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TARGET PRICE THB64.00
CLOSE THB51.25
UP/DOWNSIDE +24.9%
TP vs CONSENSUS +0.7%

2Q24 results at first glance

2Q24 net profit was flat q-q but grew y-y, slightly below our estimate by 5%

Highlights

- NEO reported a 2Q24 net profit of THB269m (+0.3% q-q, +72.8% y-y). The gross margin remained impressive at 46.8%, up from 45.9% in 1Q24 and 42.5% in 2Q23, thanks to the product mix and benefit from low raw material costs. To elaborate, revenue from the baby segment continued to outperform the household segment.
- Total revenue grew by 0.9% q-q and 8.7% y-y in 2Q24. Highlights include the baby segment revenue increasing by 13% q-q and y-y, with new products like D-nee Deluxe receiving a positive response. Meanwhile, household products saw a q-q decline due to increased competition in fabric softeners, and personal care revenue decreased q-q as department stores built up inventory, resulting in a high base from 1Q24.
- Export revenue recovered well, which grew by 29.4% q-q but declined by 8.9% y-y due to the high base in 2Q23.
- Total expenses rose by 6% q-q and 10.5% y-y in 2Q24, outpacing revenue growth. This led to an increase in the SG&A to sales ratio to 33.2% from 31.5% in 1Q24 and 32.6% in 2Q23, mainly from higher marketing and new product launch expenses.

Outlook

- NEO's 1H24 net profit equaled THB537m (+60% y-y), accounting for 53% of our full-year estimate, with 1H24 total revenue growing by 8.6% y-y. However, NEO maintains its 2024 revenue growth target of no less than 10% y-y, implying that 2H24 revenue will need to grow by at least 12% y-y. It would support net profit growth in 2H24.
- We maintain our 2024E net profit at THB1b and keep our TP of THB64.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	9,484	10,438	11,336	12,241
Net profit	830	1,012	1,116	1,237
EPS (THB)	3.74	3.37	3.72	4.12
vs Consensus (%)	-	(6.0)	(0.9)	0.0
EBITDA	1,461	1,833	2,190	2,363
Recurring net profit	830	1,012	1,116	1,237
Core EPS (THB)	3.74	3.37	3.72	4.12
EPS growth (%)	47.0	(9.7)	10.3	10.8
Core P/E (x)	13.7	15.2	13.8	12.4
Dividend yield (%)	9.7	4.0	4.4	4.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.3	9.2	8.6	8.0
Price/book (x)	7.4	3.3	2.8	2.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	143.7	25.3	56.5	51.7
ROE (%)	45.0	32.9	22.2	21.7



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(7.7)	14.5	n/a
Relative to country (%)	(4.8)	22.0	n/a
Mkt cap (USD m)			440
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			3.4
Free float (%)			29
Major shareholder	Т	hakolsri Fa	mily (65%)
12m high/low (THB)		6	0.50/39.00
Issued shares (m)			300.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Exhibit 1: NEO – 2Q24 results summary

	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	Cha	nge	2023	2024E	Change	% 1H24
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	to 2024E				
Sales	2,295	2,456	2,455	2,472	2,494	0.9	8.7	9,484	10,438	10.1	47.6
Cost of sales	1,319	1,354	1,381	1,337	1,326	(0.8)	0.5	5,449	5,845	7.3	45.5
Gross profit	975	1,102	1,074	1,136	1,168	2.8	19.8	4,035	4,593	13.8	50.2
SG&A	749	676	881	780	827	6.1	10.5	2,957	3,257	10.1	49.4
Operating profit	234	431	207	364	361	(1.0)	54.0	1,106	1,357	22.7	53.4
Interest expense	10	15	20	24	21	(13.7)	112.4	55	73	33.0	62.1
Tax expense	40	86	37	68	67	(0.8)	69.0	212	257	21.2	52.7
Reported net profit	156	350	144	268	269	0.3	72.8	830	1,012	22.0	53.0
Core profit	183	329	144	268	269	0.3	46.9	830	1,012	22.0	53.0
Key Ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)				
Gross margin	42.5	44.9	43.7	45.9	46.8	0.9	4.3	42.5	44.0	1.5	
SG&A / Sales	32.6	27.5	35.9	31.5	33.2	1.6	0.6	31.2	31.2	0.0	
Operating margin	10.2	17.5	8.4	14.7	14.5	(0.3)	4.3	11.7	13.0	1.3	
Net margin	6.8	14.3	5.9	10.8	10.8	(0.1)	4.0	8.7	9.7	1.0	
Core margin	8.0	13.4	5.9	10.8	10.8	(0.1)	2.8	8.7	9.7	1.0	
Operating Statistics (THB m)											
Household products revenue	997	1,038	1,065	1,024	1,004	(2.0)	0.7	4,127	4,445	7.7	45.6
Personal care products revenue	550	610	553	699	643	(8.0)	16.9	2,287	2,538	11.0	52.9
Baby and kids products revenue	748	808	837	749	847	13.1	13.2	3,070	3,454	12.5	46.2
Domestic revenue	1,978	2,137	2,136	2,250	2,206	(2.0)	11.5	8,238	9,227	12.0	48.3
Export revenue	316	319	319	223	288	29.4	(8.9)	1,246	1,211	(2.8)	42.1

