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# **CPAXT TB CP AXTRA**

THAILAND / COMMERCE









TARGET PRICE	THB36.00
CLOSE	THB32.75
UP/DOWNSIDE	+9.9%
TD CONCENCIA	.0.00/

# 1Q24 results at first glance

CPAXT รายงานกำไรปกติ 1Q24 อยู่ที่ 2.48พัน ลบ. (-24% q-q, +19% y-y) ใกล้เคียงกับที่เราและตลาดคาด

# Highlights

- CPAXT (BUY; TP THB36.0) รายงานกำไรปกติ 1Q24 อยู่ที่ 2.48พัน ลบ. (-24% q-q, +19% y-y) ใกล้เคียงกับที่เราและตลาดคาด
- กำไรดังกล่าวลดลง 24% q-q จากปัจจัยด้านฤดูกาล อย่างไรก็ดีกำไรปรับขึ้น 19% y-y โดยได้ปัจจัยหนุนจากยอดขายที่สูงขึ้นของทั้ง Makro และ Lotus's และค่าใช้จ่าย ดอกเบี้ยที่ลดลง ยอดขายรวมโต 6% y-y จากการเติบโตของยอดขายสาขาเดิมที่ 3.4% ของธุรกิจขายส่งและ 6.9% และ 8.4% ของธุรกิจค้าปลีกในไทยและมาเลเซีย
- อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นเพิ่มขึ้นเล็กน้อยเป็น 14.1% (เทียบกับ 4Q23 และ 1Q23 ที่ 14.0%) จากอัตรากำไรที่สูงขึ้นในธุรกิจค้าส่งส่วนมากมาจาก Makro ประเทศไทยและ Foodservice APME (ขายสินค้าระดับHigh-end) แม้ว่า Lotus's ประเทศไทยจะรายงาน อัตรากำไรปรับขึ้น 10 bps y-y Lotus's มาเลเซียบันทึกอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นลดลง 200 bps y-y จากการส่งเสริมการขายที่สูงขึ้นและสัดส่วนยอดขายผลิตภัณฑ์ที่ไม่ใช่อาหารที่ลดลง ซึ่งทำให้ Lotus's รายงานอัตรากำไรรวมลดลงเหลือ 17.6% (เทียบกับ 4Q23 ที่ 18.2% และ 1Q23 ที่ 18.0%)
- ค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารเพิ่มขึ้น 4.5% y-y ส่วนมากจากต้นทุนในการขยาย Omni Channel ที่เพิ่มขึ้นและศูนย์กระจายสินค้าแห่งใหม่ ค่าใช้จ่ายดอกเบี้ยลดลง 25% y-y ส่วนมากจากการปรับโครงสร้างหนี้เมื่อปีที่แล้ว

### Outlook

- กำไรปกติ 1Q24 คิดเป็น 23% ของประมาณการปี 2024 ของเรา ในช่วง 2QTD แนวโน้มยอดขายสาขาเดิมยังเป็นบวกที่ 1-3% สำหรับธุรกิจค้าส่งและ 5% และ 4-5% สำหรับธุรกิจค้าปลีกในไทยและมาเลเซีย นอกจากนี้อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นของ Lotus's มาเลเซียยังน่าจะค่อย ๆ ปรับตัวดีขึ้นในช่วงที่เหลือของปีนี้
- เราคงคำแนะนำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 36.0 บาท เราคงประมาณการตัวเลขการเติบโตของ กำไรปกติปี 2024 ที่สูงถึง 21% y-y โดยได้ปัจจัยหนุนจากการฟื้นตัวของ Lotus's ค่าใช้จ่ายดอกเบี้ยที่ลดลงใน 1H24 และประโยชน์จากการควบรวม MAKRO และ Lotus's ตั้งแต่ปี 2025 เป็นต้นไป

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	486,472	510,590	529,777	549,574
Net profit	8,640	10,653	12,512	14,080
EPS (THB)	0.82	1.01	1.18	1.33
vs Consensus (%)	-	(8.0)	0.4	(1.1)
EBITDA	34,456	35,322	38,336	41,595
Recurring net profit	8,777	10,653	12,512	14,080
Core EPS (THB)	0.83	1.01	1.18	1.33
EPS growth (%)	10.8	21.4	17.5	12.5
Core P/E (x)	39.5	32.5	27.7	24.6
Dividend yield (%)	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.1	11.9	11.2	10.4
Price/book (x)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Net debt/Equity (%)	23.4	24.5	26.7	28.0
ROE (%)	3.0	3.6	4.2	4.6



