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## 1Q24 results at first glance

# BTG reported a lower loss in 1Q24, in line with our estimate

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### Highlights

- BTG reported a 1Q24 net loss of THB124m, in line with our estimate. Excluding an FX gain of THB48m, a gain from biological assets of THB10m, and a derivative loss of THB59m, the loss from core operations equaled THB130m, improving from the loss of THB668m in 4Q23.
- The reasons for the continued loss in 1Q24 were 1) the average domestic swine price was THB62.5/kg (flat q-q, -26% y-y), lower than the cost of raising the swine at THB64-65; and 2) a loss from its swine unit in Cambodia due to illegal pork problems. Therefore, its 1Q24 total revenue dropped by 1.2% q-q and 2.6% y-y, while its gross margin was at 10.8%, down from 12.7% in 1Q24.
- However, we have a positive view on the lower loss from its core operations in the quarter, due to improved sales volumes in all units, plus feed costs gradually decreased after BTG depleted its highpriced inventory. Hence, its gross margin recovered by 2.3% q-q to 10.8%, but it remained at a level where the company was not yet profitable.
- The company controlled its expenses well; 1Q24 SG&A to sales was at 10.3%, down from 10.7% in 1Q23, but slightly up from 9.6% in 4Q23.

### Outlook

- Currently, the domestic swine price has increased by 15% q-q to THB72/kg, higher than the cost of raising the livestock. Meanwhile, we expect its raw material costs to continue to decline in 2Q24. Therefore, we still expect a profit turnaround from its core operations in 2Q24. We maintain our bullish view of the 2H24 growth, which should be brighter than in 1H24.
- As a result, we retain our 2024 estimate of a turnaround to a profit of THB2.75b from the THB1.4b loss in 2023.

TARGET PRICE	THB25.00
CLOSE	THB23.50
UP/DOWNSIDE	+6.4%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+2.8%

### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	108,638	113,631	118,932	124,607
Net profit	(1,398)	2,752	3,158	3,656
EPS (THB)	(0.72)	1.43	1.64	1.89
vs Consensus (%)	-	33.6	6.6	(0.5)
EBITDA	4,319	8,654	9,535	10,528
Recurring net profit	(1,310)	2,752	3,158	3,656
Core EPS (THB)	(0.66)	1.38	1.58	1.83
EPS growth (%)	nm	nm	14.7	15.8
Core P/E (x)	(35.9)	17.1	14.9	12.9
Dividend yield (%)	1.1	2.4	2.8	3.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.9	7.5	6.5	5.8
Price/book (x)	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4
Net debt/Equity (%)	90.9	71.0	56.9	48.2
ROE (%)	(4.9)	10.6	11.4	12.1



Share price performance	e	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)		2.6	9.3	0.0
Relative to country (%)		5.3	10.6	14.4
Mkt cap (USD m)				1,238
3m avg. daily turnover		0.9		
Free float (%)				37
Major shareholder	Betagro	Holding Co	ompany Lim	ited (38%)
12m high/low (THB)			2	9.75/20.00
Issued shares (m)				1,934.80

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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### Exhibit 1: BTG - 1Q24 results summary

