EQUITY RESEARCH - NEWS FLASH

NSL FOODS NSL TB

THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE





TARGET PRICE THB43.00
CLOSE THB36.00
UP/DOWNSIDE +19.4%
TP vs CONSENSUS +16.5%

Expanding into exports

In the news

- NSL has announced three issues related to the acquisition of coconut water and the baby corn business.
 - 1) NSL has provided a loan of THB50m to its subsidiary NSL Intertrade (NSLI), with an interest rate of MLR -2%, currently at 5.28%, for a duration of 10 years. This is to ensure that NSLI becomes the exclusive distributor of NSL's export products.
 - 2) NSL is acquiring the brands Jus Cool and COCO Cool from NB Value Link, which produces coconut water, baby corn, and other agricultural products. The acquisition price is THB150m. The deal may be finalized in 1Q25. In the meantime, NSL will place a deposit of THB50m to conduct due diligence. If the conditions are not met, there is a possibility that the deal may not proceed, and NB must return the deposit.
 - 3) NSL is in the process of acquiring a 90% stake in Pro Natural Foods (PNF), which manufactures coconut water and baby corn for NB Value Link. The remaining 10% will still be held by existing shareholders. The purchase price has not yet been announced, as a feasibility study and other conditions are still being completed. If successful, the deal may occur in 2025.

Comments

- We view this deal positively because the coconut water and baby corn business (with PNF as the producer and NB as the seller) generated THB250m in revenue for 2023 (after eliminating inter-company revenue), with a profit of THB10m. Both companies have high interest expenses totaling THB14m/year, and the loan must be repaid before delivery. Excluding interest expenses, the profit would be THB24m, resulting in a net margin of 9.6%, slightly higher than NSL's.
- The revenue and profit from NB+PNF would account for 5.2% and 7% of NSL's total revenue and profit for 2023, respectively, positively affecting our TP by around THB1.6/shr. (based on a 90% stake).
- We do not yet know the purchase price for PNF, but it is expected to be slightly higher than the acquisition price for NB. If the total purchase value is cTHB300-350m, it would represent a purchase P/E of c12.5x-14x, which is reasonable.
- In addition, this investment aligns with NSL's strategy to increase the proportion of non-7-11 revenue. Once finalized, there is a potential for NSL to enhance the efficiency and profitability of NB+PNF.
- However, risks include price volatility in agricultural products like coconut and baby corn, as well as export challenges, necessitating effective management of raw materials, exchange rates, and logistics, which makes the overall business more volatile than NSL's core operations.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	4,793	5,743	6,592	7,509
Net profit	333	523	591	673
EPS (THB)	1.11	1.74	1.97	2.24
vs Consensus (%)	-	-	(1.0)	(0.2)
EBITDA	557	789	918	1,049
Recurring net profit	333	523	591	673
Core EPS (THB)	1.11	1.74	1.97	2.24
EPS growth (%)	12.1	56.9	13.1	13.7
Core P/E (x)	32.4	20.6	18.3	16.1
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	2.8	3.2	3.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.5	13.6	11.7	10.1
Price/book (x)	6.9	6.1	5.3	4.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	1.4	(6.0)	(5.2)	(10.4)
ROE (%)	22.5	31.3	31.0	31.0



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	27.4	16.1	52.5
Relative to country (%)	16.6	3.9	58.4
Mkt cap (USD m)			327
3m avg. daily turnover (USD n	n)		1.2
Free float (%)			0
Major shareholder	Mr. Somcha	i Asavapiya	non (72%)
12m high/low (THB)		3	6.00/17.30
Issued shares (m)			300.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Exhibit 1: Example products – Jus Cool brand











Sources: Jus Cool website, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 2: Example products – COCO Cool brand









