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NSL FOOD & NSL TB

So far so good

- We expect NSL's 2Q24 revenue to grow better than CPALL's, and its net profit may reach a record high.
- We like the strong growth momentum and good financial position with low D/E but high ROE.
- Retain BUY call with unchanged TP of THB36.

Expect 2Q24 to reach a new profit high

We expect a 2Q24 net profit of THB133m (+4.2% q-q, +60% y-y), a new profit high. The main driver of this growth would be the continued strong revenue, which we project to grow by 4.6% q-q and 21% y-y. This growth is expected to be higher than 7-Eleven's same-store sales growth (SSSG) of 4% y-y and CPALL's 2Q24 total revenue of +5.8% y-y, as forecast by FSSIA. Not only are NSL's existing hot sandwich products continuing to sell well due to seasonal factors, as 2Q is typically a peak season after 4Q, but NSL has also been launching new products continuously, such as new flavors of Macaron, Yoko Donut by BAW, and Egg Tart Sandwich, which have received very positive feedback.

High gross margin, but associates have not recovered

Based on a production capacity utilization rate of around 70-75% and the expectation that raw material prices have remained stable, we project a 2Q24 gross margin at 20.7%, similar to 1Q24 and higher than 18.4% in 2Q23. However, we expect a higher loss contribution from Pen1 at THB2.5m from THB0.2m in 1Q24 due to Pen1's increased losses from promotional activities to clear inventory. As of the end of 1Q24, the net investment in Pen1 was THB5.9m, and we are still monitoring Pen1's business plan. Aside from that, we forecast NSL Intertrade to have a minor loss, and it is currently expanding in the overseas market.

Upside potential for our profit forecast this year

Assuming in-line results, NSL's 1H24 net profit would equal THB261m (+64% y-y), accounting for 60% of our full-year forecast. We expect 3Q24 net profit to be flat or slightly weaker q-q due to seasonal factors, and it should rebound in 4Q24 to reach another record high in line with the peak season for the business. Therefore, we are starting to see an upside potential of c15% from our current 2024E profit of THB434m (+30% y-y).

Strong earnings momentum and financial position

We maintain our TP at THB36, based on an unchanged P/E of 25x. There is an upside of 15%. We like the strong growth momentum and NSL's competitive edge in having a prominent R&D team, which can develop new products that are pleasing to consumers. Furthermore, NSL has extended its contract with 7-Eleven until 2031, along with its good financial position with a low D/E ratio of 0.59x and high ROE of 25%. We still recommend BUY.



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BUY

UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB36.00
CLOSE	THB31.25
UP/DOWNSIDE	+15.2%
PRIOR TP	THB36.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+0.5%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	4,793	5,707	6,535	7,402
Net profit	333	434	508	588
EPS (THB)	1.11	1.45	1.69	1.96
vs Consensus (%)	-	(11.4)	(11.2)	(9.6)
EBITDA	557	676	797	925
Recurring net profit	333	434	508	588
Core EPS (THB)	1.11	1.45	1.69	1.96
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	12.1	30.2	17.1	15.8
Core P/E (x)	28.1	21.6	18.5	15.9
Dividend yield (%)	2.1	2.7	3.2	3.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.9	13.5	11.4	9.8
Price/book (x)	6.0	5.4	4.8	4.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	1.4	(15.7)	(14.1)	(16.6)
ROE (%)	22.5	26.3	27.5	28.4



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

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Investment thesis

Besides growth in tandem with 7-Eleven, NSL continues to launch new bakery products to create a good impression and cope with rapidly changing consumer needs. It also plans to raise non-7-Eleven revenue to diversify dependency risks by introducing branded snacks and entering the food services business. In its latest move, NSL has invested in two subsidiaries, Bake A Wish and NSL Intertrade, to further its future growth.