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	Ch	ange	2023	2024E	Change
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)				
Sales	27,736	26,491	27,047	27,365	27,024	(1.2)	(2.6)	108,638	113,631	4.6
Cost of sales	24,219	23,714	24,836	25,032	24,102	(3.7)	(0.5)	97,800	98,291	0.5
Gross profit	3,517	2,777	2,211	2,333	2,922	25.3	(16.9)	10,838	15,340	41.5
SG&A	2,955	3,069	2,932	2,623	2,795	6.6	(5.4)	11,579	12,386	7.0
Operating profit	729	(138)	(604)	(235)	253	nm	(65.3)	(248)	3,636	nm
Interest expense	146	148	170	209	198	(5.2)	35.5	673	712	5.9
Tax expense	196	(18)	23	256	195	(23.8)	(0.1)	457	456	(0.3)
Biological gain (loss)	(59)	(20)	(23)	14	10	nm	nm	(88)	0	nm
Other gain (loss)	56	(62)	9	(2)	(4)	nm	nm	1	0	nm
Reported net profit	393	(351)	(784)	(656)	(124)	nm	nm	(1,398)	2,752	nm
Core profit	395	(268)	(770)	(668)	(130)	nm	nm	(1,310)	2,752	nm
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	12.7	10.5	8.2	8.5	10.8	2.3	(1.9)	10.0	13.5	3.5
SG&A to sales	10.7	11.6	10.8	9.6	10.3	0.8	(0.3)	10.7	10.9	0.2
Operating margin	2.6	(0.5)	(2.2)	(0.9)	0.9	1.8	(1.7)	(0.2)	3.2	3.4
Net margin	1.4	(1.3)	(2.9)	(2.4)	(0.5)	1.9	(1.9)	(1.3)	2.4	3.7
Core margin	1.4	(1.0)	(2.8)	(2.4)	(0.5)	2.0	(1.9)	(1.2)	2.4	3.6
Operating statistics										
Broiler price-TH (THB/kg)	39.2	43.8	36.6	37.9	41.7	10.0	6.4	39.4	41.0	4.1
Swine price-TH (THB/kg)	84.7	72.5	62.7	62.3	62.5	0.3	(26.2)	70.5	72.0	2.1
Swine price-Cambodia (KHR/kg)	8,068	9,395	8,572	7,237	7,430	2.7	(7.9)	8,318	7,500	(9.8)
Corn price-TH (THB/kg)	13.3	12.9	11.7	10.4	10.4	0.0	(21.8)	12.1	10.0	(17.4)
Soybean meal price-TH (THB/kg)	24.0	23.4	21.5	22.0	22.7	3.2	(5.4)	22.7	20.5	(9.7)

Sources: BTG, FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 2: Domestic swine price

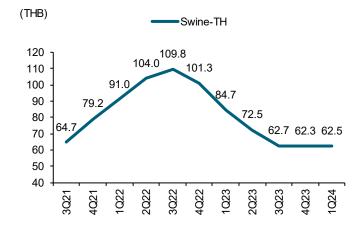
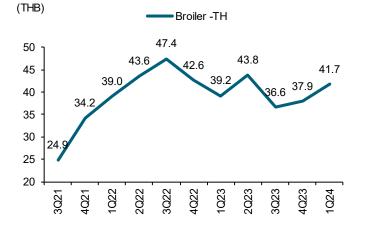


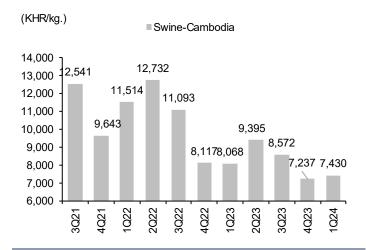
Exhibit 3: Domestic chicken price



Sources: CPF, FSSIA's compilation

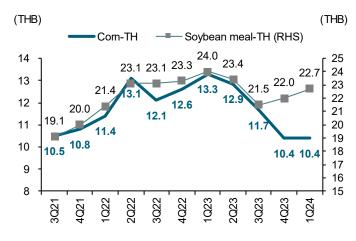
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### Exhibit 4: Cambodia swine price



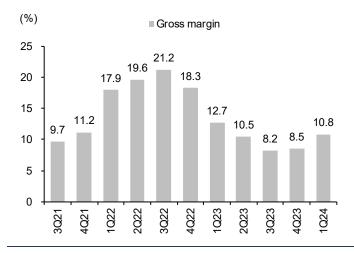
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### Exhibit 6: Domestic raw material prices



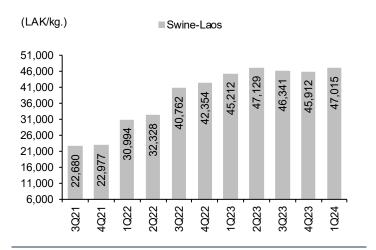
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### Exhibit 6: Gross margin



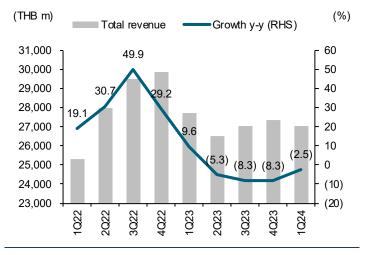
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### Exhibit 5: Laos swine price



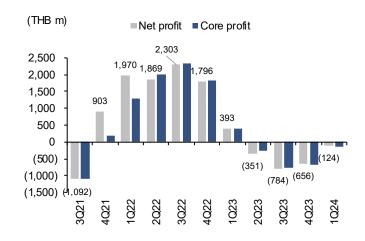
Sources: CPF, FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 7: Total revenue and growth



Sources: BTG, FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 7: Core operations and bottom line



