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T.A.C. CONSUMER

Stock prices reflected all bad news

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- 2H24 net profit would see an impact from higher coffee costs.
- TACC's share price has already dropped 10% over the past month, which has reflected all impacts.
- Upgrade to BUY on a high dividend yield (7%), cheap valuation (13x 2024E P/E), and strong balance sheet.

Expect 2Q24 net profit to grow q-q and y-y

We expect a 2Q24 net profit of THB64m (+4.5% q-q, +18% y-y), driven by our expectation of a continuous growth in revenue of 8.5% y-y, supported by seasonal factors and hot weather, particularly in April. Additionally, the new drinking yogurt products launched in May should contribute to the growth. We anticipate the 2Q24 gross margin may decline slightly q-q to 33% due to the recognition of higher coffee costs but remain higher than 32.7% in 2Q23. Meanwhile, we expect SG&A-tosales would decrease to 17.5% from 18% in 1Q24, driven by increased revenue and some upfront expenses incurred in 1Q24 for 2Q24.

Potentially unexciting earning momentum in 2H24

Management sets a 2024 revenue growth target of 10% y-y, driven by B2B (dispensers and All Café at 7-11) and B2C (café, international, and character business) growth and a gross margin of 32%, which is lower than 32.7% in 2023. Although 1Q24 achieved a higher gross profit margin of 33.9%, management guides the cost of raw materials to increase in 2H24 due to rising coffee prices, as well as significant impacts of Vietnam coffee prices on TACC's major coffee sources. TACC has tried to manage its raw materials by locking in prices sufficient for the rest of 2024 but at a higher rate than before.

Focusing on reducing loss contribution from HIP

HIP, a subsidiary, is undergoing business restructuring, launching new products, and expanding its sales channels. In this regard, TACC is focusing on online and offline marketing, with a target revenue of THB40m in 2024, aiming to reduce losses from HIP in 2H24, following a loss of THB5-6m in 1Q24.

The decline in prices reflected the increase in coffee costs

We have estimated profit by taking into account the impact of higher coffee costs in 2H24. We maintain our TP of THB6.3, based on a 17x PE ratio. Although the earnings momentum may not be exciting, the stock price has already dropped 10% over the past month, which has reflected the impact of higher coffee costs. Also, the global coffee market is starting to decline. We like TACC for 1) its strong financials with a D/E ratio of 0.48x and a high ROE of 30%, 2) its expected dividend yield of 7% per year (paid twice a year), and 3) its low valuation with a current PE ratio of only 13x. Therefore, we upgrade our rating to BUY.



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BUY

TARGET PRICE	THB6.30
CLOSE	THB4.84
UP/DOWNSIDE	+30.2%
PRIOR TP	THB6.30
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	-3.6%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	1,714	1,893	2,065	2,248
Net profit	207	225	251	280
EPS (THB)	0.34	0.37	0.41	0.46
vs Consensus (%)	-	(0.8)	(0.7)	4.5
EBITDA	308	319	363	410
Recurring net profit	217	225	251	280
Core EPS (THB)	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.46
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	(6.1)	3.4	11.8	11.6
Core P/E (x)	13.5	13.1	11.7	10.5
Dividend yield (%)	7.4	7.3	7.7	8.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.9	7.5	6.6	5.7
Price/book (x)	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8
Net debt/Equity (%)	(71.9)	(74.0)	(74.8)	(76.5)
ROE (%)	29.4	31.2	34.0	36.7



Mr.Chatchawe Vatanasuk (20%)

5.50/4.18

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Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

Major shareholder

12m high/low (THB)

Issued shares (m)

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Investment thesis

TACC earned 93% of its revenue from procuring and supplying tea-based beverages to 7-Eleven, its alliance and a leader in the convenience store market in Thailand, which gives TACC a competitive advantage since it can distribute through 7-Eleven, which has 15,000 branches nationwide. Also, we like the solid balance sheet since TACC has no interest-bearing debt but high cash on hand.