Sources: COCO Cool website, FSSIA's compilation

Financial Statements

NSL Foods

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	4,001	4,793	5,743	6,592	7,509
Cost of goods sold	(3,259)	(3,910)	(4,566)	(5,254)	(5,977)
Gross profit	742	883	1,177	1,338	1,532
Other operating income	8	17	17	20	20
Operating costs	(369)	(462)	(546)	(620)	(713)
Operating EBITDA	484	557	789	918	1,049
Depreciation	(102)	(120)	(140)	(180)	(210)
Goodwill amortisation	Ó	Ô	Ô	Ô	Ó
Operating EBIT	382	437	649	738	839
Net financing costs	(10)	(11)	(8)	(11)	(11)
Associates	-	-	-	-	` -
Recurring non-operating income	0	(9)	(5)	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	372	418	637	728	828
Tax	(74)	(85)	(115)	(138)	(157)
Profit after tax	298	332	521	590	670
Minority interests	0	1	2	2	2
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	_
Other items	-	_	_	_	-
Reported net profit	298	333	523	591	673
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	298	333	523	591	673
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.99	1.11	1.74	1.97	2.24
Reported EPS	0.99	1.11	1.74	1.97	2.24
DPS	0.55	0.65	1.00	1.14	1.30
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	300	300	300	300	300
Growth					
Revenue (%)	31.7	19.8	19.8	14.8	13.9
Operating EBITDA (%)	40.0	15.1	41.6	16.4	14.2
Operating EBIT (%)	53.3	14.5	48.5	13.8	13.6
Recurring EPS (%)	41.5	12.1	56.9	13.1	13.7
Reported EPS (%)	41.5	12.1	56.9	13.1	13.7
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	18.5	18.4	20.5	20.3	20.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	21.1	20.9	22.9	23.0	23.2
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.1	11.6	13.7	13.9	14.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	9.5	9.1	11.3	11.2	11.2
Net margin (%)	7.4	7.0	9.1	9.0	9.0
Effective tax rate (%)	19.9	20.4	18.1	19.0	19.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	55.4	58.5	57.5	58.0	58.0
Interest cover (X)	37.1	40.2	85.9	70.3	74.9
Inventory days	26.4	26.1	26.8	29.0	29.2
Debtor days	49.8	50.5	48.3	46.8	46.9
Creditor days	58.5	58.2	57.8	58.1	58.4
Operating ROIC (%)	25.9	27.2	36.9	36.9	37.0
ROIC (%)	22.3	21.3	30.1	31.2	32.2
ROE (%)	22.4	22.5	31.3	31.0	31.0
ROA (%)	13.9	14.2	19.9	20.1	20.3
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	10.5	14.4	13.3	20.1	20.5
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Bakery and appetizers	3,643	4,282	5,037	5,793	6,592
Food Services	288	276	272	285	308
Snack (NSL brand and BAW)	35	163	376	451	542
OEM & bread wastes	35	68	46	50	55

Sources: NSL Foods; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

NSL Foods

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	298	333	523	591	673
Depreciation	102	120	140	180	210
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	
Other non-cash items	0	26	6	0	(57
Change in working capital	(54)	(36)	(62)	(52)	(57
Cash flow from operations	346	443	607	720	82
Capex - maintenance	(146)	(200)	(200)	(400)	(300
Capex - new investment	-	-	-	-	
Net acquisitions & disposals Other investments (net)	(301)	28	(12)	42	(0
Cash flow from investing	(301) (448)	∠o (172)	(212)	(358)	(9 (309
Dividends paid	(144)	(180)	(301)	(343)	(390
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	(590)
Debt finance	(100)	(93)	(35)	(25)	
Other financing cash flows	(100)	20	31	(20)	,
Cash flow from financing	(243)	(252)	(305)	(388)	(376
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	(
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Movement in cash	(344)	19	90	(27)	140
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(91.06)	281.68	402.20	372.20	527.42
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(200.65)	198.69	390.73	316.48	530.40
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(0.30)	0.94	1.34	1.24	1.76
FCFE per share	(0.67)	0.66	1.30	1.05	1.70
Recurring cash flow per share	1.33	1.60	2.23	2.57	2.94
Palance Shoot (TUP m) Year Ending Doc	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
3alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec					
Γangible fixed assets (gross)	1,738	1,896	2,024	2,317	2,486
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(768)	(846)	(914)	(987)	(1,066
Tangible fixed assets (net)	970	1,050	1,110	1,330	1,420
ntangible fixed assets (net)	6	47	47	47	4
Long-term financial assets	301	214	200	150	15
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	0	6	6	6	00
Cash & equivalents	115	134	224	197	33
A/C receivable	595	732	787	903	1,02
nventories Other current assets	267 3	274 7	375 3	432 3	49
Ourrent assets	98 0	1,147	1,389	1,535	1,86
Other assets	32	36	57	66	7,00
Fotal assets	2,290	2,500	2,809	3,134	3,55
Common equity	1,406	1,560	1,782	2,030	2,31
Minorities etc.	0	17	18	18	1
Fotal shareholders' equity	1,406	1,576	1,800	2,049	2,33
ong term debt	80	14	0	35	4
Other long-term liabilities	30	49	86	66	7
Long-term liabilities	110	64	86	101	11
A/C payable	559	650	751	864	98
Short term debt	167	141	115	55	5
Other current liabilities	47	68	57	66	7
Current liabilities	774	859	923	985	1,11
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	2,290	2,500	2,809	3,134	3,55
Net working capital	259	295	357	409	46
nvested capital	1,568	1,648	1,777	2,007	2,16
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	ng treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	4.69	5.20	5.94	6.77	7.7
Fangible book value per share	4.67	5.04	5.78	6.61	7.5
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	9.4	1.4	(6.0)	(5.2)	(10.4
Net debt/total assets (%)	5.8	0.9	(3.9)	(3.4)	(6.8)
Current ratio (x)	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.
CF interest cover (x)	(18.5)	19.7	53.1	31.1	48.
/aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Recurring P/E (x) *	36.3	32.4	20.6	18.3	16.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	43.3	38.7	24.7	21.8	19.
Reported P/E (x)	36.3	32.4	20.6	18.3	16.
Dividend yield (%)	1.5	1.8	2.8	3.2	3.
Price/book (x)	7.7	6.9	6.1	5.3	4.
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Price/tangible book (x)					
EV/EBITDA (x) **	22.6	19.5	13.6	11.7	10
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Sources: NSL Foods; FSSIA estimates

NSL FOODS PCL (NSL TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

n/a

Exhibit 3: FSSIA ESG score implication

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.

