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# วันที่ดีกว่ารออยู่ข้างหน้า

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- เราปรับลดประมาณการกำไรของเราและลดราคาเป้าหมายเป็น 39 บาท (DCF, 1 1.0% WACC, 3.0% LTG) ในขณะที่คงคำแนะนำชื้อ

## SCGP ซื้อหุ้น Fajar เพิ่มในราคา USD652ล้าน

SCGP รายงาน SET อย่างเป็นทางการว่าบริษัทฯ จะซื้อหุ้น Fajar (บริษัทผู้ผลิตกระดาษบรรจุ ภัณฑ์สัญชาติอินโดนีเซีย) เพิ่มอีก 44.48% จาก PT Intercipta Sempana (PTICS) ในราคา USD652ล้าน (ประมาณ 23พัน ลบ.) หลังการซื้อดังกล่าว SCGP จะถือหุ้น 99.72% ใน Fajar และจะเริ่มรวมงบการเงินของบริษัทดังกล่าวนับตั้งแต่เดือน ก.ย. 2024 เป็นต้นไป การ ซื้อดังกล่าวเป็นไปตามกำหนด ทั้งนี้แหล่งเงินทุนจะมาจากกระแสเงินสดภายในประมาณ 8พัน ลบ. และเงินกู้อีก 15พัน ลบ. พร้อมต้นทุนเงินกู้ที่คาดว่าจะอยู่ที่ 3%

## อินโดนีเซียเป็นหนึ่งในตลาดเป้าหมายสำหรับกระดาษบรรจุภัณฑ์

อินโดนีเซียเป็นตลาดเป้าหมายสำหรับกระดาษบรรจุภัณฑ์เนื่องจากมีประชากรจำนวนมาก โดยเฉพาะประชากรที่มีอายุน้อยโดยได้ปัจจัยหนุนจากการบริโภคในประเทศและเงินลงทุน โดยตรงจากต่างประเทศที่เพิ่มขึ้น SCGP เข้าสู่ตลาดอินโดนีเซียในปี 2013 และซื้อหุ้น 55.2% จาก Fajar ในเดือน ก.ค. 2019 Fajar เป็นผู้นำในตลาดกระดาษบรรจุภัณฑ์ในอินโดนีเซียด้วย ส่วนแบ่งตลาดประมาณ 30% ในอุตสาหกรรม Containerboard ของอินโดนีเซีย Fajar รายงาน ผลขาดทุนมาตั้งแต่ 4Q22 จากอุปสงค์ในตลาดส่งออกที่อ่อนแอ (ส่วนมากไปยังจีน) ปัญหา อุปทานเกินดุลของผลิตภัณฑ์กระดาษบรรจุภัณฑ์ในอินโดนีเซียและแรงกดดันในด้านต้นทุน วัตถุดิบ

## ปรับลดประมาณการกำไรจากค่าใช้จ่ายดอกเบี้ยที่สูงขึ้น

แม้ว่าผลขาดทุนจะลดลงใน 1Q24 ตัวเลขอาจเพิ่มขึ้นในปี 2024 จากปัญหาค่าเงินรูปียะฮ์ที่อ่อน ลงเมื่อเทียบกับเงินเหรียญสหรัฐฯ และค่าใช้จ่ายดอกเบี้ยที่สูงขึ้น ผู้บริหารของ SCGP ตั้งเป้าให้ การดำเนินงานของ Fajar เท่าทุนในระดับ EBITDA ภายในสิ้นปี 2024 อย่างไรก็ดีเราเชื่อว่าเป้า ดังกล่าวมีความท้าทาย เราปรับลดประมาณการกำไรของเราลง 1%/6%/4% ในปี 2024-26 ส่วนมากจากค่าใช้จ่ายดอกเบี้ยที่สูงขึ้นตามเงินกู้และอัตราดอกเบี้ยที่สูงขึ้น

### คงคำแนะนำซื้อจากแนวโน้มการเติบโตระยะยาว

หลังการปรับประมาณการกำไรของเรา เราคาดว่ากำไรในช่วงปี 2024-26 จะยังโตในอัตราสอง หลัก ทั้งนี้เราคาดว่ากำไรในช่วงปี 2024-26 จะโต 15%/12%/11% ตามลำดับคิดเป็นอัตราการ เติบโตที่ 11% CAGR เราปรับลดราคาเป้าหมายของเราเป็น 39 บาท (DCF, 11.0% WACC, 3.0% LTG) จาก 43 บาท เราคงคำแนะนำซื้อจากแนวโน้มการเติบโตในระยะยาว ปัจจุบันหุ้นมี การซื้อขายที่เพียง 8.2X 2024E EV/EBITDA เทียบเท่า -1.5SD ของค่าเฉลี่ย 4 ปีย้อนหลัง







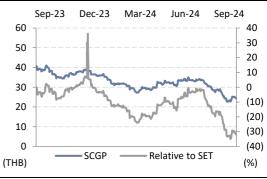


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TARGET PRICE THB39.00
CLOSE THB24.30
UP/DOWNSIDE +60.5%
PRIOR TP THB43.00
CHANGE IN TP -9.3%
TP vs CONSENSUS +4.1%

