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## Lack of catalysts in the short term

- Domestic chicken prices started to decline in Sep, 4QTD live chicken prices are down by 9% and chicken carcass prices are down by 24%.
- We have a more cautious view on chicken prices in 2025.
- Maintain HOLD call with TP of THB12.5.

### 3Q24 profit performed well, but chicken prices starting to decline

GFPT's net profit for 3Q24 was THB542m (-7% q-q, +70% y-y). Excluding an FX gain and a derivative loss, its core profit was THB564m (flat q-q, +77% y-y), which was in line with our estimate. GFPT's core operations performed well, driven by an increased chicken export volume to 9,500 tonnes (+5.6% q-q, +44% y-y), combined with low costs that supported both revenue (+4.4% q-q, +6% y-y) and an improvement in the gross margin to 15.5%, up from 14.2% in 2Q24.

### Profit sharing has decreased significantly

However, domestic chicken prices began to decline in September, impacting GFPT's associate, GFN, which saw its share of profit drop by 59% q-q. As a result, GFPT's share of profits from associates decreased by 26% q-q to THB206m (+85% y-y). Currently, domestic chicken prices in 4QTD are continuing to decrease, with live chicken prices down by 9% q-q and chicken carcass prices down by 24% q-q. We expect the 4Q24 export volume to decrease seasonally to 9,000 tonnes (-5.3% q-q), which suggests that 4Q24 profit will weaken q-q but still grow y-y.

### More conservative view on chicken prices in 2025

We have a more cautious view on chicken prices in 2025, with Thailand's production expected to increase by around 2-4% due to favorable prices in 2024. Meanwhile, the low cost of raw materials will likely keep chicken prices stable at a low level. Our forecast for the chicken price in 2025 is THB40/kg (-5% y-y). Upside risks to chicken prices include demand from exports and domestic consumption. However, if demand is weaker than expected, chicken prices could decline more than anticipated. Investors should continue to monitor chicken price movements.

### Passing the peak profit in 2024, maintain HOLD call

We are looking past the peak profit in 2024 and expect a 23% decline in net profit for 2025 to THB1.56b. We maintain our 2025 TP at THB12.5, based on a P/E of 10x (-0.5 SD). Despite the lack of a catalyst from the slowing profit momentum and a sharp decline in short-term chicken prices, GFPT's stock currently trades at a 2025E P/E of only 8.7x. With its strong financial position (current ratio of 2x and a D/E ratio of just 0.34x), we recommend a HOLD rating.



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TARGET PRICE	THB12.50
CLOSE	THB10.80
UP/DOWNSIDE	+15.7%
PRIOR TP	THB12.50
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	-13.3%

### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	18,963	19,219	18,777	19,640
Net profit	1,377	2,026	1,564	1,660
EPS (THB)	1.10	1.62	1.25	1.32
vs Consensus (%)	-	3.2	(16.2)	(14.0)
EBITDA	2,577	3,045	2,888	3,037
Recurring net profit	1,377	2,026	1,564	1,660
Core EPS (THB)	1.10	1.62	1.25	1.32
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	-	-
EPS growth (%)	(32.7)	47.2	(22.8)	6.2
Core P/E (x)	9.8	6.7	8.7	8.2
Dividend yield (%)	1.5	3.7	2.9	3.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.7	5.3	5.4	4.7
Price/book (x)	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	20.1	13.0	8.8	2.4
ROE (%)	8.1	11.0	7.9	7.9



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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### **Investment thesis**

GFPT is doubling the capacity of its slaughterhouse from 150,000 to 300,000 chickens per day. It should begin operating from 2H24 onwards, partly to cope with the processing capacity expansion of its associate McKey. GFPT is also preparing to expand its processing plant to cope with export growth since it currently runs at a 100% utilization rate.

The situation for chicken exports in 2024 appears to be quite optimistic, supporting both the volume of exports of GFPT and its associates, such as GFN and McKey. However, we have relatively conservative assumptions for our 2025 net profit forecast, partly because we have started seeing price decreases in live chicken and chicken carcasses. We will also need to monitor the chicken price trends.

### **Company profile**

GFPT operates a vertical, fully integrated poultry business covering feed production, grandparent farms, breeder farms, broiler farms, the production and distribution of chicken meat, cooked chicken products, and other chicken-related products under its own and customers' brands for both domestic and export markets. In 2022, GFPT had a chicken processing capacity of 150,000 tonnes/year and a cooked chicken product capacity of 30,000 tonnes/year.