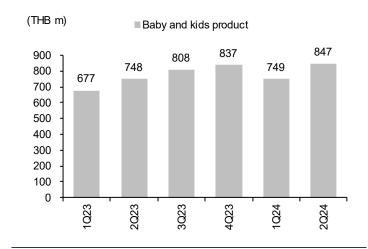
Sources: NEO; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 2: Total revenue and growth



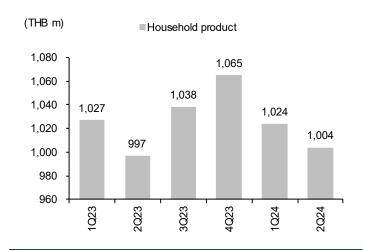
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Exhibit 3: Baby and kids revenue



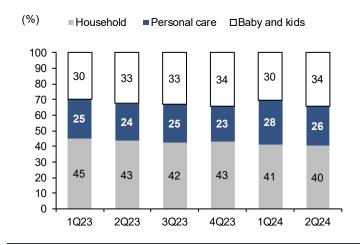
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Exhibit 4: Household product revenue



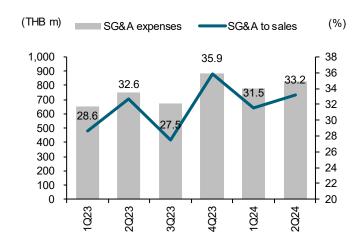
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Exhibit 6: Revenue contribution by product segment



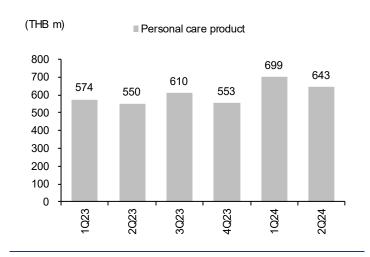
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Exhibit 8: SG&A to sales



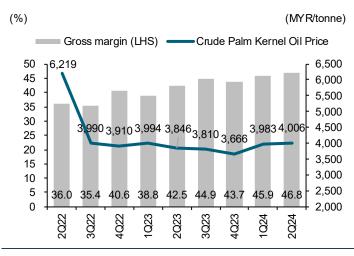
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Exhibit 5: Personal care revenue



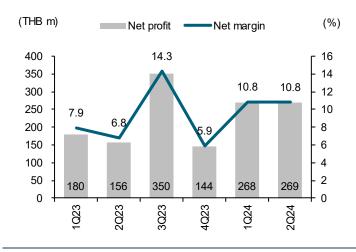
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Exhibit 7: Gross margin and crude palm oil price



Sources: NEO, Bloomberg, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 9: Net profit and net margin



Sources: NEO, FSSIA's compilation

Financial Statements

Neo Corporate

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	8,301	9,484	10,438	11,336	12,241
Cost of goods sold	(5,181)	(5,449)	(5,845)	(6,326)	(6,806)
Gross profit	3,120	4,035	4,593	5,011	5,435
Other operating income	22	28	21	25	24
Operating costs	(2,395)	(2,957)	(3,257)	(3,492)	(3,770)
Operating EBITDA	1,070	1,461	1,833	2,190	2,363
Depreciation	(323)	(355)	(476)	(646)	(674)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	746	1,106	1,357	1,544	1,689
Net financing costs	(36)	(55)	(73)	(131)	(123)
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	710	1,052	1,284	1,413	1,566
Tax	(142)	(212)	(257)	(283)	(313)
Profit after tax	569	840	1,027	1,130	1,253
Minority interests	(4)	(10)	(15)	(14)	(17)
Preferred dividends	Ô	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó
Other items	-	_	_	-	_
Reported net profit	565	830	1,012	1,116	1,237
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	-	-	-	-	
Recurring net profit	565	830	1,012	1,116	1,237
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	2.54	3.74	3.37	3.72	4.12
Reported EPS	2.54	3.74	3.37	3.72	4.12
DPS	2.56	4.95	2.02	2.23	2.47
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	222	222	300	300	300
Growth					
Revenue (%)	11.5	14.3	10.1	8.6	8.0
Operating EBITDA (%)	(15.2)	36.6	25.5	19.4	7.9
Operating EBIT (%)	(21.1)	48.2	22.7	13.8	9.4
Recurring EPS (%)	(21.5)	47.0	(9.7)	10.3	10.8
Reported EPS (%)	(21.5)	47.0	(9.7)	10.3	10.8
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	37.6	42.5	44.0	44.2	44.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	41.5	46.3	48.6	49.9	49.9
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.9	15.4	17.6	19.3	19.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	9.0	11.7	13.0	13.6	13.8
Net margin (%)	6.8	8.7	9.7	9.8	10.1
Effective tax rate (%)	19.9	20.2	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	100.8	132.5	60.0	60.0	60.0
Interest cover (X)	20.6	20.3	18.7	11.8	13.7
Inventory days	59.3	58.6	58.9	64.3	64.2
Debtor days	80.7	75.4	74.8	76.8	77.0
Creditor days	84.5	127.3	124.8	85.7	85.7
Operating ROIC (%)	18.3	23.8	21.1	15.8	14.2
ROIC (%)	17.5	22.5	20.2	15.4	13.9
ROE (%)	28.0	45.0	32.9	22.2	21.7
ROA (%)	9.8	13.0	12.4	10.6	10.1
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Household products	3,498	4,127	4,445	4,757	5,090
Personal care products	2,071	2,287	2,538	2,763	2,953
Baby and kids products	2,731	3,070	3,454	3,817	4,198