Company profile

NSL is a manufacturer and distributor of bakery products, appetisers (under CPALL brands, such as EZY Taste, EZY Sweet, and 7 Fresh), and snacks (under NSL brands). It is also in the food services business covering seafood, fish, meats, and frozen vegetables. NSL earns its revenue mainly from domestic sales, with CPALL as its key account. Moreover, it sells food services products to the HoReCa market and other modern trade distributors. It currently has four factories in Chonburi and Nontaburi.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

- Bakery and appetizers 89.3 %
- Food Services 5.8 %
- NSL snack 2.3 %
- OEM & bread wastes 1.4 %
- Franchise fees and others 1.2 %

Source: NSL Foods

Major shareholders

Mr. Somchai Asavapiyanon -72.3 %

■ Others - 27.7 %



Catalysts

Potential catalysts for NSL's earnings growth in 2024 are 1) revenue growth driven by new product launches and a tourism recovery; 2) new 7-Eleven branch expansions; and 3) a decline in raw material costs that should offset higher utility costs.

Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a slower-thanexpected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in raw material prices; 3) the failure of new products; and 4) changing consumer demand and lifestyles.

Event calendar

 Date
 Event

 13 August 2024
 2Q24 results announcement

Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Total revenue (THB m)	5,707	6,535	7,402
Revenue growth (%)	19.1	14.5	13.3
Gross margin (%)	18.8	19.0	19.2
SG&A to sales (%)	9.6	9.6	9.6

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 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2024 net profit to rise by 5.2%, 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 5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

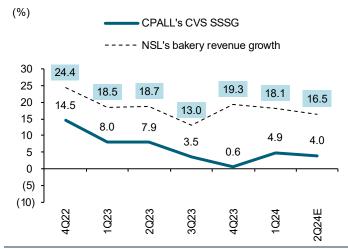


Exhibit 1: NSL – 2Q24 earnings preview

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24E	Cha	nge	2024E	Change	% 1H24E
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	% Y-Y	to 2024E					
Sales	1,095	1,163	1,201	1,333	1,346	1,407	4.6	21.0	5,707	19.1	48.2
Cost of sales	892	949	988	1,081	1,064	1,116	4.9	17.6	4,634	18.5	47.0
Gross profit	204	214	212	253	282	291	3.2	35.9	1,073	21.5	53.5
SG&A	107	109	117	129	126	128	1.5	17.7	548	18.6	46.4
Operating profit	98	108	98	132	161	170	5.7	57.1	536	22.7	61.8
Interest expense	3	3	2	3	2	2	(0.5)	(21.3)	6	(46.0)	73.2
Profit (loss) sharing	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(0)	(3)	nm	nm	(3)	nm	95.3
Tax expense	19	21	19	27	32	33	4.5	59.3	96	11.9	67.9
Reported net profit	75	83	73	102	128	133	4.2	59.9	434	30.2	60.0
Core profit	78	83	73	102	128	133	4.2	59.9	434	30.2	60.0
Key ratios (%)							(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	18.6	18.4	17.7	19.0	21.0	20.7	(0.3)	2.3	18.8	0.0	
SG&A / Sales	9.8	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.1	(0.3)	(0.3)	9.6	0.0	
Operating margin	9.0	9.3	8.2	9.9	12.0	12.1	0.1	2.8	9.4	0.0	
Net margin	6.9	7.1	6.1	7.6	9.5	9.5	(0.0)	2.3	7.6	0.6	
Core margin	7.2	7.1	6.1	7.6	9.5	9.5	(0.0)	2.3	7.6	0.6	
Operating statistics (THB m)											
Bakery sales	1,004	1,066	1,060	1,152	1,186	1,242	4.8	16.5	5,031	17.5	48.3
Food service sales	68	69	64	75	66	65	(1.5)	(5.4)	287	4.0	45.7
Snack sales (NSL brands)	10	10	45	45	82	87	6.5	787.8	334	105.0	50.6
OEM sales	14	19	19	17	9	10	6.4	(46.2)	45	(34.3)	43.2
Franchise sales	0	0	1	3	3	3	0.3	nm	11	150.0	58.1

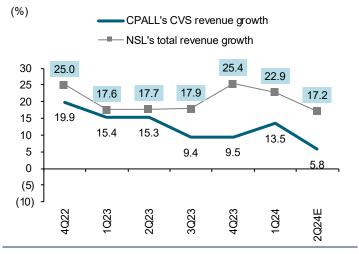
Sources: NSL, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: CPALL's CVS SSSG and NSL's bakery revenue growth