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	0.8	7.4	(18.1)
Relative to country (%)	3.1	8.9	(6.4)
Mkt cap (USD m)			9,381
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			6.0
Free float (%)			15
Major shareholder		CP	ALL (60%)
12m high/low (THB)		4	1.75/25.25
Issued shares (m)			10,580.32

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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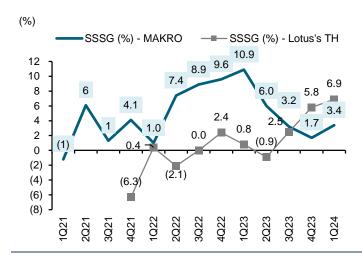
Exhibit 1: CPAXT - 1Q24 results summary

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	Cha	nge	1Q24	2023	2024E	Change
Year to Dec 31	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(%24E)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y %)				
Total revenue	119,089	120,909	118,837	127,637	126,157	(1)	6	25	486,472	510,590	5
- Retail sales	114,044	115,980	113,838	122,371	121,182	(1)	6	25	466,234	489,698	5
- Service income	1,487	1,445	1,405	1,599	1,452	(9)	(2)	24	5,935	5,947	0
- Rental and income	3,558	3,484	3,594	3,667	3,523	(4)	(1)	24	14,303	14,945	4
Gross profit	19,473	19,001	18,930	20,793	20,454	(2)	5	25	78,198	83,405	7
Operating costs	(16,106)	(16,306)	(16,263)	(16,292)	(16,838)	3	5	25	(64,968)	(68,376)	5
Operating profit	3,367	2,695	2,667	4,501	3,616	(20)	7	24	13,230	15,029	14
Other income	1,133	703	665	976	863	(12)	(24)	24	3,477	3,652	5
EBIT	4,500	3,398	3,332	5,477	4,479	(18)	(0)	24	16,707	18,682	12
Interest expense	(1,895)	(1,570)	(1,403)	(1,451)	(1,414)	(3)	(25)	24	(6,319)	(5,973)	(5)
Profit before tax	2,605	1,828	1,929	4,025	3,065	(24)	18	24	10,388	12,709	22
Tax	(647)	(527)	(448)	(912)	(765)	(16)	18	26	(2,535)	(2,923)	15
Associates	193	201	185	168	174	4	(10)	21	746	826	11
Minority interests	15	14	11	1	7	679	(51)	18	41	41	0
Non-recurring items	87	(185)	(39)	0	0	n/a	(100)	n/a	(137)	0	(100)
Reported net profit	2,166	1,516	1,677	3,282	2,481	(24)	15	23	8,640	10,653	23
Recurring net profit	2,079	1,701	1,716	3,282	2,481	(24)	19	23	8,777	10,653	21
EPS (THB)	0.20	0.14	0.16	0.31	0.23	(24)	15	23	0.82	1.01	23
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.20	0.16	0.16	0.31	0.23	(24)	19	23	0.83	1.01	21
Key Ratios (%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)		(%)	(%)	
GPM from sales	14.0	13.5	13.7	14.0	14.1	0.1	0.0		13.8	14.1	
Gross profit margin	16.4	15.7	15.9	16.3	16.2	(0.1)	(0.1)		16.1	16.3	
Operating margin	2.8	2.2	2.2	3.5	2.9	(0.7)	0.0		2.7	2.9	
Recurring net margin	1.7	1.4	1.4	2.6	2.0	(0.6)	0.2		1.8	2.1	
SG&A / Revenue	13.4	13.4	13.6	12.7	13.3	0.6	(0.1)		13.3	13.3	
Operating statistics	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)		(%)	(%)	
SSSG (%) - MAKRO	10.9	6.0	3.2	1.7	3.4	1.7	(7.5)		5.3	3.0	
SSSG (%) - Retail business	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.5	7.1	1.6	n/a		1.3	3.0	
SSSG (%) - Lotus's TH	0.8	(0.9)	2.5	5.8	6.9	1.1	6.1		2.1	3.0	
SSSG (%) - Lotus's ML	(0.9)	(12.2)	0.6	3.6	8.4	4.8	9.3		(2.5)	3.0	
# of stores (Wholesales) (no.)	163	163	164	168	169				168	176	
# of stores (Lotus) (no.)	2,654	2,565	2,525	2,522	2,517				2,522	2,636	

