10.27	1.3	1.1	6.1	5.6
Xiamen Jihong Technology	002803 CH	812	13.3	10.8	16.6	17.1	2.2	1.9	8.3	6.9
Shanghai Baosteel Packaging	601968 CH	829	19.6	17.6	7.2	7.5	1.4	1.3	n/a	n/a
Sunrise Group	002752 CH	690	12.3	10.4	12.1	13.0	1.5	1.3	6.9	6.3
Ningbo Homelink	301193 CH	500	25.1	19.6	8.8	10.4	2.1	2.0	12.3	10.5
Regional average		97,025	14.6	12.3	16.9	16.9	2.2	2.0	8.5	7.6
Overall average		101,304	14.8	12.5	16.4	16.6	2.2	1.9	8.7	7.9

Sources: *FSSIA estimates, Bloomberg

Financial Statements

SCG Packaging

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	146,068	129,398	140,285	150,010	157,174
Cost of goods sold	(121,791)	(106,274)	(114,753)	(122,151)	(127,481)
Gross profit	24,277	23,124	25,532	27,860	29,693
Other operating income	1,322	1,043	989	922	840
Operating costs	(16,039)	(15,684)	(16,624)	(17,476)	(18,389)
Operating EBITDA	19,259	17,689	20,495	22,393	23,721
Depreciation	(9,699)	(9,206)	(10,598)	(11,087)	(11,577)
Goodwill amortization	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	9,560	8,483	9,897	11,306	12,144
Net financing costs	(1,468)	(2,020)	(2,086)	(2,050)	(2,123)
Associates	55	39	17	20	22
Recurring non-operating income	55	39	17	20	22
Non-recurring items	143	80	0	0	0
Profit before tax	8,289	6,582	7,828	9,276	10,042
Tax	(1,550)	(1,153)	(1,562)	(1,851)	(2,004)
Profit after tax	6,739	5,429	6,266	7,425	8,038
Minority interests	(939)	(180)	(223)	(264)	(286)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	5,801	5,248	6,043	7,161	7,753
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(143)	(80)	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	5,658	5,169	6,043	7,161	7,753
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.32	1.20	1.41	1.67	1.81
Reported EPS	1.35	1.22	1.41	1.67	1.81
DPS	0.60	0.55	0.63	0.75	0.81
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	4,293	4,293	4,293	4,293	4,293
Growth					
Revenue (%)	17.6	(11.4)	8.4	6.9	4.8
Operating EBITDA (%)	(7.6)	(8.1)	15.9	9.3	5.9
Operating EBIT (%)	(23.6)	(11.3)	16.7	14.2	7.4
Recurring EPS (%)	(29.1)	(8.6)	16.9	18.5	8.3
Reported EPS (%)	(30.1)	(9.5)	15.1	18.5	8.3
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	16.6	17.9	18.2	18.6	18.9
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	23.3	25.0	25.8	26.0	26.3
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	13.2	13.7	14.6	14.9	15.1
Operating EBIT margin (%)	6.5	6.6	7.1	7.5	7.7
Net margin (%)	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.9
Effective tax rate (%)	18.7	17.5	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	45.5	45.7	45.0	45.0	45.0
Interest cover (X)	6.5	4.2	4.8	5.5	5.7
Inventory days	75.9	80.0	68.4	65.0	61.3
Debtor days	60.2	64.7	59.0	54.6	52.8
Creditor days	48.1	54.7	50.7	48.0	48.5
Operating ROIC (%)	6.0	6.0	7.8	8.5	8.7
ROIC (%)	4.6	4.4	5.5	6.0	6.2
ROE (%)	5.8	5.9	7.6	8.5	8.8
ROA (%)	3.8	3.5	4.0	4.4	4.6
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)					
Integrated packaging chain	117,219	97,044	104,419	112,193	117,618
Fibrous chain	24,273	24,894	27,610	29,313	30,797
Recycling business and others	4,576	7,460	8,256	8,504	8,759