Sources: Neo Corporate; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

Neo Corporate

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	565	830	1,012	1,116	1,237
Depreciation	323	355	476	646	674
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
Other non-cash items	4 (450)	(243)	259	5	4
Change in working capital	(152)	157	(173)	(36)	(36)
Cash flow from operations	740	1,098	1,575	1,731	1,878
Capex - maintenance	(663)	(704)	(3,156)	(3,094)	(1,144)
Capex - new investment Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
Other investments (net)	3	(132)	99	(12)	(12)
Cash flow from investing	(660)	(837)	(3,057)	(3,105)	(1,156)
Dividends paid	(307)	(1,657)	(607)	(670)	(742
Equity finance	0	0	3,078	0	(, ,=,
Debt finance	(106)	1,652	(668)	1,667	(228
Other financing cash flows	79	9	26	36	36
Cash flow from financing	(335)	3	1,828	1,033	(934
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
Movement in cash	(255)	265	346	(341)	(212)
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	116.06	315.80	(1,409.50)	(1,242.93)	844.77
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	52.45	1,921.90	(2,124.20)	329.11	530.05
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.39	1.05	(4.70)	(4.14)	2.82
FCFE per share	0.17	6.41	(7.08)	1.10	1.77
Recurring cash flow per share	4.02	4.24	5.83	5.89	6.38
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	4,900	4,900	7,452	11,011	11,599
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,781)	(1,204)	(1,490)	(2,202)	(2,320)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	3,119	3,696	5,961	8,809	9,279
Intangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	47	47	47
Long-term financial assets Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	- 11	6	6	6	(
Cash & equivalents	224	488	835	494	282
A/C receivable	1,929	1,992	2,288	2,485	2,683
Inventories	864	772	961	1,040	1,119
Other current assets	45	52	52	57	61
Current assets	3,061	3,304	4,135	4,075	4,145
Other assets	144	282	136	147	159
Total assets	6,335	7,287	10,285	13,084	13,636
Common equity	2,144	1,544	4,613	5,459	5,954
Minorities etc.	267	24	283	287	29
Total shareholders' equity	2,411	1,568	4,895	5,747	6,24
Long term debt	726	1,740	1,748	2,965	2,844
Other long-term liabilities	383	392	418	453	49
Long-term liabilities	1,108	2,131	2,166	3,418	3,334
A/C payable	1,162	2,391	1,281	1,386	1,492
Short term debt	364	1,001	325	775	668
Other current liabilities	1,290	196	1,618	1,757	1,89
Current liabilities	2,816	3,588	3,224	3,919	4,05
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	6,335	7,287	10,285	13,084	13,630
Net working capital	386	229	402	438	47
Invested capital * Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is beir	3,659	4,212	6,551	9,446	9,96
morages convertibles and preferred stock which is bein	ig treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	9.66	6.95	15.38	18.20	19.8
Tangible book value per share	9.66	6.95	15.22	18.04	19.69
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	35.9	143.7	25.3	56.5	51.7
Net debt/total assets (%)	13.7	30.9	12.0	24.8	23.
Current ratio (x)	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.0
CF interest cover (x)	2.5	36.2	(28.3)	3.5	5.3
Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Recurring P/E (x) *	20.2	13.7	15.2	13.8	12.4
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Recurring P/E @ target price (x) * Reported P/E (x)	2 5.2 20.2	17.1 13.7	19.0 15.2	17.2 13.8	15. 12.
Reported P/E (x) Dividend yield (%)	20.2 5.0	9.7	4.0	4.4	4.
Price/book (x)	5.3	7.4	3.3	2.8	2.
Price/tangible book (x)	5.3	7.4	3.4	2.8	2.
EV/EBITDA (x) **	11.7	9.3	9.2	8.6	8.
EV/EBITDA (x) EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	14.3	11.3	11.3	10.4	9.
EV/invested capital (x)	3.4	3.2	2.6	2.0	1.9
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06-Jun-2024 BUY 64.00

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Neo Corporate	NEO TB	THB 51.25	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) the high volatility of raw material prices; 3) changing consumer demand and lifestyles; and 4) a failure of new products.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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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.

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.

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