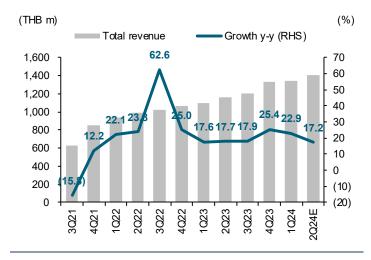
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Exhibit 3: CPALL's CVS revenue growth and NSL's total revenue growth

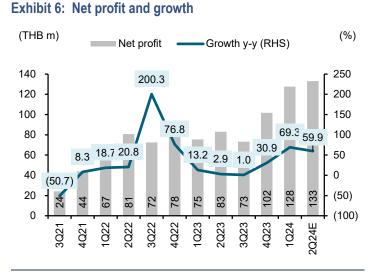


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Exhibit 4: Total revenue and growth

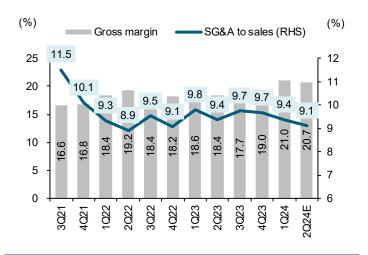


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Exhibit 5: Gross margin and SG&A to sales



Sources: NSL, FSSIA estimates



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Exhibit 7: Historical P/E band

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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3Y-avg = 18.9x

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	4,001	4,793	5,707	6,535	7,402
Cost of goods sold	(3,259)	(3,910)	(4,634)	(5,294)	(5,981
Gross profit	742	883	1,073	1,242	1,421
Other operating income	8	17	11	13	15
Operating costs	(369)	(462)	(548)	(627)	(711)
Operating EBITDA	484	557	676	797	925
Depreciation	(102)	(120)	(140)	(170)	(200
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	(
Operating EBIT	382	437	536	627	725
Net financing costs	(10)	(11)	(6)	(5)	(5
Associates	-	-	-	-	
Recurring non-operating income	0	(9)	(3)	2	3
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	(
Profit before tax	372	418	528	625	724
Tax	(74)	(85)	(96)	(119)	(137
Profit after tax	298	332	432	506	586
Minority interests	0	1	2	2	2
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	
Reported net profit	298	333	434	508	588
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	(
Recurring net profit	298	333	434	508	588
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.99	1.11	1.45	1.69	1.96
Reported EPS	0.99	1.11	1.45	1.69	1.96
DPS	0.55	0.65	0.85	0.99	1.15
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	300	300	300	300	300
Growth					
Revenue (%)	31.7	19.8	19.1	14.5	13.3
Operating EBITDA (%)	40.0	15.1	21.4	17.9	16.1
Operating EBIT (%)	53.3	14.5	22.7	17.0	15.6
Recurring EPS (%)	41.5	12.1	30.2	17.1	15.8
Reported EPS (%)	41.5	12.1	30.2	17.1	15.8
Operating performance	11.0	12.1	00.2		10.0
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	18.5	18.4	18.8	19.0	19.2
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	21.1	20.9	21.3	21.6	21.9
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.1	11.6	11.9	12.2	12.5
Operating EBIT DA margin (%) Operating EBIT margin (%)	9.5	9.1	9.4	9.6	9.8
Net margin (%)	9.5 7.4	7.0	9.4 7.6	9.8 7.8	9.0
Effective tax rate (%)	19.9		18.1		7.s 19.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	55.4	20.4 58.5	58.5	19.0 58.5	58.5
	55.4 37.1		92.8	58.5 139.9	58.c 153.3
nterest cover (X)		40.2			
nventory days	26.4	26.1	26.6	29.1	29.3
Debtor days	49.8	50.5	48.4	46.8	47.1
Creditor days	58.5	58.2	57.3	58.1	58.5
Operating ROIC (%)	25.9	27.2	30.6	32.4	33.8
ROIC (%)	22.3	21.3	26.6	30.3	31.7
ROE (%)	22.4	22.5	26.3	27.5	28.4
ROA (%) Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	13.9	14.2	16.6	17.5	18.2
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Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Bakery and appetizers	3,643	4,282	5,117	5,884	6,696
Food Services	288	276	303	328	354
NSL snack	35	110	127	139	150
OEM & bread wastes	35	68	89	107	120