Sources: BTG, FSSIA's compilation

### **Financial Statements**

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Revenue	112,626	108,638	113,631	118,932	124,60
Cost of goods sold	(90,894)	(97,800)	(98,291)	(102,615)	(107,162
Gross profit	21,731	10,838	15,340	16,317	17,44
Other operating income	637	493	682	714	74
Operating costs	(12,594)	(11,579)	(12,386)	(12,964)	(13,582
Operating EBITDA	14,018	4,319	8,654	9,535	10,52
Depreciation	(4,243)	(4,568)	(5,018)	(5,468)	(5,918
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	
Operating EBIT	9,775	(248)	3,636	4,067	4,61
Net financing costs	(619)	(673)	(712)	(611)	(580
Associates	37	102	114	119	12
Recurring non-operating income	37	102	114	119	12
Non-recurring items	460	(88)	0	0	
Profit before tax	9,654	(906)	3,038	3,576	4,15
Тах	(1,549)	(457)	(456)	(536)	(623
Profit after tax	8,104	(1,364)	2,582	3,039	3,53
Minority interests	(167)	(35)	170	119	12
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	7,938	(1,398)	2,752	3,158	3,65
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(460)	88	0	0	
Recurring net profit	7,477	(1,310)	2,752	3,158	3,65
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	3.74	(0.66)	1.38	1.58	1.8
Reported EPS	4.11	(0.72)	1.43	1.64	1.8
DPS	2.52	0.25	0.57	0.65	0.7
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,00
Growth					
Revenue (%)	31.8	(3.5)	4.6	4.7	4.
Operating EBITDA (%)	188.2	(69.2)	100.4	10.2	10.4
Operating EBIT (%)	1,125.0	nm	nm	11.9	13.
Recurring EPS (%)	416.1	nm	nm	14.7	15.
Reported EPS (%)	34.4	nm	nm	14.7	15.
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	19.3	10.0	13.5	13.7	14.
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	23.1	14.2	17.9	18.3	18.
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.4	4.0	7.6	8.0	8.4
Operating EBIT margin (%)	8.7	(0.2)	3.2	3.4	3.
Net margin (%)	6.6	(1.2)	2.4	2.7	2.5
Effective tax rate (%)	16.0	(50.4)	15.0	15.0	15.
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	67.4	(38.2)	41.5	41.5	41.
nterest cover (X)	15.9	(0.2)	5.3	6.9	8.
nventory days	60.7	52.5	47.4	46.5	46.
Debtor days	18.4	21.0	20.5	19.6	19.
Creditor days	23.2	22.0	23.5	25.9	25.
Operating ROIC (%)	18.1	(0.4)	6.5	7.6	8.
ROIC (%)	16.1	(0.2)	6.0	6.9	7.
ROE (%)	33.8	(4.9)	10.6	11.4	12.
ROA (%)	13.3	(1.2)	5.1	5.7	6.4
Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Agro	28,403	32,242	33,854	35,547	37,32
Food and protein	75,758	68,417	71,584	74,645	77,84
International	6,236	5,887	5,713	5,884	6,14