Although TACC faced cost pressure from higher raw material costs and a higher loss from TCI, an associate, during 2022-23, we expect a recovery from 2H23 due to lower raw material costs. Also, the recovery should accelerate in 2024 after divesting its investment in TCI, which would make it possible for TACC to stop realizing a loss sharing from TCI from 1Q24 onwards.

Company profile

TACC is a purveyor, manufacturer, and distributor of beverages, mainly tea and coffee. It started partnering with 7-Eleven in 2005. After that, it introduced a branded beverage, Zenya, in international markets (CLMV). Also, it entered into a character business, which realizes revenue from the copyright of cartoon characters, such as Rilakkuma, Jay the Rabbit, Maaja, Warbie Yama, Line Character, and Bellygom. In 2023, TACC earned 94% of its revenue from B2B and 6% from B2C channels.

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Catalysts

Potential catalysts for TACC's earnings growth in 2024 are 1) growth in line with the branch expansion of 7-Eleven in Thailand and abroad, 2) new product launches, 3) lower raw material costs, and 4) an exit from its loss-making associate.

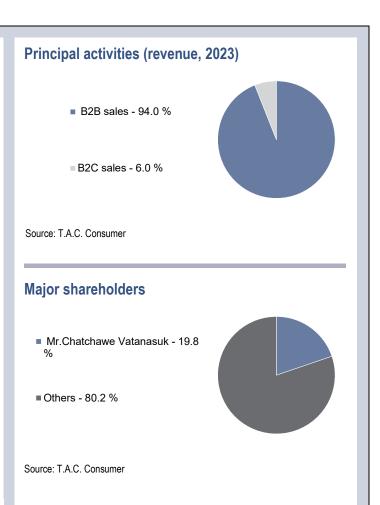
Risks to our call

Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slowerthan-expected recovery in purchasing power, 2) unusually cold weather, 3) lower new product launches than planned, 4) a slower-than-expected decrease in raw material prices, and 5) changes in laws and regulations.

Event calendar

 Date
 Event

 August 2024
 2Q24 result announcement



Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)
B2B sales	1,774	1,934	2,104
B2C sales	119	131	144
Total sales growth (%)	10.5	9.1	8.9
Gross margin (%)	32.0	32.5	33.0
SG&A to sales (%)	17.5	17.5	17.5

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in revenue, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 0.9%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.2% increase in GPM, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 1.0%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in SG&A to sales, we estimate 2024 net profit to fall by 2.5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 10% increase in sugar cost, we estimate 2024 net profit to fall by 1.2%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



Exhibit 1: TACC - 2Q24E earnings preview

	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24E	Cha	nge	2024E	Change	% 1H24E
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	to 2024E				
Sales	447	426	460	458	485	5.9	8.5	1,893	10.5	49.8
Cost	301	285	308	303	325	7.3	8.0	1,287	11.6	48.8
Gross profit	146	142	153	155	160	3.2	9.6	606	8.1	52.0
SG&A	79	76	70	83	85	2.8	7.4	331	14.2	50.5
Operating profit	69	68	90	76	79	4.6	14.7	281	(1.1)	55.1
Profit (-loss) sharing	(2.4)	(2.5)	(2.5)	0.0	0.0	nm	nm	0	(100.0)	nm
Tax expense	14	14	18	15	16	3.2	15.1	57	(1.4)	54.4
Reported net profit	54	52	59	61	64	4.5	18.1	225	8.7	55.4
Core profit	53	52	70	61	64	4.9	19.4	225	3.4	55.3
Key ratios (%)										
Gross margin	32.7	33.3	33.1	33.9	33.0	(0.9)	0.3	32.0	(0.7)	
SG&A / Sales	17.7	17.8	15.3	18.0	17.5	(0.5)	(0.2)	17.5	0.6	
Operating margin	15.4	16.0	19.5	16.5	16.3	(0.2)	0.9	14.9	(1.7)	
Net margin	12.1	12.1	12.7	13.3	13.1	(0.2)	1.1	11.9	(0.2)	
Core margin	11.9	12.1	15.2	13.2	13.1	(0.1)	1.2	11.9	(0.8)	