Sources: SCG Packaging; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	5,658	5,169	6,043	7,161	7,753
Depreciation	9,699	9,206	10,598	11,087	11,577
Associates & minorities	(55)	(39)	(17)	(20)	(22)
Other non-cash items	4,021	3,182	(393)	(659)	(3,068)
Change in working capital	(2,089)	3,965	(750)	2,363	1,001
Cash flow from operations	17,234	21,482	15,480	19,932	17,241
Capex - maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
Capex - new investment	(14,212)	(14,271)	(6,509)	(6,400)	(6,417)
Net acquisitions & disposals	10,886	830	(5,000)	(5,700)	(5,700)
Other investments (net)	206	381	194	(58)	(43)
Cash flow from investing	(3,119)	(13,060)	(11,315)	(12,158)	(12,160)
Dividends paid	(3,612)	(3,286)	(2,719)	(3,223)	(3,489)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	(7,253)	(3,012)	1,088	(549)	1,561
Other financing cash flows	(737)	(2,068)	(2,086)	(2,050)	(2,123)
Cash flow from financing	(11,602)	(8,366)	(3,718)	(5,822)	(4,051)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	4,780	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	(10,390)	4,780	(5,214)	(1,000)	0
Movement in cash	(7,877)	4,836	(4,767)	953	1,030
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	15,582.69	10,441.88	6,251.51	9,824.18	7,204.21
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(4,265.73)	8,122.43	(2,047.46)	4,175.14	4,518.31

Per share (THB)

FCFF per share	3.63	2.43	1.46	2.29	1.68
FCFE per share	(0.99)	1.89	(0.48)	0.97	1.05
Recurring cash flow per share	4.50	4.08	3.78	4.09	3.78

Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	211,928	217,496	229,244	240,992	252,741
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(117,342)	(123,216)	(129,091)	(134,965)	(140,839)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	94,585	94,279	100,153	106,027	111,902
Intangible fixed assets (net)	38,807	39,425	40,023	40,537	41,067
Long-term financial assets	883	1,534	1,563	1,532	1,599
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	1,034	1,063	1,073	1,084	1,097
Cash & equivalents	12,344	17,181	12,414	13,367	14,396
A/C receivable	23,254	22,648	22,676	22,193	23,253
Inventories	23,281	19,253	19,807	19,745	19,209
Other current assets	1,275	1,191	1,291	1,230	1,132
Current assets	60,154	60,272	56,188	56,535	57,991
Other assets	1,815	1,988	1,803	1,778	1,706
Total assets	197,280	198,561	200,803	207,495	215,361
Common equity	97,200	77,322	82,329	86,268	90,532
Minorities etc.	25,766	25,127	25,350	25,613	25,899
Total shareholders' equity	122,967	102,449	107,679	111,881	116,431
Long term debt	29,935	18,027	18,820	17,001	17,574
Other long-term liabilities	10,899	11,694	13,223	14,336	15,443
Long-term liabilities	40,834	29,721	32,043	31,337	33,017
A/C payable	14,282	14,808	14,148	15,060	15,717
Short term debt	17,726	27,328	21,384	23,501	24,433
Other current liabilities	1,471	24,254	25,550	25,715	25,764
Current liabilities	33,479	66,390	61,081	64,276	65,913
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	197,280	198,561	200,803	207,495	215,361
Net working capital	32,057	4,029	4,077	2,394	2,114
Invested capital	169,182	142,318	148,692	153,353	159,485

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

Per share (THB)

Book value per share	22.64	18.01	19.18	20.10	21.09
Tangible book value per share	13.60	8.83	9.85	10.65	11.52

Financial strength

Net debt/equity (%)	28.7	27.5	25.8	24.3	23.7
Net debt/total assets (%)	17.9	14.2	13.8	13.1	12.8
Current ratio (x)	1.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
CF interest cover (x)	7.8	12.1	3.1	6.2	6.1

Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	23.7	26.0	22.2	18.7	17.3
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	32.6	35.7	30.5	25.8	23.8
Reported P/E (x)	23.1	25.6	22.2	18.7	17.3
Dividend yield (%)	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.6
Price/book (x)	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5
Price/tangible book (x)	2.3	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.7
EV/EBITDA (x) **	10.1	10.6	9.1	8.3	7.9
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.6	10.0
EV/invested capital (x)	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2

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

Sources: SCG Packaging; FSSIA estimates

SCG Packaging PCL (SCGP TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

★★★★★

81.93 /100

Exhibit 15: FSSIA ESG score implication

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.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 16: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA ESG score	Domestic ratings						Global ratings						Bloomberg	
		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
PSL	55.45	--	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	59.76	BB	--	--	51.00	--	--
SCGP	81.93	Y	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	60.36	BBB	--	65.07	86.00	3.67	--
TTA	65.35	--	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	56.56	AA	--	50.79	25.00	3.31	56.20