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### Catalysts

Potential catalysts for GFPT's earnings growth in 2024-25 are 1) chicken export volume growth; 2) a higher-thanexpected chicken price; 3) the operation of a new slaughterhouse; and 4) lower raw material costs.

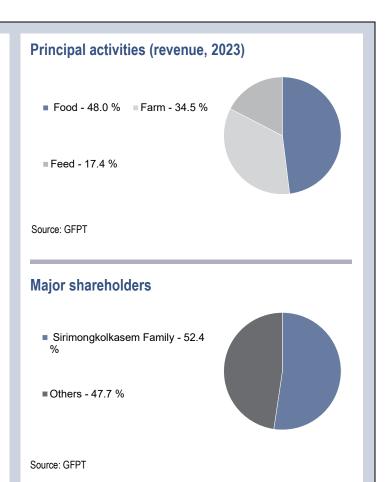
### **Risks to our call**

Downside and upside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower or faster-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) a slower or faster-than-expected decrease in feed costs; 3) a stronger or weaker-than-expected THB; and 4) a minimum wage increase and/or a labour shortage.

### **Event calendar**

 Date
 Event

 February 2025
 4Q24 results announcement



### Key assumptions

	2024E	2025E	2026E
Live chicken price (THB/kg)	42.1	40.0	40.0
Chicken carcass price (THB/kg)	14.4	13.0	13.0
Total sales growth (%)	1.4	(2.3)	4.6
Gross margin (%)	13.9	12.7	12.8
SG&A to sales (%)	8.1	8.1	8.1

Source: FSSIA estimates

### **Earnings sensitivity**

- For every 1% increase in revenue, we estimate 2025 net profit to rise by 0.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in GPM, we estimate 2025 net profit to rise by 4.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.5% increase in SG&A, we estimate 2025 net profit to fall by 3.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



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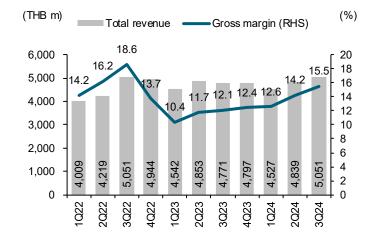
Negative factors included higher expenses, which rose 7% q-q and 9% y-y, mainly due to increased transportation costs. As a result, 3Q24 SG&A to sales increased to 8.2%, up from 7.9% in both 2Q24 and 3Q23. Additionally, GFPT's share of profits from associates decreased by 26% q-q to THB206m (+85% y-y), mainly due to a sharp 59% q-q drop in GFN's profit, which was impacted by the rapid decline in domestic chicken part prices. However, the share of profit from McKey remained strong.

### Exhibit 1: GFPT – 3Q24 earnings results

	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	Cha	nge	9M24	Change	2024E	Change	% 9M24
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	to 2024E				
Sales	4,771	4,797	4,527	4,839	5,051	4.4	5.9	14,416	1.8	19,219	1.4	75.0
Cost of sales	4,194	4,201	3,959	4,149	4,266	2.8	1.7	12,374	(1.4)	16,547	(1.2)	74.8
Gross profit	577	596	568	689	785	13.8	36.0	2,042	26.3	2,671	20.7	76.4
SG&A	378	378	369	384	413	7.4	9.3	1,166	4.3	1,557	4.1	74.9
Operating profit	199	218	199	305	372	21.8	86.5	876	75.2	1,115	55.3	78.6
Profit sharing	111	198	232	278	206	(25.7)	85.4	716	112.5	898	67.9	79.8
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GFN	53	65	91	137	57	(58.6)	5.8	284	394.3	336	174.8	84.7
Interest expense	29	27	29	31	31	(1.9)	7.7	92	11.1	125	13.4	73.5
Tax expense	54	63	51	69	66	(4.3)	22.5	186	44.0	200	4.0	93.0
Other gain (loss)	1	8	25	21	(22)	nm	nm	24	(68.3)	0	nm	nm
Reported net profit	319	410	466	583	542	(7.1)	69.8	1,591	64.7	2,026	47.2	78.5
Core profit	318	403	441	562	564	0.4	77.4	1,566	76.1	2,026	56.8	77.3
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)					
Gross margin	12.1	12.4	12.6	14.2	15.5	1.3	3.4	14.2	2.7	13.9	2.2	
SG&A to sales	7.9	7.9	8.2	7.9	8.2	0.2	0.3	8.1	0.2	8.1	0.2	
Operating margin	4.2	4.5	4.4	6.3	7.4	1.1	3.2	6.1	2.5	5.8	2.0	
Net margin	6.7	8.6	10.3	12.1	10.7	(1.3)	4.0	11.0	4.2	10.5	3.3	
Core margin	6.7	8.4	9.7	11.6	11.2	(0.4)	4.5	10.9	4.6	10.5	3.7	
Operating statistics (THB/kg)												
Live chicken	40.3	37.8	42.5	44.0	43.0	(2.3)	6.6	43.2	6.7	42.1	6.7	
Chicken carcass	11.5	13.5	16.5	16.0	14.5	(9.4)	26.1	15.7	3.3	14.4	(2.7)	
Chicken export price (USD/tonne)	4,400	4,550	4,350	4,300	4,400	2.3	0.0	4,350	(4.4)	4,294	(5.6)	
Corn	11.7	10.5	10.4	11.1	11.8	6.3	0.9	11.1	(12.1)	10.9	(9.5)	
Soybean meal	20.6	21.2	21.4	20.7	19.3	(6.8)	(6.3)	20.5	(9.7)	20.4	(10.3)	
Chicken export volume (tonnes)	6,600	7,700	8,300	9,000	9,500	5.6	43.9	26,800	22.9	35,000	19.5	49.4
Indirect export volume (tonnes)	4,900	4,700	5,100	4,600	4,900	6.5	0.0	14,600	9.8	19,250	7.5	50.4
Chicken domestic volume (tonnes)	16,300	16,100	15,000	15,100	15,700	4.0	(3.7)	45,800	1.6	61,200	0.3	49.2