### **KEY STOCK DATA**

| YE Dec (THB m)       | 2023    | 2024E   | 2025E   | 2026E   |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue              | 129,398 | 140,285 | 150,010 | 157,174 |
| Net profit           | 5,248   | 6,010   | 6,758   | 7,466   |
| EPS (THB)            | 1.22    | 1.40    | 1.57    | 1.74    |
| vs Consensus (%)     | -       | (1.9)   | (3.2)   | (1.2)   |
| EBITDA               | 17,689  | 20,699  | 22,212  | 23,286  |
| Recurring net profit | 5,169   | 6,010   | 6,758   | 7,466   |
| Core EPS (THB)       | 1.20    | 1.40    | 1.57    | 1.74    |
| Chg. In EPS est. (%) | -       | (0.6)   | (5.6)   | (3.7)   |
| EPS growth (%)       | (8.6)   | 16.3    | 12.4    | 10.5    |
| Core P/E (x)         | 20.2    | 17.4    | 15.4    | 14.0    |
| Dividend yield (%)   | 2.3     | 2.6     | 2.9     | 3.2     |
| EV/EBITDA (x)        | 8.9     | 8.2     | 7.7     | 7.2     |
| Price/book (x)       | 1.3     | 1.3     | 1.2     | 1.2     |
| Net debt/Equity (%)  | 27.5    | 37.2    | 36.0    | 32.9    |
| ROE (%)              | 5.9     | 7.5     | 8.0     | 8.5     |



| Share price performance     | 1 Month     | 3 Month    | 12 Month   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Absolute (%)                | (14.0)      | (29.1)     | (38.1)     |
| Relative to country (%)     | (17.2)      | (29.4)     | (28.2)     |
| Mkt cap (USD m)             |             |            | 3,079      |
| 3m avg. daily turnover (USD | m)          |            | 7.4        |
| Free float (%)              |             |            | 26         |
| Major shareholder           | The Siam Ce | ement (SCC | TB) (72%)  |
| 12m high/low (THB)          |             | 4          | 1.75/22.30 |
| Issued shares (m)           |             |            | 4,292.92   |

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

SCGP reported to the SET that the company acquired an additional 44.48% stake in the Indonesian packaging paper company Fajar for USD652m (approximately THB23b). This move is in accordance with the schedule. The source of funds will be approximately THB8b from its internal cash flow and THB15b from borrowing, with an estimated 3% cost of funds.

SCGP's management is aiming for Fajar's operations to break even at the EBITDA level by the end of 2024, but we believe this is challenging. We trim our profit forecast by 1%/6%/4% in 2024-26, largely from higher interest expenses in accordance with higher rates and loans.

Although we slash our DCF-based TP to THB39 (11.0% WACC, 3.0% LTG), we like SCGP's long-term growth outlook. We maintain our BUY rating for SCGP.

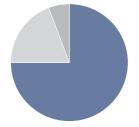
## Company profile

SCGP is a leading multinational consumer packaging solutions provider in ASEAN providing fiber-based packaging, polymer packaging, food service products, design, printing, and other solutions for customers. The company's major businesses include: integrated packaging chain, fibrous chain, and recycling business.

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## Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

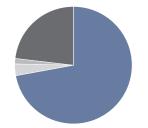
- Integrated packaging chain 75.0
- Fibrous chain 19.2 %
- Recycling business and others -5.8 %



Source: SCG Packaging

## **Major shareholders**

- The Siam Cement (SCC TB) -72.1 %
- Thai NVDR 3.2 %
- CPB Equity Co., Ltd. 1.5 %
- Others 23.2 %



Source: SCG Packaging

## **Catalysts**

Key potential catalysts include 1) the strong recovery of China's economy; 2) lower costs of RCP and energy; and 3) more M&Ps.

#### Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) the slow demand for packaging; 2) the rising cost of recycled paper, other raw material, and energy; 3) the rising cost of funds; and 4) the fluctuation in foreign exchange currencies.

#### **Event calendar**

| Date          | Event                      |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| November 2024 | 3Q24 earnings announcement |

## **Key assumptions**

|                             |         | 2024E   | 2025E   | 2026E   |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                             | unit    | (THB m) | (THB m) | (THB m) |
| Packaging paper sale volume | m ton   | 3.96    | 4.09    | 4.19    |
| Packaging paper ASP         | THB/ton | 13,322  | 13,765  | 14,315  |
| Fiber packaging sale volume | m ton   | 1.02    | 1.06    | 1.08    |
| Fiber packaging ASP         | THB/ton | 32,536  | 34,274  | 34,648  |
| Integrated packaging unit   | THB m   | 104,419 | 112,193 | 117,618 |
| Fibrous sale volume         | m ton   | 0.67    | 0.70    | 0.72    |
| Fibrous ASP                 | THB/ton | 40,964  | 41,876  | 42,596  |
| Fibrous business            | THB m   | 27,610  | 29,313  | 30,797  |

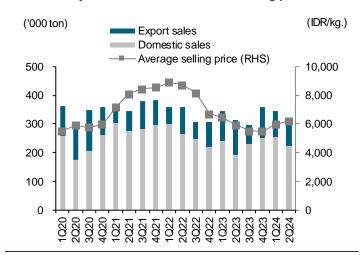
Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 5% change in packaging paper ASP, we project SCGP's 2024 core profit to change by 2.7%, all else being equal.
- For every 5% change in fiber packaging ASP, we project SCGP's 2024 core profit to change by 1.5%, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% change in blended gross margin, we project SCGP's 2024 core profit to change by 8%, all else being equal.