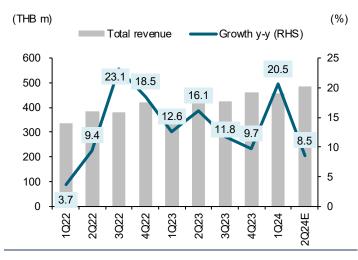
Sources: TACC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: 1H24 B2B's new flavours



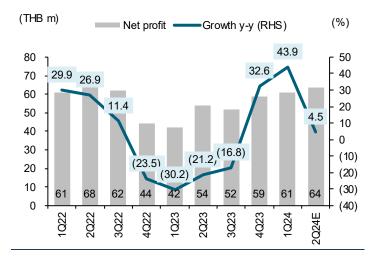
Source: TACC

Exhibit 3: Total revenue and growth



Sources: TACC, FSSIA estimate

Exhibit 5: Net profit and growth



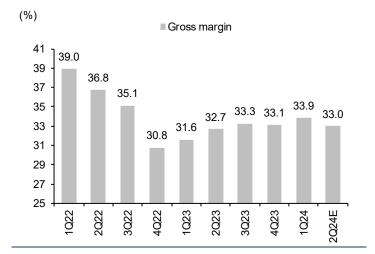
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Exhibit 7: Historical Dividend Yield



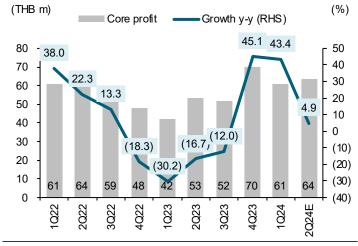
Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimate

Exhibit 4: Gross margin



Sources: TACC, FSSIA estimate

Exhibit 6: Core profit and growth



Sources: TACC, FSSIA estimate

Exhibit 8: Historical P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimate

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	1,523	1,714	1,893	2,065	2,248
Cost of goods sold	(987)	(1,153)	(1,287)	(1,394)	(1,506)
Gross profit	536	561	606	671	742
Other operating income	10	14	7	7	8
Operating costs	(253)	(290)	(331)	(361)	(393)
Operating EBITDA	315	308	319	363	410
Depreciation	(22)	(24)	(38)	(46)	(54)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	293	284	281	317	356
Net financing costs	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Associates	(1)	(10)	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	(1)	(10)	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	4	(11)	0	0	0
Profit before tax	295	263	280	316	355
Тах	(59)	(58)	(57)	(65)	(73)
Profit after tax	235	205	223	251	283
Minority interests	0	2	2	0	(2)
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	235	207	225	251	280
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(4)	11	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	231	217	225	251	280
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.38	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.46
Reported EPS	0.39	0.34	0.37	0.41	0.46
DPS	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.37	0.42
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	608	608	608	608	608
Growth					
Revenue (%)	13.6	12.5	10.5	9.1	8.9
Operating EBITDA (%)	9.9	(2.1)	3.4	13.7	13.1
Operating EBIT (%)	11.6	(3.1)	(1.1)	12.7	12.4
Recurring EPS (%)	11.7	(6.1)	3.4	11.8	11.6
Reported EPS (%)	9.8	(12.1)	8.7	11.8	11.6
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	35.2	32.7	32.0	32.5	33.0
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	36.6	34.1	34.0	34.7	35.4
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	20.7	18.0	16.8	17.6	18.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	19.3	16.6	14.9	15.4	15.9
Net margin (%)	15.2	12.7	11.9	12.2	12.5
Effective tax rate (%)	20.2	22.1	20.4	20.4	20.4
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	94.6	100.7	95.0	90.0	90.0
Interest cover (X)	253.4	250.6	237.6	275.2	318.0
Inventory days	20.3	17.8	19.1	19.9	20.0
Debtor days	68.5	68.9	70.0	71.9	71.9
Creditor days	101.3	98.7	96.9	99.5	99.8
Operating ROIC (%)	178.8	152.6	129.2	159.0	180.3
ROIC (%)	131.8	114.3	99.2	113.0	126.8
ROE (%)	30.7	29.4	31.2	34.0	36.7
ROA (%)	20.7	18.8	19.2	20.3	21.7
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
B2B sales	1,417	1,611	1,774	1,934	2,104
B2C sales	107	103	119	131	144