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	Cha	nge
Operation by business	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)				
Sales	114,044	115,980	113,838	122,371	121,182	(1)	6
Wholesale business	63,993	63,795	63,486	68,537	67,800	(1)	6
Retail business	50,051	52,185	50,352	53,835	53,382	(1)	7
rental and services	3,558	3,484	3,594	3,667	3,523	(4)	(1)
Total revenues	120,222	121,612	119,502	128,613	127,020	(1)	6
Gross profit from sales	16,017	15,629	15,620	17,075	17,030	(0)	6
GPM from sales (%) - Conso.	14.0	13.5	13.7	14.0	14.1	0.1	0.0
GPM from sales (%) - Wholesale	10.9	9.8	10.5	10.6	11.3	0.7	0.3
GPM from sales (%) - Retail	18.0	18.0	17.8	18.2	17.6	(0.6)	(0.4)
EBITDA	9,038	8,003	7,961	10,063	9,013	(10)	(0)
EBITDA - Wholesale	3,599	2,812	2,986	3,591	3,477	(3)	(3)
EBITDA - Retail	5,439	5,191	4,975	6,472	5,536	(14)	2
Finance cost	1,895	1,570	1,403	1,451	1,414	(3)	(25)
Net profit	2,166	1,516	1,677	3,282	2,481	(24)	15
Wholesale business	1,897	1,089	1,247	1,742	1,568	(10)	(17)
Retail business	269	427	430	1,540	913	(41)	240

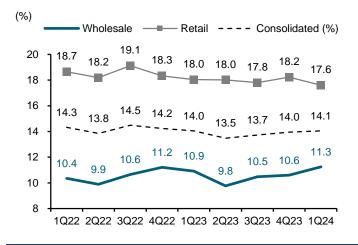
Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

#### **Exhibit 2: Solid SSSG for 2 BU**



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**Exhibit 4: Gross margin from sales** 



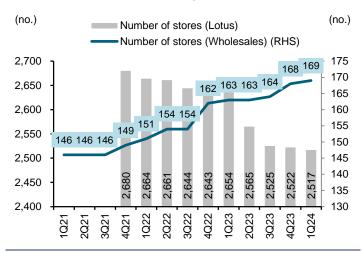
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Exhibit 6: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



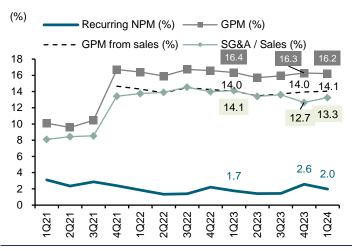
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Exhibit 3: Revenue and recurring net profit



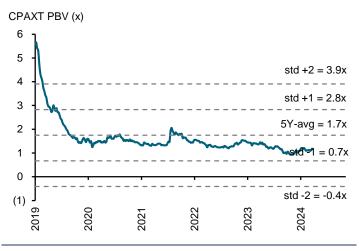
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**Exhibit 5: Profitability** 



Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA compilation

Exhibit 7: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: Commerce peers as of 9 May 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	S	hare price	·	Market	PE		ROE		PBV		- EV/ EBITDA -	
			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 All	CPALL TB	BUY	58.25	77.00	32	14,167	24.9	21.3	18.1	19.3	4.7	4.2	19.2	16.6
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	BUY	32.75	36.00	10	9,381	32.5	27.7	3.6	4.2	1.2	1.2	11.9	11.2
Berli Jucker*	BJC TB	n/a	24.70	n/a	n/a	2,691	18.1	16.6	4.5	4.8	0.8	0.8	12.0	11.4
Consumer Staple average						26,239	25.2	21.9	8.7	9.4	2.2	2.1	14.4	13.1
Consumer Discretionary														
Com7	COM7 TB	BUY	19.00	22.50	18	1,227	15.3	14.0	34.3	32.0	4.9	4.2	10.3	9.1
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	BUY	32.25	44.00	36	5,266	21.6	19.3	12.9	13.3	2.7	2.5	9.5	8.9
Home Improvement														
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	BUY	21.60	26.70	24	295	13.9	12.8	12.9	13.5	1.8	1.7	7.2	6.6
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	BUY	10.20	13.60	33	3,632	19.6	18.5	26.1	26.4	5.0	4.8	11.5	10.9
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	HOLD	15.90	17.30	9	2,239	28.0	24.9	12.3	12.9	3.3	3.1	21.6	19.4
Dohome	DOHOME TB	HOLD	11.20	11.80	5	979	37.2	28.8	7.7	9.2	2.7	2.6	18.5	16.1
Home Improvement avg.						7,146	24.7	21.2	14.8	15.5	3.2	3.0	14.7	13.3
Consumer Discretionary avg.						13,638	22.6	19.7	17.7	17.9	3.4	3.1	13.1	11.9
Total average						39,878	23.4	20.4	14.7	15.1	3.0	2.8	13.5	12.3

Sources: \*Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	466,082	486,472	510,590	529,777	549,574
Cost of goods sold	(389,588)	(408,274)	(427,184)	(442,234)	(457,784)
Gross profit	76,494	78,198	83,405	87,542	91,790
Other operating income	3,050	3,477	3,652	3,791	3,934
Operating costs	(62,617)	(64,831)	(68,376)	(70,278)	(72,664)
Operating EBITDA	34,477	34,456	35,322	38,336	41,595
Depreciation	(17,551)	(17,612)	(16,640)	(17,281)	(18,536)
Goodwill amortisation	0	Ô	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	16,926	16,844	18,682	21,055	23,060
Net financing costs	(7,122)	(6,319)	(5,973)	(5,986)	(6,010)
Associates	831	746	826	868	911
Recurring non-operating income	831	746	826	868	911
Non-recurring items	(225)	(137)	0	0	0
Profit before tax	10,411	11,134	13,535	15,937	17,961
Tax	(2,729)	(2,535)	(2,923)	(3,466)	(3,921)
Profit after tax	7,682	8,599	10,612	12,471	14,039
Minority interests	15	41	41	41	41
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	7,697	8,640	10,653	12,512	14,080
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	225	137	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	7,922	8,777	10,653	12,512	14,080
Per share (THB)	1,322	0,777	10,033	12,512	14,000
Recurring EPS *	0.75	0.83	1.01	1.18	1.33
<u> </u>			1.01		
Reported EPS DPS	0.73	0.82 0.57	0.70	1.18	1.33
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	0.51			0.83	0.93
Growth	10,580	10,580	10,580	10,580	10,580
	75.0	4.4	5.0	2.0	2.7
Revenue (%)	75.6	4.4	5.0	3.8	3.7
Operating EBITDA (%)	107.4	(0.1)	2.5	8.5	8.5
Operating EBIT (%)	61.3	(0.5)	10.9	12.7	9.5
Recurring EPS (%)	13.6	10.8	21.4	17.5	12.5
Reported EPS (%)	(43.8)	12.3	23.3	17.5	12.5
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	16.4	16.1	16.3	16.5	16.7
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	20.2	19.7	19.6	19.8	20.1
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	7.4	7.1	6.9	7.2	7.6
Operating EBIT margin (%)	3.6	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.2
Net margin (%)	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.6
Effective tax rate (%)	28.5	24.4	23.0	23.0	23.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	68.1	68.7	70.0	70.0	70.0
Interest cover (X)	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.7	4.0
Inventory days	34.2	34.4	32.6	32.8	32.9
Debtor days	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Creditor days	59.9	60.2	61.1	61.4	61.5
Operating ROIC (%)	15.6	16.7	18.9	19.0	18.6
ROIC (%)	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.9	4.1
ROE (%)	2.7	3.0	3.6	4.2	4.6
ROA (%)	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.0	3.2
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales Service income	447,182 5.422	466,234	489,698 5.947	508,260	527,495 5.801
	5,422 13,477	5,935	5,947 14 045	5,914 15,603	5,801 16,278
Rental and rendering retail services  Sources: CP Axtra; FSSIA estimates	13,477	14,303	14,945	13,003	16,278

