EQUITY RESEARCH - ANALYST MEETING

I-TAIL CORPORATION

ITC TB

THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE





TARGET PRICE THB30.00
CLOSE THB23.60
UP/DOWNSIDE +27.1%
TP vs CONSENSUS +3.2%

Key takeaways from analyst meeting

Highlights

- ITC held a meeting this morning where management updated the revenue outlook for 4Q24. Revenue is expected to grow both q-q and y-y, although the y-y growth may slow compared to 2Q-3Q24 due to a high revenue base in 4Q23. Currently, 95% of the revenue target for 4Q has been secured.
- The outlook for the gross margin in 4Q24 is expected to soften q-q due to higher costs, as depreciation will be fully accounted for this quarter. In addition, the reversal of inventory is expected to be smaller or possibly nonexistent. Therefore, we expect 4Q24 profit to remain flat or decline slightly q-q.
- ITC is currently preparing its growth budget for 2025, but there are several factors supporting growth:
 - The global pet food market is expected to grow at 6% CAGR from 2023 to 2029.
 - New customers continue to join, with 21 new clients in 9M24, including a large global private label customer, whose full-year revenue will likely be recognized in 2025.
 - There is ongoing development of new products, particularly for European customers. Management targets a higher revenue contribution from Europe of 20%, up from the current 16%.

Comments

- In the short term, we maintain a neutral outlook as it aligns with our previous view, while we continue to hold a positive medium- to longterm perspective. We anticipate a strong recovery in 1H25 profit. ITC is preparing to raise selling prices to customers to reflect the stronger Thai baht.
- During the meeting, there was a question about the potential impact of a trade war, especially if the US election ends with changes in policies. Would it affect pet food imports if tariffs are imposed? Management stated that it is still difficult to assess and it will depend on the clarity of future policies. Currently, the US does not impose tariffs on pet food imports.
- However, we believe that pet food from Thailand is positioned in the premium segment, whereas products produced in the US and imported from China are mainly in the mid-priced and economy segments. Thailand still has a competitive advantage in terms of lower raw material and labor costs. Initially, we do not expect this to have a negative impact on the Thai pet food industry, though we will need to continue monitoring the trade policies of the new US president.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	15,577	18,395	20,327	22,048
Net profit	2,281	3,941	4,180	4,578
EPS (THB)	0.76	1.31	1.39	1.53
vs Consensus (%)	-	1.6	0.9	(1.2)
EBITDA	2,995	4,961	5,048	5,557
Recurring net profit	2,312	4,191	4,180	4,578
Core EPS (THB)	0.77	1.40	1.39	1.53
EPS growth (%)	(68.6)	81.2	(0.3)	9.5
Core P/E (x)	30.6	16.9	16.9	15.5
Dividend yield (%)	2.5	3.9	4.1	4.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.5	12.3	12.1	10.9
Price/book (x)	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	(40.0)	(40.3)	(38.3)	(37.9)
ROE (%)	9.6	17.7	16.8	17.5



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(2.1)	12.4	15.7
Relative to country (%)	(4.5)	(3.3)	10.9
Mkt cap (USD m)			2,107
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			7.8
Free float (%)			22
Major shareholder	Th	ai Union Gr	oup (79%)
12m high/low (THB)		2	6.00/17.50
Issued shares (m)			3,000.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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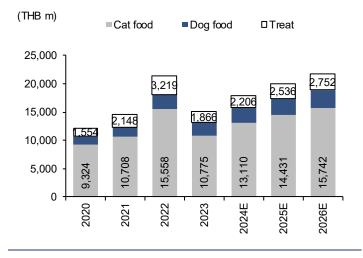
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Exhibit 1: Key assumptions for ITC