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 17: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	—	3.56	—
BESG environmental pillar score	—	3.33	—
BESG social pillar score	—	1.90	—
BESG governance pillar score	—	4.53	—
ESG disclosure score	28.79	71.10	75.73
Environmental disclosure score	0.00	67.53	77.26
Social disclosure score	3.14	56.41	60.58
Governance disclosure score	83.02	89.28	89.28
Environmental			
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	—	4,366	3,778
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	508	632
GHG Scope 3	—	2,167	1,459
Carbon per unit of production	—	—	—
Biodiversity policy	No	Yes	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	No	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	—	17,964	16,961
Renewable energy use	—	3,742	4,085
Electricity used	—	738	951
Fuel used - natural gas	—	—	146,676

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 18: 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	No	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	—	64	48
Total waste	—	1,553	1,515
Waste recycled	—	1,520	1,469
Waste sent to landfills	—	18	12
Environmental supply chain management	No	Yes	Yes
Water policy	No	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	—	—	—
Social			
Human rights policy	No	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	No	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	No	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	Yes	Yes
Pct women in workforce	18	18	22
Pct disabled in workforce	—	0	0
Business ethics policy	No	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	No	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	No	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	—	0	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	—	0	0
Training policy	No	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No
Number of employees – CSR	—	23,341	22,289
Employee turnover pct	—	5	6
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	—	46,682	334,335
Social supply chain management	No	Yes	Yes
Governance			
Board size	12	12	12
No. of independent directors (ID)	7	8	8
No. of women on board	2	3	3
No. of non-executive directors on board	11	11	11
Company conducts board evaluations	No	No	No
No. of board meetings for the year	10	8	9
Board meeting attendance pct	100	100	99
Board duration (years)	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director	51	52	53
Age of the oldest director	73	69	70
No. of executives / company managers	8	7	7
No. of female executives	1	0	0
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No
Size of audit committee	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	8	5	6
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	100
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	4	7	6
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	5	6	6
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100
Sustainability governance			
Verification type	No	Yes	Yes

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodology	Rating																											
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection process based on the companies' Total Sustainability Scores resulting from the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Only the top-ranked companies within each industry are selected for inclusion.	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)	THSI quantifies responsibility in Environmental and Social issues by managing business with transparency in Governance, updated annually. Candidates must pass the preemptive criteria, with two crucial conditions: 1) no irregular trading of the board members and executives; and 2) free float of >150 shareholders, and combined holding must be >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include: 1) CG score of below 70%; 2) independent directors and free float violation; 3) executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social & environmental impacts; 4) equity in negative territory; and 5) earnings in red for > 3 years 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.																											
CG Score by Thai Institute 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%). <i>(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.)</i>	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.																											
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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. <i>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 reports, and quality & peer reviews.</i>	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>NEGL</th> <th>Low</th> <th>Medium</th> <th>High</th> <th>Severe</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0-10</td> <td>10-20</td> <td>20-30</td> <td>30-40</td> <td>40+</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NEGL	Low	Medium	High	Severe	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+																	
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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.																											
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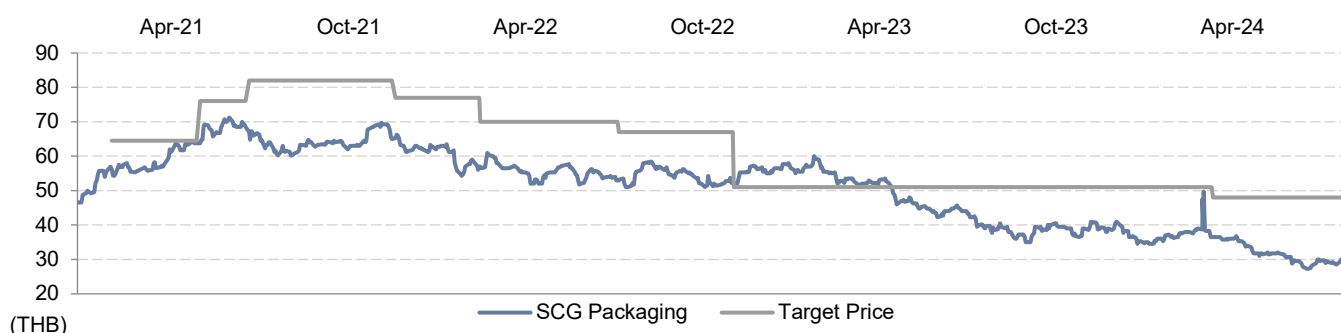
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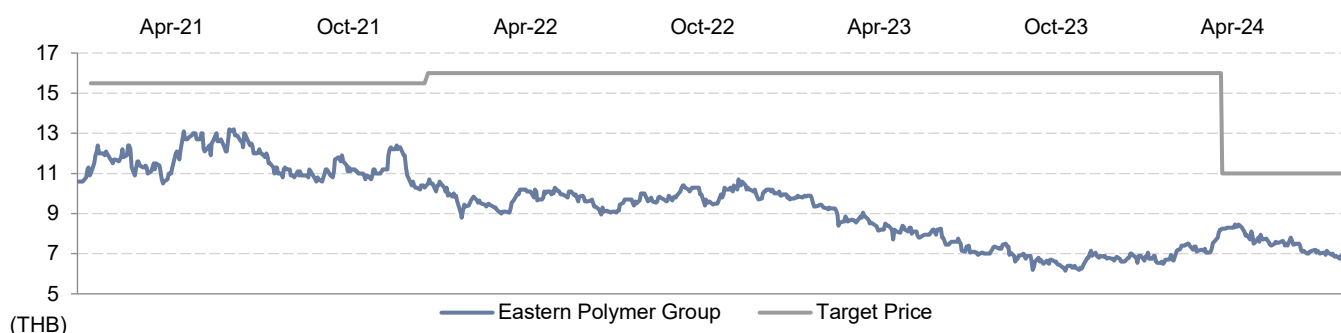
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23-Jul-2021	BUY	76.00	23-Mar-2022	BUY	70.00	13-Dec-2023	BUY	48.00
03-Sep-2021	BUY	82.00	20-Jul-2022	BUY	67.00			