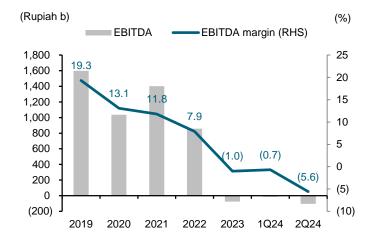
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Exhibit 1: Fajar's revenue structure and selling price



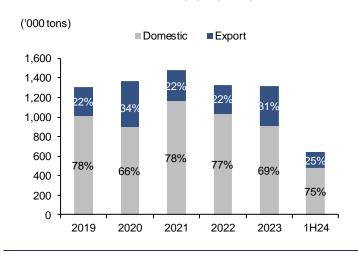
Sources: SCGP presentation, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 3: Fajar's EBITDA and EBITDA margin



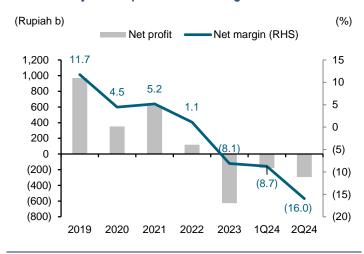
Source: Fajar's website

**Exhibit 2: Revenue structure by geography** 



Source: Fajar's website

Exhibit 4: Fajar's net profit and net margin



Source: Fajar's website

**Exhibit 5: Changes in key assumptions** 

|                               |           | Current   |           |           | Previous  |           |       | Change |       |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
|                               | 2024E     | 2025E     | 2026E     | 2024E     | 2025E     | 2026E     | 2024E | 2025E  | 2026E |
|                               | (THB m)   | (%)   | (%)    | (%)   |
| Total revenue                 | 140,285   | 150,010   | 157,174   | 140,285   | 150,010   | 157,174   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Integrated packaging chain    | 104,419   | 112,193   | 117,618   | 104,419   | 112,193   | 117,618   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Fibrous chain                 | 27,610    | 29,313    | 30,797    | 27,610    | 29,313    | 30,797    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Recycling business and others | 8,256     | 8,504     | 8,759     | 8,256     | 8,504     | 8,759     | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Cost of goods sold            | (114,753) | (122,151) | (127,481) | (114,753) | (122,151) | (127,481) | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Gross profit                  | 25,532    | 27,860    | 29,693    | 25,532    | 27,860    | 29,693    | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| SG&A                          | (16,624)  | (17,626)  | (18,547)  | (16,624)  | (17,476)  | (18,389)  | 0.0   | 0.9    | 0.9   |
| EBITDA                        | 20,699    | 22,212    | 23,286    | 20,495    | 22,393    | 23,721    | 1.0   | (0.8)  | (1.8) |
| Interest expense              | 2,333     | 2,474     | 2,393     | 2,086     | 2,050     | 2,123     | 11.8  | 20.7   | 12.7  |
| Core profit                   | 6,010     | 6,758     | 7,466     | 6,043     | 7,161     | 7,753     | (0.6) | (5.6)  | (3.7) |
| Margins                       | (%)       | (%)       | (%)       | (%)       | (%)       | (%)       | (ppt) | (ppt)  | (ppt) |
| Blended gross margin          | 18.2      | 18.6      | 18.9      | 18.2      | 18.6      | 18.9      | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Integrated packaging chain    | 19.4      | 19.5      | 19.7      | 19.4      | 19.5      | 19.7      | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Fibrous chain                 | 13.3      | 14.3      | 14.9      | 13.3      | 14.3      | 14.9      | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Recycling business and others | 20.0      | 21.0      | 22.0      | 20.0      | 21.0      | 22.0      | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| SG&A to sales                 | 11.9      | 11.8      | 11.8      | 11.9      | 11.7      | 11.7      | 0.0   | 0.1    | 0.1   |

| EBITDA margin         | 14.8      | 14.8      | 14.8      | 14.6      | 14.9      | 15.1      | 0.1   | (0.1) | (0.3) |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Core profit margin    | 4.5       | 4.7       | 4.8       | 4.8       | 4.9       | 5.4       | (0.3) | (0.2) | (0.6) |
| Sales volume          | (m ton)   | (%)   | (%)   | (%)   |
| Packaging paper       | 3.96      | 4.09      | 4.19      | 3.96      | 4.09      | 4.19      | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Fiber packaging       | 1.02      | 1.06      | 1.08      | 1.02      | 1.06      | 1.08      | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Fibrous               | 0.67      | 0.70      | 0.72      | 0.67      | 0.70      | 0.72      | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Average selling price | (THB/ton) | (THB/ton) | (THB/ton) | (THB/ton) | (THB/ton) | (THB/ton) | (%)   | (%)   | (%)   |
| Packaging paper       | 13,322    | 13,765    | 14,315    | 13,322    | 13,765    | 14,315    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Fiber packaging       | 32,536    | 34,274    | 34,648    | 32,536    | 34,274    | 34,648    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Fibrous               | 40,964    | 41,876    | 42,596    | 40,964    | 41,876    | 42,596    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |

Source: FSSIA estimates

## **Exhibit 6: DCF-derived TP**

| Cost of equity assumption | (%)      | Cost of debt assumption | (%)  |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------|
| Risk free rate            | 3.0      | Pre-tax cost of debt    | 3.5  |
| Market risk premium       | 8.5      | Tax rate                | 20.0 |
| Stock beta                | 1.6      |                         |      |
| Cost of equity, Ke        | 11.8     | Cost of debt, Kd        | 3.5  |
| Weight applied            | 65.3     | Weight applied          | 34.7 |
| WACC                      | 11.0     |                         |      |
| Terminal growth           | 3.00     |                         |      |
|                           | (THB m)  |                         |      |
| Sum of PV of FCF          | 65,247   |                         |      |
| PV of Terminal value      | 71,331   |                         |      |
| Enterprise value          | 136,577  |                         |      |
| Interest-bearing debt     | 44,983   | At end-2024E            |      |
| Cash                      | (15,424) | At end-2024E            |      |
| Minorities                | (221)    | At end-2024E            |      |
| Equity value              | 165,915  |                         |      |
| No. of shares             | 4,293    |                         |      |
| Equity value per share    | 39       |                         |      |

Source: FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 7: One-year rolling forward P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: One-year rolling forward EV/EBITDA band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

SCG Packaging

| Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec           | 2022              | 2023      | 2024E     | 2025E     | 2026E             |
|---|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Revenue   | 146,068           | 129,398   | 140,285   | 150,010   | 157,174           |
| Cost of goods sold                                | (121,791)         | (106,274) | (114,753) | (122,151) | (127,481)         |
| Gross profit                                      | 24,277            | 23,124    | 25,532    | 27,860    | 29,693            |
| Other operating income                            | 1,322             | 1,043     | 1,192     | 975       | 896               |
| Operating costs                                   | (16,039)          | (15,684)  | (16,624)  | (17,626)  | (18,547)          |
| Operating EBITDA                                  | 19,259            | 17,689    | 20,699    | 22,212    | 23,286            |
| Depreciation                                      | (9,699)           | (9,206)   | (10,598)  | (11,004)  | (11,243)          |
| Goodwill amortisation                             | 0                 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0                 |
| Operating EBIT                                    | 9,560             | 8,483     | 10,101    | 11,209    | 12,042            |
| Net financing costs                               | (1,468)           | (2,020)   | (2,333)   | (2,474)   | (2,393)           |
| Associates  | 55                | 39        | 17        | 19        | 21                |
| Recurring non-operating income                    | 55                | 39        | 17        | 19        | 21                |
| Non-recurring items                               | 143               | 80        | 0         | 0         | 0                 |
| Profit before tax                                 | 8,289             | 6,582     | 7,785     | 8,754     | 9,670             |
| Tax   | (1,550)           | (1,153)   | (1,554)   | (1,747)   | (1,930)           |
| Profit after tax                                  | 6,739             | 5,429     | 6,231     | 7,007     | 7,741             |
| Minority interests                                | (939)             | (180)     | (221)     | (249)     | (275)             |
| Preferred dividends                               | · · ·             | -         | -         | · · ·     | • •               |
| Other items                                       | _                 | -         | _         | _         | _                 |
| Reported net profit                               | 5,801             | 5,248     | 6,010     | 6,758     | 7,466             |
| Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)              | (143)             | (80)      | 0         | 0         | 0                 |
| Recurring net profit                              | 5,658             | 5,169     | 6,010     | 6,758     | 7,466             |
| Per share (THB)                                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Recurring EPS *                                   | 1.32              | 1.20      | 1.40      | 1.57      | 1.74              |
| Reported EPS                                      | 1.35              | 1.22      | 1.40      | 1.57      | 1.74              |
| DPS   | 0.60              | 0.55      | 0.63      | 0.71      | 0.78              |
| Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data) | 4,293             | 4,293     | 4,293     | 4,293     | 4,293             |
| Growth  |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Revenue (%)                                       | 17.6              | (11.4)    | 8.4       | 6.9       | 4.8               |
| Operating EBITDA (%)                              | (7.6)             | (8.1)     | 17.0      | 7.3       | 4.8               |
| Operating EBIT (%)                                | (23.6)            | (11.3)    | 19.1      | 11.0      | 7.4               |
| Recurring EPS (%)                                 | (29.1)            | (8.6)     | 16.3      | 12.4      | 10.5              |
| Reported EPS (%)                                  | (30.1)            | (9.5)     | 14.5      | 12.4      | 10.5              |
| Operating performance                             |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)                | 16.6              | 17.9      | 18.2      | 18.6      | 18.9              |
| Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)                | 23.3              | 25.0      | 25.8      | 25.9      | 26.0              |
| Operating EBITDA margin (%)                       | 13.2              | 13.7      | 14.8      | 14.8      | 14.8              |
| Operating EBIT margin (%)                         | 6.5               | 6.6       | 7.2       | 7.5       | 7.7               |
| Net margin (%)                                    | 3.9               | 4.0       | 4.3       | 4.5       | 4.7               |
| Effective tax rate (%)                            | 18.7              | 17.5      | 20.0      | 20.0      | 20.0              |
| Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)           | 45.5              | 45.7      | 45.0      | 45.0      | 45.0              |
| Interest cover (X)                                | 6.5               | 4.2       | 4.3       | 4.5       | 5.0               |
| Inventory days                                    | 75.9              | 80.0      | 69.0      | 68.2      | 66.5              |
| Debtor days                                       | 60.2              | 64.7      | 63.0      | 61.8      | 58.6              |
| Creditor days                                     | 48.1              | 54.7      | 55.1      | 55.9      | 55.3              |
| Operating ROIC (%)                                | 6.0               | 6.0       | 7.6       | 7.6       | 8.0               |
| ROIC (%)  | 4.6               | 4.4       | 5.4       | 5.5       | 5.8               |
| ROE (%)   | 5.8               | 5.9       | 7.5       | 8.0       | 8.5               |
| ROA (%)   | 3.8               | 3.5       | 3.9       | 4.1       | 4.4               |
| * Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Revenue by Division (THB m)                       | 2022              | 2023      | 2024E     | 2025E     | 2026E             |
|   |                   |           | 104,419   | 112,193   |                   |
| Integrated packaging chain                        | 117,219           | 97,044    | 104,419   | 112,133   | 117,010           |
| Integrated packaging chain Fibrous chain          | 117,219<br>24,273 | 24,894    | 27,610    | 29,313    | 117,618<br>30,797 |