Sources: CP Axtra; FSSIA estimates

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CP Axtra

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	7,922	8,777	10,653	12,512	14,080
Depreciation	17,551	17,612	16,640	17,281	18,536
Associates & minorities	96	13	0	0	0
Other non-cash items	(412)	(161)	20	(9)	2
Change in working capital	(4,400)	7,381	1,333	1,061	1,097
Cash flow from operations	<b>20,757</b>	33,623	28,647	30,845	33,715
•	20,737	33,023	20,047	30,043	33,713
Capex - maintenance	(45.070)	(12.210)	(26.162)	(26.047)	(27.755)
Capex - new investment	(15,872)	(13,319)	(26,162)	(26,947)	(27,755)
Net acquisitions & disposals	(5,027)	(6,765)	(3,659)	(3,846)	(4,037)
Other investments (net)	815	(3,249)	2,962	(606)	1,196
Cash flow from investing	(20,085)	(23,333)	(26,859)	(31,399)	(30,596)
Dividends paid	(5,396)	(6,031)	(7,457)	(8,759)	(9,856)
Equity finance	50	(39)	616	616	616
Debt finance	(23,753)	(12,616)	18,426	(1,000)	1,801
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(29,099)	(18,686)	11,585	(9,143)	(7,440)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	(28,426)	(8,396)	13,373	(9,697)	(4,321)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	7,794.01	16,609.15	7,760.61	5,431.90	9,128.71
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(23,080.44)	(2,325.68)	20,214.30	(1,553.97)	4,919.25
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Per share (THB)	0.74	1 57	0.72	0.54	0.00
FCFF per share		1.57	0.73	0.51	0.86
FCFE per share Recurring cash flow per share	(2.18) 2.38	(0.22) 2.48	1.91 2.58	(0.15) 2.82	0.46 3.08
Necuring cash now per share	2.30	2.46	2.36	2.02	3.00
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	148,498	150,596	176,758	203,705	231,460
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(30,383)	(35,022)	(49,753)	(64,972)	(81,291)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	118,115	115,574	127,005	138,733	150,170
Intangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	C
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	14,961	14,783	14,783	14,783	14,783
Cash & equivalents	40,103	31,707	45,080	35,383	31,061
A/C receivable	2,431	2,304	2,418	2,509	2,602
Inventories	37,820	35,884	37,546	38,869	40,235
Other current assets	7,001	6,844	7,183	7,453	7,732
Current assets	87,355	76,739	92,227	84,214	81,631
Other assets	328,213	333,275	335,246	337,256	339,307
Total assets	548,643	540,371	569,261	574,986	585,891
Common equity	290,348	292,918	296,730	301,099	305,939
Minorities etc.	583	555	514	473	432
Total shareholders' equity	290,931	293,473	297,243	301,571	306,370
Long term debt	110,025	70,180	102,406	82,263	109,429
Other long-term liabilities	56,925	58,569	59,740	60,935	62,153
Long-term liabilities	166,949	128,749	162,146	143,198	171,582
A/C payable	61,818	67,136	70,246	72,721	75,278
Short term debt	4,796	30,253	15,504	33,678	7,325
Other current liabilities	24,148	20,760	24,122	23,818	25,336
Current liabilities	90,763	118,150	109,872	130,217	107,938
	548,643	540,371	569,261	574,986	585,891
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	(38 715)	(42 865)	(47 221)		(50.044)
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Sources: CP Axtra; FSSIA estimates

# **CP Axtra PCL (CPAXT TB)**



# **Exhibit 9: 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 10: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA			Domes	stic 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	3.80			
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 11: 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 12: 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	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	994
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	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	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Pct women in workforce	_	55	55	55	55	55	55	52
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	0	0	0
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	_	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	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								
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	7	7	7	13	13	13
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	4	4	5	7	6	9	13	7
Board meeting attendance pct	83	95	92	94	96	99	98	99
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	48	51	52	53	54	53	54	_
Age of the oldest director	79	80	81	82	83	78	79	_
No. of executives / company managers	12	12	13	11	11	6	6	7
No. of female executives	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	. 1
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No.
Size of audit committee	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	5	5	5	5	5	8	11	8
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	<b>3</b> 2	2	2	2	2	2
·	1	3	2	2	4	2	3	2
No. of compensation committee meetings								
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								