Jitra Amornthum started covering this stock from 13-Dec-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Eastern Polymer Group (EPG TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
22-Apr-2021	BUY	15.50	04-Feb-2022	BUY	16.00	21-Dec-2023	BUY	11.00

Jitra Amornthum started covering this stock from 21-Dec-2023

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Starflex (SFLEX TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
10-Mar-2023	BUY	4.70	12-Jun-2023	BUY	5.50	04-Dec-2023	BUY	5.60

Jitra Amornthum started covering this stock from 10-Mar-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
SCG Packaging	SCGP TB	THB 31.25	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) the slow demand for packaging; 2) the rising cost of recycled paper, other raw material, and energy; 3) the rising cost of funds; and 4) the fluctuation in foreign exchange currencies.
Eastern Polymer Group	EPG TB	THB 6.75	BUY	Downside risks to our EV/EBITDA-based TP include 1) the slow demand for pickup trucks and plastic packaging; 2) the rising cost of oil-linked raw materials; 3) the rising cost of funds; and 4) the fluctuation in foreign exchange currencies.
Starflex	SFLEX TB	THB 3.20	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a sharp rise in crude oil prices; 2) rising inflation pressuring consumers' purchasing power; and 3) baht depreciation.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Additional Disclosures

Target price history, stock price charts, valuation and risk details, and equity rating histories applicable to each company rated in this report is available in our most recently published reports. You can contact the analyst named on the front of this note or your representative at Finansia Syrus Securities Public Company Limited.

All share prices are as at market close on 09-Apr-2024 unless otherwise stated.

RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE

Stock ratings

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

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

HOLD (H). The upside or downside is less than 10%.

REDUCE (R). The downside is 10% or more.

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

* In most cases, the target price will equal the analyst's assessment of the current fair value of the stock. However, if the analyst doesn't think the market will reassess the stock over the specified time horizon due to a lack of events or catalysts, then the target price may differ from fair value. In most cases, therefore, our recommendation is an assessment of the mismatch between current market price and our assessment of current fair value.

Industry Recommendations

Overweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months.

Neutral. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months.

Underweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be negative over the next 12 months.

Country (Strategy) Recommendations

Overweight (O). Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

Neutral (N). Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on one of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

Underweight (U). Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.