	Actual	tualCurrent			Growth			
	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Total revenue	15,577	18,395	20,327	22,048	18.1	10.5	8.5	
Cost	12,539	13,208	15,144	16,382	5.3	14.7	8.2	
Gross profit	3,038	5,187	5,183	5,666	70.8	(0.1)	9.3	
SG&A expenses	1,183	1,508	1,585	1,720	27.5	5.1	8.8	
Report net profit	2,281	3,941	4,180	4,578	72.7	6.1	9.8	
Core profit	2,312	4,191	4,180	4,578	81.2	(0.3)	9.8	
Key ratios (%)								
Total revenue growth	(27.3)	18.1	10.5	8.5				
Net profit growth	(48.2)	72.7	6.1	9.5				
Core profit growth	(45.3)	81.2	(0.3)	9.5				
Gross margin	19.5	28.2	25.5	25.7	(5.2)	(1.5)	(0.7	
SG&A to sales	7.6	8.2	7.8	7.8	(1.9)	(1.5)	(1.5	
Net margin	14.6	21.4	20.6	20.8	(2.5)	(1.0)	(0.2	
Core margin	14.8	22.8	20.6	20.8	(3.8)	(1.0)	(0.2	
Operating statistics								
THB/USD	34.9	33.0	33.0	33.0	(5.6)	0.0	0.	
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,784	1,449	1,500	1,500	(18.8)	3.5	0.	
Revenue breakdown (THB m)								
Cat food	10,775	13,110	14,431	15,742	21.7	10.1	9.	
Dog food	2,405	2,655	2,973	3,168	10.4	12.0	6.	
Treats	1,866	2,206	2,536	2,752	18.2	15.0	8.	
Others	13	80	14	15	535.7	(82.1)	5.	
Other segment	519	345	372	372	(33.6)	8.0	0.	

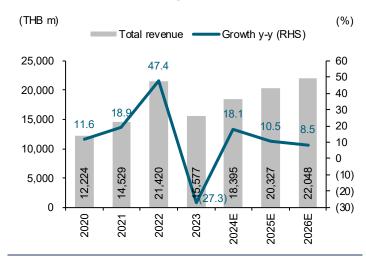
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Revenue by type of product



Sources: ITC; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: Total revenue and growth

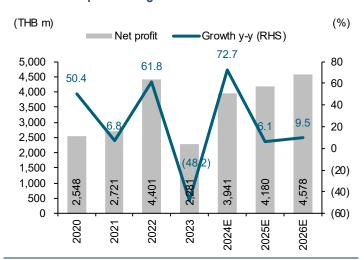


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Exhibit 4: Gross margin and net margin



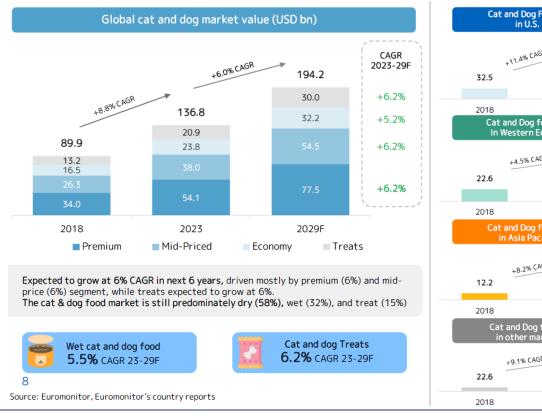
Exhibit 5: Net profit and growth

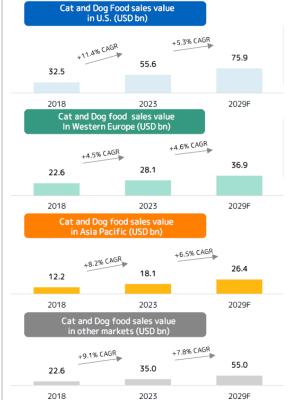


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Exhibit 6: Global pet food market growth in 2023-29