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Recurring net profit	231	217	225	251	28
Depreciation	22	24	38	46	5
ssociates & minorities	1	10	0	0	
other non-cash items	4	4	(4)	0	
hange in working capital	16	(30)	(7)	(8)	(9
ash flow from operations	274	224	252	289	32
Capex - maintenance	(17)	(63)	(52)	(42)	(42
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	
let acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
Other investments (net)	-	-	-	-	
Cash flow from investing	(17)	(63)	(52)	(42)	(42
lividends paid	(215)	(255)	(213)	(226)	(252
quity finance	0	0	0	0	
Debt finance	(2)	(1)	0	(1)	(1
Other financing cash flows	35	(28)	35	3	
ash flow from financing	(182)	(284)	(178)	(224)	(250
lon-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
et other adjustments	(4)	0	0	0	
lovement in cash	72	(122)	22	23	3
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	258.31	162.44	200.90	248.48	284.6
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	286.31	133.14	235.02	249.15	285.5
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	0.42	0.27	0.33	0.41	0.4
CFE per share	0.47	0.22	0.39	0.41	0.4
ecurring cash flow per share	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.49	0.5
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
angible fixed assets (gross)	212	236	255	275	29
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(99)	(102)	(130)	(156)	(192
angible fixed assets (net)	113	134	125	119	10
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	18	18	18	10
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
ivest. in associates & subsidiaries	27	0	27	27	2
Cash & equivalents	655	533	554	577	61
/C receivable	310	337	389	424	46
nventories	50	60	71	76	8
Other current assets	6	11	8	8	0
Current assets	1,021	941	1,021	1,086	1,16
Other assets	17	23	19	21	2
otal assets	1,179	1.116	1,211	1,271	1,33
Common equity	763	714	725	751	77
/inorities etc.	0	4	0	0	
otal shareholders' equity	763	718	725	751	77
ong term debt	12	9	12	11	1
Other long-term liabilities	27	29	34	37	4
ong-term liabilities	39	38	46	48	5
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/C payable hort term debt	300 6	8	353 5	382 5	41
nort term debt Other current liabilities	о 71	8 41	5 81	ъ 86	9
current liabilities	377	360	439	473	50
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	3/7 1,179	1,116	439 1,211	473 1,271	50 1,33
et working capital		56	33	41	1,33
nvested capital	(4) 153	231	222	226	22
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is beir		201		220	~~~
er share (THB)					
· · ·	1 25	1 17	1 10	1 22	1.2
ook value per share angible book value per share	1.25 1.25	1.17 1.14	1.19 1.16	1.23 1.20	1.2
	1.20	1.14	1.10	1.20	1.2
inancial strength	(00.4)	(74.0)	(74.0)	(74.0)	170 -
et debt/equity (%)	(83.4)	(71.9)	(74.0)	(74.8)	(76.5
et debt/total assets (%)	(54.0)	(46.2)	(44.4)	(44.2)	(44.6
urrent ratio (x)	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.
F interest cover (x)	249.5	122.6	199.6	217.3	255.
aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
ecurring P/E (x) *	12.7	13.5	13.1	11.7	10.
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	16.6	17.6	17.1	15.2	13.
eported P/E (x)	12.5	14.2	13.1	11.7	10.
ividend yield (%)	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.7	8.
rice/book (x)	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.
rice/tangible book (x)	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.
V/EBITDA (x) **	7.3	7.9	7.5	6.6	5.
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	10.1	10.8	10.3	9.0	7.
		10.5	10.8		
V/invested capital (x)	15.1	10.5	10.0	10.5	10.

Sources: T.A.C. Consumer; FSSIA estimates



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Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 18-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
T.A.C. Consumer	TACC TB	THB 4.84	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected recovery in purchasing power, 2) unusually cold weather, 3) lower new product launches than planned, 4) a slower-than-expected decrease in raw material prices, and 5) changes in laws and regulations.

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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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