Sources: SCG Packaging; FSSIA estimates

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| Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec                     | 2022                | 2023         | 2024E            | 2025E      | 2026     |
|---|---------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|----------|
| Recurring net profit                                  | 5,658               | 5,169        | 6,010            | 6,758      | 7,46     |
| Depreciation  | 9,699               | 9,206        | 10,598           | 11,004     | 11,24    |
| ssociates & minorities                                | (55)                | (39)         | (17)             | (19)       | (21      |
| Other non-cash items                                  | 4,021               | 3,182        | 10,558           | (3,247)    | (3,062   |
| change in working capital                             | (2,089)             | 3,965        | (2,535)          | 692        | 83       |
| ash flow from operations                              | 17,234              | 21,482       | 24,613           | 15,187     | 16,46    |
| Capex - maintenance                                   | 0                   | 0            | 0                | 0          |          |
| capex - new investment                                | (14,212)            | (14,271)     | (16,609)         | (5,206)    | (3,424   |
| let acquisitions & disposals                          | 10,886              | 830          | (5,000)          | (5,700)    | (5,700   |
| Other investments (net)                               | 206                 | 381          | 194              | (58)       | (43      |
| Cash flow from investing                              | (3,119)             | (13,060)     | (21,415)         | (10,964)   | (9,167   |
| Dividends paid  | (3,612)             | (3,286)      | (2,704)          | (3,041)    | (3,359   |
| quity finance   | 0                   | 0            | 0                | 0          |          |
| Debt finance  | (7,253)             | (3,012)      | 5,296            | (3,258)    | 6        |
| Other financing cash flows                            | (737)               | (2,068)      | (2,333)          | (2,474)    | (2,393   |
| cash flow from financing                              | (11,602)            | (8,366)      | 259              | (8,773)    | (5,692   |
| lon-recurring cash flows                              | . , ,               | -            | -                | -          | • • •    |
| Other adjustments                                     | 0                   | 4,780        | 0                | 0          |          |
| let other adjustments                                 | (10,390)            | 4,780        | (5,214)          | (1,000)    |          |
| Novement in cash                                      | (7,877)             | 4,836        | (1,757)          | (5,550)    | 1,60     |
| ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)                          | 15,582.69           | 10,441.88    | 5,531.43         | 6,697.07   | 9,688.6  |
| ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)                        | (4,265.73)          | 8,122.43     | 947.50           | (2,509.24) | 4,963.6  |
|   | (,, ===,            | -, -         |                  | ( , , , ,  | ,,,,,,   |
| er share (THB) CFF per share                          | 3.63                | 2.43         | 1.29             | 1.56       | 2.2      |
| CFF per share   | (0.99)              | 2.43<br>1.89 | 0.22             | (0.58)     | 1.1      |
| Recurring cash flow per share                         | 4.50                | 4.08         | 6.32             | 3.38       | 3.6      |
|   |                     |              |                  |            |          |
| Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec                 | 2022                | 2023         | 2024E            | 2025E      | 2026     |
| angible fixed assets (gross)                          | 211,928             | 217,496      | 239,244          | 249,992    | 258,74   |
| ess: Accumulated depreciation                         | (117,342)           | (123,216)    | (129,091)        | (134,965)  | (140,839 |
| angible fixed assets (net)                            | 94,585              | 94,279       | 110,153          | 115,027    | 117,90   |
| ntangible fixed assets (net)                          | 38,807              | 39,425       | 40,023           | 40,344     | 40,88    |
| ong-term financial assets                             | 883                 | 1,534        | 1,755            | 1,713      | 1,73     |
| vest. in associates & subsidiaries                    | 1,034               | 1,063        | 1,172            | 1,183      | 1,19     |
| ash & equivalents                                     | 12,344              | 17,181       | 15,424           | 9,874      | 11,47    |