Sources: Betagro; FSSIA estimates

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ash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
ecurring net profit	7,477	(1,310)	2,752	3,158	3,65
epreciation	4,243	4,568	5,018	5,468	5,918
ssociates & minorities	362	(87)	(64)	(108)	(113
ther non-cash items	91	(88)	0	0	(
hange in working capital	(1,479)	1,271	2,142	(679)	(1,218
ash flow from operations	10,694	4,353	9,848	7,839	8,24
apex - maintenance	(5,576)	(7,586)	(4,414)	(4,500)	(4,000
apex - new investment	0	0	0	0	
et acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	(4.004
ither investments (net) ash flow from investing	1,436	(237)	160	561	(1,684
Ū	<b>(4,140)</b>	<b>(7,823)</b> (1,924)	<b>(4,254)</b> (1,101)	<b>(3,939)</b> (1,263)	<b>(5,684</b> (1,462
ividends paid quity finance	(11,250) 16,929	(1,924)	(1,101)	(1,203)	(1,402
ebt finance	(3,487)	880	(3,622)	(2,980)	(899
ther financing cash flows	(3,407) 81	134	(732)	(2,300)	(033
ash flow from financing	2,274	(910)	(5,455)	(4,137)	(2,248
on-recurring cash flows	2,214	(510)	(0,400)	(4,107)	(2,240
ther adjustments	0	0	0	0	
et other adjustments	(3,430)	Ő	Ő	Ő	
lovement in cash	5,398	(4,380)	139	(238)	31
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	7,173.00	(2,796.77)	6,305.92	4,510.34	3,139.4
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(281.29)	(2,456.03)	1,239.87	1,025.53	1,774.0
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er share (THB)	0.74	(1 45)	2.06	0.00	1.0
CFF per share	3.71	(1.45)	3.26	2.33	1.6: 0.9:
CFE per share ecurring cash flow per share	(0.15) 6.31	(1.27) 1.60	0.64 3.99	0.53 4.41	0.92
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	20268
angible fixed assets (gross)	49,403	53,417	53,982	54,141	53,894
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(26,031)	(27,072)	(28,155)	(29,281)	(30,453
angible fixed assets (net)	23,372	26,345	25,827	24,859	23,442
ntangible fixed assets (net)	882	786	786	786	78
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	1,346	1,454	1,461	1,466	1,47
ash & equivalents	5,940	1,561	1,699	1,462	1,77
/C receivable	6,652	7,480	6,795	7,111	7,45
ventories	14,711	12,115	12,118	12,651	13,21
ther current assets	9,477	9,570	9,772	10,109	10,96
urrent assets	36,781	30,726	30,384	31,334	33,40
ther assets	2,852	3,190	3,136	2,689	4,49
otal assets	65,234	62,501	61,595	61,134	63,59
ommon equity	28,502	25,134	26,872	28,766	31,46
linorities etc.	163	178	227	238	24
otal shareholders' equity	28,664	25,312	27,099	29,004	31,70
ong term debt	8,064	9,690	7,690	6,690	5,81
ther long-term liabilities	2,871	3,004	2,273	2,379	2,49
ong-term liabilities	10,934	12,694	9,962	9,068	8,30
/C payable	9,852	9,293	10,937	11,429	11,95
hort term debt	15,615	14,878	13,256	11,276	11,25
ther current liabilities	168	324	341	357	37
urrent liabilities	25,636	24,494	24,534	23,062	23,58
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	<b>65,234</b>	62,501	61,595	61,134	63,59 10.30
et working capital	20,821	19,549 51 324	17,407 48,618	18,086	19,30
vested capital Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	49,274 treated as debt	51,324	48,618	47,887	49,49
er share (THB)	4.4.77	40.00	40.00	44.64	10 -
ook value per share angible book value per share	14.77 14.32	13.03	13.93 13.52	14.91 14.50	16.3
5	14.32	12.62	13.52	14.50	15.9
inancial strength	01.0	00.0	74.0	50.0	
et debt/equity (%)	61.9	90.9	71.0	56.9	48.
et debt/total assets (%)	27.2	36.8	31.2	27.0	24.
urrent ratio (x)	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.
F interest cover (x)	0.5	(2.7)	2.7	2.7	4.
aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
ecurring P/E (x) *	6.3	(35.9)	17.1	14.9	12.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	6.7	(38.2)	18.2	15.8	13.
oourning i / E @ turgot prioo (x)	5.7	(32.4)	16.5	14.4	12.
		1.1	2.4	2.8	3.
eported P/E (x)	10.7	1.1			
ividend yield (%) rice/book (x)	10.7 1.6	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4
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eported P/E (x) ividend yield (%)	1.6 1.6	1.8 1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4 1.5 5.8

Sources: Betagro; FSSIA estimates



### **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating					
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	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high exposu	re and failure to	manage significan	t ESG risks		
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<u>Refinitiv ESG</u> rating	based on pu	blicly available	e and auditable data. Th	a company's relative ES e score ranges from 0 to are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 =	100 on relative ES	G performan	ce and insufficier	nt degree of t		
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<u>S&amp;P Global</u>	The S&P Global ESG Score is a relative score measuring a company's performance on and management of ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.   ESG Score Bloomberg score evaluating the company's aggregated Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance. The score is based on Bloomberg's view of ESG financial materiality. The score is a weighted generalized mean (power mean)									
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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Betagro	BTG TB	THB 23.50	BUY	Downside and upside risks to our PE-based TP include 1) a slower or faster-than-expected purchasing power recovery, 2) a lower or faster-than-expected meat price increase, 3) a slower or faster-than-expected decrease in feed costs, and 4) a stronger or weaker-than-expected THB.

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

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**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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