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NSL Foods					
Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	298	333	434	508	588
Depreciation	102	120	140	170	200
ssociates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	0	26	4	(1)	(3)
hange in working capital ta sh flow from operations	(54) 346	(36) 443	(52) 526	(51) 625	(54) 732
apex - maintenance	(146)	(200)	(200)	(300)	(300)
apex - new investment	-	(200)	(200)	(000)	(000)
et acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	-
ther investments (net)	(301)	28	190	(6)	(6)
ash flow from investing	(448)	(172)	(10)	(306)	(306)
ividends paid	(144)	(180)	(254)	(297)	(344)
quity finance	0	0	0	0	0
ebt finance	(100) 1	(93) 20	(35) 31	(25) (20)	5 9
ther financing cash flows ash flow from financing	(243)	(252)	(258)	(20) (342)	(331)
on-recurring cash flows	(243)	(202)	(200)	(042)	(001)
ther adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
et other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
ovement in cash	(344)	19	258	(24)	95
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(91.06)	281.68	521.94	323.30	430.71
ee cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(200.65)	198.69	511.67	273.55	439.62
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(0.30)	0.94	1.74	1.08	1.44
CFE per share	(0.67)	0.66	1.71	0.91	1.47
ecurring cash flow per share	1.33	1.60	1.93	2.26	2.62
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
angible fixed assets (gross)	1,738	1,896	2,024	2,227	2,406
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(768)	(846)	(914)	(987)	(1,066)
angible fixed assets (net)	970	1,050	1,110	1,240	1,340
tangible fixed assets (net)	6	47	47	47	47
ong-term financial assets	301	214	0	0	0
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	6	6	6	6
ash & equivalents /C receivable	115 595	134 732	392 782	368 895	463
ventories	267	274	381	435	1,014 492
ther current assets	3	7	3	-33	432
urrent assets	980	1,147	1,557	1,702	1,973
ther assets	32	36	57	65	74
otal assets	2,290	2,500	2,777	3,060	3,440
ommon equity	1,406	1,560	1,740	1,951	2,195
linorities etc.	0	17	18	18	19
otal shareholders' equity	1,406	1,576	1,758	1,969	2,213
ong term debt	80	14	0	35	40
ther long-term liabilities ong-term liabilities	30 110	49 64	86 86	65 100	74 114
/C payable	559	650	762	870	983
hort term debt	167	141	115	55	55
ther current liabilities	47	68	57	65	74
urrent liabilities	774	859	934	991	1,112
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	2,290	2,500	2,777	3,060	3,440
et working capital	259	295	347	398	452
vested capital	1,568	1,648	1,566	1,756	1,919
ncludes convertibles and preferred stock which is beir	ig ireated as debt				
er share (THB)					
ook value per share	4.69	5.20	5.80	6.50	7.32
angible book value per share	4.67	5.04	5.64	6.35	7.16
nancial strength	- ·				
et debt/equity (%)	9.4	1.4	(15.7)	(14.1)	(16.6)
et debt/total assets (%) urrent ratio (x)	5.8 1.3	0.9 1.3	(10.0) 1.7	(9.1) 1.7	(10.7) 1.8
= interest cover (x)	(18.5)	1.3	90.0	61.8	93.6
aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
ecurring P/E (x) *	31.5	28.1	21.6	18.5	15.9
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	36.3	32.4	24.9	21.3	18.4
eported P/E (x) vidend yield (%)	31.5 1.8	28.1 2.1	21.6 2.7	18.5 3.2	15.9 3.7
rice/book (x)	6.7	2.1 6.0	2.7 5.4	3.2 4.8	3.7 4.3
ice/book (x)	6.7	6.2	5.5	4.8	4.3
//EBITDA (x) **	19.6	16.9	13.5	11.4	9.8
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	22.6	19.5	15.6	13.2	11.3
V/invested capital (x)	6.1	5.7	5.8	5.2	4.7

Sources: NSL Foods; FSSIA estimates



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ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating					
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BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

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