| /C receivable   | 23,254              | 22,648       | 25,751           | 25,070     | 25,40    |
| nventories  | 23,281              | 19,253       | 20,121           | 21,418     | 20,95    |
| Other current assets                                  | 1,275               | 1,191        | 1,291            | 1,230      | 1,13     |
| Current assets  | 60,154              | 60,272       | 62,587           | 57,593     | 58,97    |
| Other assets  | 1,815               | 1,988        | 1,803            | 1,778      | 1,70     |
| otal assets   | 197,280             | 198,561      | 217,495          | 217,638    | 222,39   |
| Common equity   | 97,200              | 77,322       | 82,311           | 86,028     | 90,13    |
| Minorities etc.                                       | 25,766              | 25,127       | 25,348           | 25,597     | 25,87    |
| otal shareholders' equity                             | 122,967             | 102,449      | 107,659          | 111,625    | 116,00   |
| ong term debt   | 29,935              | 18,027       | 23,029           | 18,501     | 18,36    |
| Other long-term liabilities                           | 10,899              | 11,694       | 12,143           | 12,859     | 13,16    |
| ong-term liabilities                                  | 40,834              | 29,721       | 35,172           | 31,360     | 31,52    |
| /C payable  | 14,282              | 14,808       | 16,663           | 17,402     | 17,81    |
| hort term debt  | 17,726              | 27,328       | 32,455           | 31,577     | 31,31    |
| Other current liabilities                             | 1,471               | 24,254       | 25,546           | 25,675     | 25,73    |
| urrent liabilities                                    | 33,479              | 66,390       | 74,663           | 74,653     | 74,80    |
| otal liabilities and shareholders' equity             | 197,280             | 198,561      | 217,495          | 217,638    | 222,39   |
| et working capital                                    | 32,057              | 4,029        | 4,954            | 4,642      | 3,94     |
| et working capital                                    | 32,057<br>169,182   |              | 4,954<br>159,862 |            |          |
| Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be |                     | 142,318      | 159,662          | 164,688    | 167,36   |
| <u> </u>  | mig troutou de debt |              |                  |            |          |
| er share (THB)  | 22.21               | 40.01        | 40.17            | 20.24      | 2.       |
| ook value per share                                   | 22.64               | 18.01        | 19.17            | 20.04      | 21.0     |
| angible book value per share                          | 13.60               | 8.83         | 9.85             | 10.64      | 11.4     |
| inancial strength                                     |                     | ^= =         | ^= ^             | 22.2       |          |
| et debt/equity (%)                                    | 28.7                | 27.5         | 37.2             | 36.0       | 32       |
| et debt/total assets (%)                              | 17.9                | 14.2         | 18.4             | 18.5       | 17       |
| urrent ratio (x)                                      | 1.8                 | 0.9          | 0.8              | 0.8        | 0        |
| F interest cover (x)                                  | 7.8                 | 12.1         | 8.5              | 2.1        | 4        |
| aluation  | 2022                | 2023         | 2024E            | 2025E      | 2026     |
| ecurring P/E (x) *                                    | 18.4                | 20.2         | 17.4             | 15.4       | 14       |
| ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *                     | 29.6                | 32.4         | 27.9             | 24.8       | 22       |
| eported P/E (x)                                       | 18.0                | 19.9         | 17.4             | 15.4       | 14       |
| ividend yield (%)                                     | 2.5                 | 2.3          | 2.6              | 2.9        | 3        |
| rice/book (x)   | 1.1                 | 1.3          | 1.3              | 1.2        | 1        |
| rice/tangible book (x)                                | 1.8                 | 2.8          | 2.5              | 2.3        | 2        |
| V/EBITDA (x) **                                       | 8.6                 | 8.9          | 8.2              | 7.7        | 7        |
| V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **                        | 11.9                | 12.5         | 11.2             | 10.5       | 9        |
|   | 11.0                |              |                  | . 3.0      |          |
| V/invested capital (x)                                | 1.0                 | 1.1          | 1.1              | 1.0        | 1        |