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 appl process based on the from the annual S&P Only the top-ranked of 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 responding business we Candidates must pas 1) no irregular trading float of >150 sharehoup capital. Some key 70%; 2) independent wrongdoing related to negative territory; and	To be eligible for <u>THSI inclusion</u> , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. <u>SETTHSI Index</u> is extended from the THSI companies whose 1) market capitalization > THB5b (~USD150b); 2) free float >20%; and 3) liquidity >0.5% of paid-up capital for at least 9 out of 12 months. The SETTHSI Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index, cap 5% quarterly weight at maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.										
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	An indicator of CG st annually by the Thai Thailand (SET). The an evaluation of oper	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 exter treatment are incorpor transparent and suffii out of five the CG con criteria cover AGM pi date (45%), and after circulation of sufficient ir exercised. The second a and verifiability; and 3) of should contain discussion	orated into busines ciently disclosed. In mponents to be ex- rocedures before to the meeting (10%) information for voting; assesses 1) the ease openness for Q&A. The	as operations a All form importa- valuated annua the meeting (45%). (The first asses and 2) facilitating of attending meetine third involves the second of t	nd information is ant elements of two lly. The assessment (%), at the meeting cases 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)	The core elements of establishment of key policies. The Certifica (Companies deciding to Declaration of Intent to Including rimanagers and employee communication of policie	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' E based on an assessr risk is unmanaged. S	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.										
	regulatory filings, news a information, company fe reports, and quality & pe	<b>NEGL</b> 0-10	<b>Low</b> 10-20	Medium 20-30	<b>High</b> 30-40	Severe 40+						
ESG Book	The ESG score ident positioned to outperfute principle of financhelps explain future rover-weighting featur weights on a rolling of	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	MSCI ESG ratings aim to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. It uses a rules-based methodology to identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers.											
	<b>AA</b> 7.143	3-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in ma	nanaging the most significant ESG risks and opportunities							
	<b>BBB</b> 4.286	I-7.142 S-5.713 <b>A</b> 7-4.285	verage:	a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers  lagging its industry based on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks								
		9-2.856 L )-1.428	aggard:									
Moody's ESG solutions	Moody's assesses the degree to which companies take into account ESG objectives in the definition and implementation of their strategy policies. It believes that a company integrating ESG factors into its business model and relatively outperforming its peers is better positioned to mitigate risks and create sustainable value for shareholders over the medium to long term.											
Refinitiv ESG rating	Designed to transparently and objectively measure a company's relative ESG performance, commitment and effectiveness across 10 main themes, based on publicly available and auditable data. The score ranges from 0 to 100 on relative ESG performance and insufficient degree of transparency in reporting material ESG data publicly. (Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 = satisfactory; >50 to 75 = good; and >75 to 100 = excellent.)											
S&P Global		The S&P Global ESG Score is a relative score measuring a company's performance on and management of ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.										
Bloomberg	ESG Score  Bloomberg score evaluating the company's aggregated Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance. T score is based on Bloomberg's view of ESG financial materiality. The score is a weighted generalized mean (power most pillar Scores, where the weights are determined by the pillar priority ranking. Values range from 0 to 10; 10 is the beautiful to the pillar priority ranking.											

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	THB 32.75	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a lower-than-expected SSSG, 2) a lower-than-expected GPM, 3) higher-than-expected SG&A expenses, and 4) an operating loss from its overseas units.
CP All	CPALL TB	THB 58.25	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.
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 32.25	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	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 10.20	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 15.90	HOLD	Key risks to our DCF-based TP are 1) lower/higher farm income, which would affect purchasing power in the agricultural sector, 2) government disbursement, 3) a lower/higher private brand mix and margin, 4) higher/lower expenses than expected, and 5) a higher/lower impact than expected from the El Nino.
Dohome PCL	DOHOME TB	THB 11.20	HOLD	Key risks to our DCF-based TP are 1) lower/higher farm income, which would affect purchasing power in the agricultural sector, 2) government disbursement, 3) a lower/higher private brand mix and margin, 4) higher/lower expenses than expected, and 5) a higher/lower impact than expected from the El Nino.

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All share prices are as at market close on 09-May-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.

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