Sources: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 4: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA		Domestic ratings				Global ratings					Bloomberg			
	ESG score	DJSI	SET THSI	THSI	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar ESG risk	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure 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
ITC	8.00						Declared								
NSL	n/a														
RBF	34.45				5.00	4.00	Declared	High	51.04			30.50		2.34	
SNNP	13.00				4.00	4.00									

Sources: <u>SETTRADE.com</u>; * FSSIA estimate; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 5: ESG disclosure from company's one report

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2023	FY ending Dec 31	FY 2023
Environmental		Governance	
Climate change policy	Yes	Board size / Independent directors (ID) / Female	8/4/2
Climate change opportunities discussed		No. of board meetings for the year / % attendance	6 /100
GHG scope 2 location-based policy	Yes	Company conducts board evaluations	Yes
Biodiversity policy		Number of non-executive directors on board	6
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Director share ownership guidelines	No
Electricity used	Yes	Board age limit	No
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	Yes	Age of the youngest / oldest director	39 / 71
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Number of executives / female	6 / 1
Water policy	Yes	Executive share ownership guidelines	No
Water consumption	Yes	Size of audit committee / ID	3/3
Social		Audit committee meetings	5
Human rights policy	Yes	Audit committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Policy against child labor	Yes	Size of compensation committee / ID	/
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Number of compensation committee meetings	
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Compensation committee meeting attendance (%)	
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Size of nomination committee / ID	/
Gender pay gap breakout		Number of nomination committee meetings	
Pct women in workforce	53.65	Nomination committee meeting attendance (%)	
Business ethics policy	Yes	Board compensation (THB m)	2.48
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Executive compensation (THB m)	26.6
Health and safety policy	Yes	Auditor fee (THB m)	2.1
Lost time incident rate - employees		(Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Jaiyos Co., Ltd.)	
Training policy	Yes	Total employee (no.)	2781
Fair remuneration policy	Yes	Employee compensation (THB m)	572.3
Number of employees - CSR	Yes		
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	16,315		
Social supply chain management	Yes		

Source: FSSIA's compilation

Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	process bas from the ann	ed on the com nual S&P Globa	transparent, rules-based panies' Total Sustainabi al Corporate Sustainabili anies within each industr	ility Scores resulting ity Assessment (CSA).	Sustainability A ESG Score of I	Assessment (C ess than 45% ny are disqual	the annual S&P (CSA) for DJSI. Co of the S&P Glob lified. The constitutiverse.	ompanies with al ESG Score	an S&P Global of the highest	
Sustainability Investment List (THSI) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing be Candidates 1) no irregul- float of >150 up capital. S 70%; 2) inde- wrongdoing	usiness with tra must pass the ar trading of th shareholders, come key disque ependent direct related to CG,	ility in Environmental and ansparency in Governan preemptive criteria, with he board members and e , and combined holding in ualifying criteria include: tors and free float violation, social & environmental in earnings in red for > 3 year	nce, updated annually. It wo crucial conditions: executives; and 2) free must be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' impacts; 4) equity in	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 a maximum, and no cap for number of stocks.					
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Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unma regulatory filing	assessment on aged. Sources gs, news and oth	sk rating provides an ove of how much of a compa s to be reviewed include corp her media, NGO reports/web	ny's exposure to ESG corate publications and sites, multi-sector	more risk is uni	managed, the	score is the sum higher ESG risk	is scored.		
		ompany feedback uality & peer revi	k, ESG controversies, issuer iews.	feedback on draft ESG	NEGL 0-10	Low 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+	
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Rating regarding the sustainable development of Thai listed companies, both on the SET and MAI, are publicly available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand (SEC). Currently, ratings available are 1) "CG Score"; 2) "AGM Level"; 3) "Thai CAC"; and 4) THSI. The ratings are updated on an annual basis. FSSIA does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such ratings.

Source: FSSIA's compilation

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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
18-Jan-2023	BUY	26.00	05-Feb-2024	BUY	26.00	26-Apr-2024	BUY	36.00
18-Oct-2023	BUY	24.00	02-Apr-2024	BUY	30.00	09-Sep-2024	BUY	43.00

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
NSL Foods	NSL TB	THB 36.00	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in raw material prices; 3) the failure of new products; and 4) changing consumer demand and lifestyles.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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All share prices are as at market close on 20-Sep-2024 unless otherwise stated.

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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.

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.

Underweight (U). Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any 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.