Sources: SCG Packaging; FSSIA estimates

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## **Exhibit 9: FSSIA ESG score implication**

81.93 /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. |

Source: FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 10: ESG – peer comparison

|          | FSSIA        | Domestic ratings |             |      |             |              |           | Global ratings          |             |      |         |           | Bloomberg     |              |                     |
|----------|--------------|------------------|-------------|------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
|          | ESG<br>score | DJSI             | SET<br>THSI | THSI | CG<br>score | AGM<br>level | Thai CAC  | Morningstar<br>ESG risk | ESG<br>Book | MSCI | Moody's | Refinitiv | S&P<br>Global | ESG<br>score | Disclosure<br>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               |
| PSL      | 55.45        |                  | Υ           | Υ    | 5.00        | 5.00         | Certified | Medium                  | 59.76       | BB   |         |           | 51.00         |              |                     |
| SCGP     | 81.93        | Υ                | Υ           | Y    | 5.00        | 5.00         | Certified | Low                     | 60.36       | BBB  |         | 65.07     | 86.00         | 3.67         |                     |
| TTA      | 65.35        |                  | Υ           | Y    | 5.00        | 5.00         | Certified | Medium                  | 56.56       | AA   |         | 50.79     | 25.00         | 3.31         | 56.20               |

 $Sources: \underline{\textbf{SETTRADE.com}}; \textbf{FSSIA's compilation}$ 

## Exhibit 11: ESG score by Bloomberg

| FY ending Dec 31                             | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score | _       | 3.56    | _       |
| BESG environmental pillar score              | _       | 3.33    | _       |
| BESG social pillar score                     | _       | 1.90    | _       |
| BESG governance pillar score                 | _       | 4.53    | _       |
| ESG disclosure score                         | 28.79   | 71.10   | 75.73   |
| Environmental disclosure score               | 0.00    | 67.53   | 77.26   |
| Social disclosure score                      | 3.14    | 56.41   | 60.58   |
| Governance disclosure score                  | 83.02   | 89.28   | 89.28   |
| Environmental                                |         |         |         |
| Emissions reduction initiatives              | No      | Yes     | Yes     |
| Climate change policy                        | No      | Yes     | Yes     |
| Climate change opportunities discussed       | No      | No      | No      |
| Risks of climate change discussed            | No      | Yes     | Yes     |
| GHG scope 1                                  | _       | 4,366   | 3,778   |
| GHG scope 2 location-based                   | _       | 508     | 632     |
| GHG Scope 3                                  | _       | 2,167   | 1,459   |
| Carbon per unit of production                | _       | _       | _       |
| Biodiversity policy                          | No      | Yes     | Yes     |
| Energy efficiency policy                     | No      | Yes     | Yes     |
| Total energy consumption                     | _       | 17,964  | 16,961  |
| Renewable energy use                         | _       | 3,742   | 4,085   |
| Electricity used                             | _       | 738     | 951     |
| Fuel used - natural gas                      | _       | _       | 146,676 |

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

**Exhibit 12: ESG score by Bloomberg** (cont.)

| FY ending Dec 31                              | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 202 |
|---|---------|---------|--------|
| Fuel used - crude oil/diesel                  | No      | No      | 1      |
| Waste reduction policy                        | No      | Yes     | Ye     |
| Hazardous waste                               | _       | 64      | 4      |
| Total waste                                   | _       | 1,553   | 1,51   |
| Waste recycled                                | _       | 1,520   | 1,46   |
| Waste sent to landfills                       | _       | 18      | •      |
| Environmental supply chain management         | No      | Yes     | Ye     |
| Water policy                                  | No      | Yes     | Ye     |
| Water consumption                             | _       | _       |        |
| Social  |         |         |        |
| Human rights policy                           | No      | Yes     | Y      |
| Policy against child labor                    | No      | Yes     | Y      |
| Quality assurance and recall policy           | No      | Yes     | Y      |
| Consumer data protection policy               | No      | Yes     | Y      |
| Equal opportunity policy                      | No      | Yes     | Y      |
| Gender pay gap breakout                       | No      | Yes     | Y      |
| Pct women in workforce                        | 18      | 18      |        |
| Pct disabled in workforce                     | _       | 0       |        |
| Business ethics policy                        | No      | Yes     | Υ      |
| Anti-bribery ethics policy                    | No      | Yes     | Υ      |
| Health and safety policy                      | No      | Yes     | Υ      |
| Lost time incident rate - employees           | _       | 0       |        |
| Total recordable incident rate - employees    | _       | 0       |        |
| Training policy                               | No      | Yes     | Υ      |
| Fair remuneration policy                      | No      | No      |        |
| Number of employees – CSR                     | _       | 23,341  | 22,2   |
| Employee turnover pct                         | _       | 5       | ,      |
| Total hours spent by firm - employee training | _       | 46,682  | 334,3  |
| Social supply chain management                | No      | Yes     | Υ      |
| Governance                                    |         |         |        |
| Board size                                    | 12      | 12      |        |
| No. of independent directors (ID)             | 7       | 8       |        |
| No. of women on board                         | 2       | 3       |        |
| No. of non-executive directors on board       | 11      | 11      |        |
| Company conducts board evaluations            | No      | No      |        |
| No. of board meetings for the year            | 10      | 8       |        |
| Board meeting attendance pct                  | 100     | 100     |        |
| Board duration (years)                        | 3       | 3       |        |
| Director share ownership guidelines           | No      | No      |        |
| Age of the youngest director                  | 51      | 52      |        |
| Age of the oldest director                    | 73      | 69      |        |
| No. of executives / company managers          | 8       | 7       |        |
| No. of female executives                      | 1       | 0       |        |
| Executive share ownership guidelines          | No      | No      |        |
| Size of audit committee                       | 3       | 3       |        |
| No. of ID on audit committee                  | 3       | 3       |        |
| Audit committee meetings                      | 8       | 5       |        |
| Audit meeting attendance %                    | 100     | 100     | 1      |
| · ·   | 3       | 3       | !      |
| Size of compensation committee                |         | 2       |        |
| No. of ID on compensation committee           | 2       |         |        |
| No. of compensation committee meetings        | 4       | 7       |        |
| Compensation meeting attendance %             | 100     | 100     | 1      |
| Size of nomination committee                  | 3       | 3       |        |
| No. of nomination committee meetings          | 5       | 6       |        |
| Nomination meeting attendance %               | 100     | 100     | 1      |
| Sustainability governance                     |         |         |        |