Sources: ITC's 3Q24 presentation

Financial Statements

i-Tail Corporation

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	21,420	15,577	18,395	20,327	22,048
Cost of goods sold	(16,071)	(12,539)	(13,208)	(15,144)	(16,382)
Gross profit	5,349	3,038	5,187	5,183	5,666
Other operating income	247	603	643	711	772
Operating costs	(1,239)	(1,183)	(1,508)	(1,585)	(1,720)
Operating EBITDA	4,928	2,995	4,961	5,048	5,557
Depreciation	(571)	(539)	(639)	(739)	(839)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	4,357	2,457	4,322	4,309	4,718
Net financing costs	(83)	(11)	(4)	(5)	(4)
Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Recurring non-operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	175	(31)	(250)	0	0
Profit before tax	4,450	2,415	4,068	4,305	4,714
Tax	(48)	(132)	(125)	(121)	(132)
Profit after tax	4,401	2,283	3,943	4,184	4,582
Minority interests	0	(1)	(2)	(4)	(4)
Preferred dividends	-	· · /	(2)	-	-
Other items	-	_	_	_	-
Reported net profit	4,401	2,281	3,941	4,180	4,578
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(175)	31	250	0	0
Recurring net profit	4,226	2,312	4,191	4,180	4,578
Per share (THB)	.,		.,	.,	.,0.0
Recurring EPS *	2.46	0.77	1.40	1.39	1.53
Reported EPS	2.56	0.76	1.31	1.39	1.53
DPS	1.66	0.60	0.92	0.98	1.07
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,720	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Growth	1,720	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000
Revenue (%)	47.4	(27.3)	18.1	10.5	8.5
Operating EBITDA (%)	62.6	(39.2)	65.6	1.8	10.1
Operating EBIT (%)	74.6	(43.6)	75.9	(0.3)	9.5 9.5
Recurring EPS (%)	(63.7) (66.1)	(68.6)	81.2 72.7	(0.3) 6.1	9.5 9.5
Reported EPS (%)	(00.1)	(70.3)	12.1	0.1	9.5
Operating performance	05.0	40.5	00.0	05.5	05.7
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	25.0	19.5	28.2	25.5	25.7
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	27.6	23.0	31.7	29.1	29.5
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	23.0	19.2	27.0	24.8	25.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	20.3	15.8	23.5	21.2	21.4
Net margin (%)	19.7	14.8	22.8	20.6	20.8
Effective tax rate (%)	1.1	5.5	3.1	2.8	2.8
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	67.6	77.8	65.8	70.0	70.0
Interest cover (X)	52.8	223.0	1,080.5	957.6	1,072.4
Inventory days	93.6	117.0	99.6	98.4	101.4
Debtor days	48.8	86.4	78.3	76.2	76.9
Creditor days	46.3	58.9	45.7	44.3	45.6
Operating ROIC (%)	33.7	15.8	25.3	23.1	23.6
ROIC (%)	32.5	14.6	23.6	22.2	22.7
ROE (%)	26.5	9.6	17.7	16.8	17.5
ROA (%) * Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	21.6	8.7	16.2	15.4	15.9
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Pet Food	18,119	13,180	15,765	17,404	18,909
Treats	3,219	1,866	2,206	2,536	2,752
Other	82	13	80	14	15
		519	345	372	