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

## **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

| ESG score   | Methodolog  | Iy   |                                   |                     |  | Rating  |  |                                     |                 |                    |  |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| The Dow<br>Jones<br>Sustainability<br>Indices (DJSI)<br>By S&P Global                           | process base<br>from the ann  | The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection process based on the companies' Total Sustainability Scores resulting from the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Only the top-ranked companies within each industry are selected for 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<br>Investment<br>List (THSI)<br>by The Stock<br>Exchange of<br>Thailand<br>(SET) | managing bu<br>Candidates in<br>1) no irregulation of >150<br>up capital. S<br>70%; 2) indes<br>wrongdoing  | THSI quantifies responsibility in Environmental and Social issues by managing business with transparency in Governance, updated annually. Candidates must pass the preemptive criteria, with two crucial conditions: 1) no irregular trading of the board members and executives; and 2) free float of >150 shareholders, and combined holding must be >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include: 1) CG score of below 70%; 2) independent directors and free float violation; 3) executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social & environmental impacts; 4) equity in negative territory; and 5) earnings in red for > 3 years in the last 5 years.  |                                   |                     |  |   | To be eligible for THSI inclusion, 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.  SETTHSI Index 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. |                                     |                 |                    |  |
| by Thai<br>Institute of<br>Directors<br>Association<br>(Thai IOD)                               | annually by the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations.   |  |                                   |                     | 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<br>By Thai<br>Investors<br>Association<br>(TIA) with<br>support from<br>the SEC       | treatment and transparent and to five the criteria cover date (45%), circulation of sexercised. The and verifiability   | It quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and information is transparent and sufficiently disclosed. All form important elements of two out of five the CG components to be evaluated annually. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). (The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.) |                                   |                     |  | 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)                      | establishmen<br>policies. The<br>(Companies of<br>Declaration of<br>Certification, in<br>managers and   | he core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, stablishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of olicies. The Certification is good for three years.  Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start by submitting a leclaration of Intent to kick off an 18-month deadline to submit the CAC Checklist for tertification, including risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of lanagers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.)   |                                   |                     |  | 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<br>Sustainalytics   | The Sustainalytics' ESG risk rating provides an overall company score based on an assessment of how much of a company's exposure to ESG risk is unmanaged. Sources to be reviewed include corporate publications and regulatory filings, news and other media, NGO reports/websites, multi-sector   |  |                                   |                     |  |   |  | score is the sum<br>higher ESG risk | is scored.      |                    |  |
|   | information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality & peer reviews.   |  |                                   |                     | 0-10   | 10-20   | 20-30  | <b>High</b><br>30-40                | Severe<br>40+   |                    |  |
| ESG Book  | The ESG score identifies sustainable companies that are better positioned to outperform over the long term. The methodology considers the principle of financial materiality including information that significantly helps explain future risk-adjusted performance. Materiality is applied by over-weighting features with higher materiality and rebalancing these weights on a rolling quarterly basis. |  |                                   |                     |  | 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  |   |  |                                   |                     | agement of financially eir exposure to ESG ris   |   |  |                                     |                 | nethodology to     |  |
|   | AAA   | 8.571-10.00  | 0                                 |                     | to a discontinuity of the design of the second   |   | :  | -1                                  |                 |                    |  |
|   | AA  | 7.143-8.570  | Leader:                           |                     | leading its industry in ma   | anaging the most s  | gnilicant ESG n  | sks and opportunitie                | 25              |                    |  |
|   | Α   | 5.714-7.142  | 2                                 |                     |  |   |  |                                     |                 |                    |  |
|   | BBB   | 4.286-5.713  | 3 Average                         | :                   | a mixed or unexceptional<br>industry peers   | al track record of ma   | anaging the mos  | st significant ESG ris              | sks and opportu | nities relative to |  |
|   | ВВ  | 2.857-4.285  |                                   |                     |  |   |  |                                     |                 |                    |  |
|   | В   | 1.429-2.856  | Laggard                           | l:                  | lagging its industry base  | ed on its high expos  | ure and failure t  | o manage significar                 | nt ESG risks    |                    |  |
|   | CCC   | 0.000-1.428  | 3                                 |                     |  |   |  |                                     |                 |                    |  |
| Moody's ESG<br>solutions  | believes that   | t a company ii   |                                   | ors into i          | te into account ESG of<br>its business model and<br>edium to long term.  |   |  |                                     |                 |                    |  |
| Refinitiv ESG   | based on pu   | blicly available   | e and auditable data              | a. The so           | company's relative EScore ranges from 0 to 20 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 =  | 100 on relative E   | SG performar   | nce and insufficie                  | nt degree of t  |                    |  |
| rating  |   | hal ESG Sco  |                                   |                     | ring a company's perfo   |   | •  | of ESG risks, op                    | portunities, ar | id impacts         |  |
| rating S&P Global   |   |  | in the same industr               | •                   | 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) of Pillar Scores, where the weights are determined by the pillar priority ranking. Values range from 0 to 10; 10 is the best.                        |   |  |                                     |                 |                    |  |
|   | compared to   |  | Bloomberg score score is based on | evaluatii<br>Bloomb | erg's view of ESG fina   | ncial materiality.  | The score is   | a weighted gener                    | ralized mean    | (power mean)       |  |

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|---|-------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------|--------------|
| 03-Sep-2021<br>07-Jan-2022<br>23-Mar-2022 | BUY<br>BUY<br>BUY | 82.00<br>77.00<br>70.00 | 20-Jul-2022<br>27-Oct-2022<br>13-Dec-2023 | BUY<br>HOLD<br>BUY | 67.00<br>51.00<br>48.00 | 10-Apr-2024 | BUY    | 43.00        |

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

| Company       | Ticker  | Price     | Rating | Valuation & Risks  |
|---------------|---------|-----------|--------|--|
| SCG Packaging | SCGP TB | THB 24.30 | BUY    | Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) the slow demand for packaging; 2) the rising cost of recycled paper, other raw material, and energy; 3) the rising cost of funds; and 4) the fluctuation in foreign exchange currencies. |

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### 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.

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\* 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.

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Overweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months.

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#### **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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