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	20261
Recurring net profit	4,226	2,312	4,191	4,180	4,57
Depreciation	571	539	639	739	83
ssociates & minorities	16	(15)	1	0	
Other non-cash items	(0.070)	(570)	- (0.40)	(000)	/700
Change in working capital	(2,972)	(578)	(842)	(966)	(788
Cash flow from operations	1,841	2,258	3,989	3,953	4,62
Capex - maintenance	(817) 0	(1,532) 0	(1,053) 0	(1,000) 0	(1,000
Capex - new investment Net acquisitions & disposals	Ū	Ū	Ū	Ū	'
Other investments (net)	(222)	(838)	779	(58)	(52
Cash flow from investing	(1,039)	(2,370)	(275)	(1, 058)	(1,052
Dividends paid	(7,471)	(3,791)	(2,759)	(2,926)	(3,205
Equity finance	20,795	0	0	0	(0,200
Debt finance	(1,559)	4	(264)	(5)	(19
Other financing cash flows	(16)	(50)	(201)	39	3
Cash flow from financing	11,749	(3,837)	(3,223)	(2,893)	(3,190
Non-recurring cash flows	· -	-	-	-	•
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
Movement in cash	12,551	(3,949)	491	2	38
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	884.37	(101.04)	3,718.59	2,899.36	3,581.7
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(773.10)	(157.69)	3,249.72	2,928.50	3,592.3
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.29	(0.03)	1.24	0.97	1.1
FCFE per share	(0.26)	(0.05)	1.08	0.98	1.2
Recurring cash flow per share	2.80	0.95	1.61	1.64	1.8
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Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Fangible fixed assets (gross)	7,968	8,905	9,449	9,853	10,16
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,075)	(3,423)	(3,560)	(3,703)	(3,851
Tangible fixed assets (net)	4,893	5,482	5,889	6,150	6,31
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	
ong-term financial assets	42	923	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	10.10
Cash & equivalents	13,254	9,305	9,796	9,799	10,18
A/C receivable	3,517	3,860	4,032	4,455	4,83
nventories	4,454	3,243	3,619	4,149	4,48
Other current assets	1,526	2,165	2,575	2,846	3,08
Current assets	22,750	18,573	20,022	21,248	22,59
Other assets Fotal assets	493	452	552	610	66
	28,178	25,431 23,118	26,462	28,008 25,502	29,56 26,87
Common equity Minorities etc.	25,029 16	23,116	24,247 2	25,502	20,07
Fotal shareholders' equity	25, 045	23,119	24,249	25,504	26.87
ong term debt	25,045	33	24,249	23,304	20,07
Other long-term liabilities	588	569	368	407	44
ong-term liabilities	617	602	396	430	44
A/C payable	2,353	1,520	1,628	1,867	2,02
Short term debt	14	14	5	5	2,02
Other current liabilities	150	177	184	203	22
Current liabilities	2,517	1,710	1,817	2,075	2,24
Fotal liabilities and shareholders' equity	28,178	25,431	26,462	28,008	29,56
Net working capital	6,994	7,572	8,413	9,380	10,16
nvested capital	12,422	14,429	14,854	16,140	17,14
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being					
Por chara (TUP)					
Per share (THB)	0.24	7.74	0.00	0.50	0.0
Book value per share	8.34	7.71	8.08	8.50	8.9
angible book value per share	8.34	7.71	8.08	8.50	8.9
Financial strength	(50.0)	(40.0)	(40.0)	(00.0)	(07.6
let debt/equity (%)	(52.8)	(40.0)	(40.3)	(38.3)	(37.9
Net debt/total assets (%)	(46.9)	(36.4)	(36.9)	(34.9)	(34.4
Current ratio (x)	9.0	10.9	11.0	10.2	10.
CF interest cover (x)	(8.4)	(13.3)	813.4	651.8	817.
/aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Recurring P/E (x) *	9.6	30.6	16.9	16.9	15.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	12.2	38.9	21.5	21.5	19.
Reported P/E (x)	9.2	31.0	18.0	16.9	15.
Dividend yield (%)	7.0	2.5	3.9	4.1	4.
Price/book (x)	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.
Price/tangible book (x)	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.
EV/EBITDA (x) **	11.7	20.5	12.3	12.1	10.
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	15.6	27.0	16.2	15.9	14.
	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.
EV/invested capital (x)					

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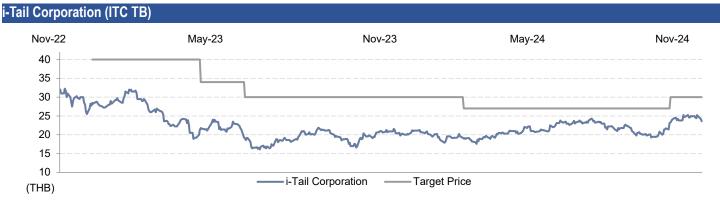
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History of change in investment rating and/or target price



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
11-Jan-2023 09-May-2023	BUY BUY	40.00 34.00	26-Jun-2023 19-Feb-2024	BUY BUY	30.00 27.00	01-Oct-2024	BUY	30.00

Sureeporn Teewasuwet started covering this stock from 11-Jan-2023

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
i-Tail Corporation	ITC TB	THB 23.60	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected recovery in purchasing power, 2) more fluctuating raw material prices than expected, 3) a stronger-than-expected THB, and 4) labour shortages.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Additional Disclosures

Target price history, stock price charts, valuation and risk details, and equity rating histories applicable to each company rated in this report is available in our most recently published reports. You can contact the analyst named on the front of this note or your representative at Finansia Syrus Securities Public Company Limited.

All share prices are as at market close on 05-Nov-2024 unless otherwise stated.

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.

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.