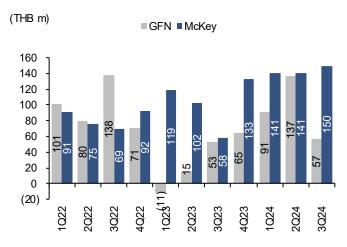
Sources: GFPT, FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 2: Total revenue and gross margin



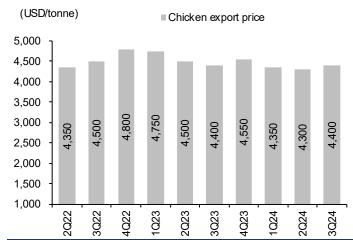
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### Exhibit 4: Profit sharing from GFN and McKey



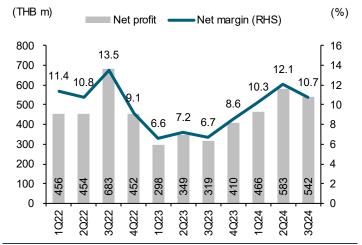
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### Exhibit 6: Chicken export price (USD/tonne)



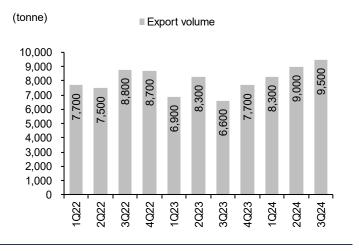
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### Exhibit 3: Net profit and net margin



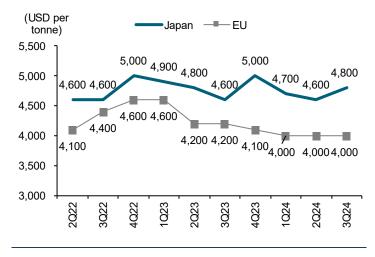
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### Exhibit 5: Chicken export volumes



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### More conservative view on chicken prices in 2025

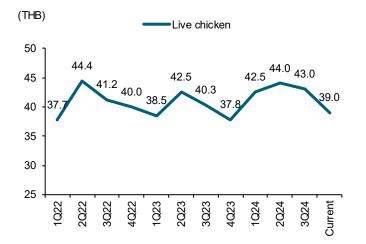
We have a more cautious view on the chicken prices in 2025, assuming that the domestic price of whole live chicken will be THB40/kg (-5% y-y). This price decrease is mainly due to two factors: 1) an increase in day-old-chick production across the country, expected to rise to around 37-38 million birds per week from 36-37 million birds per week in 2024, driven by favorable chicken prices in 2024, which led to an expansion in farming; and 2) we expect a slight decrease in raw material costs in 2025. We forecast that corn prices will remain low at THB10/kg, while soybean meal prices are expected to decrease by 2-4% to THB19-20/kg. Overall, we estimate the breakeven cost of raising chickens in 2025 to be THB37-38/kg, down by 5% y-y.

For 4QTD, the average price of live chicken has decreased to THB37-38/kg, from THB43/kg in 3Q24, which is close to the breakeven cost. We believe this price drop is likely temporary, as it coincides with the low season for exports and has also been impacted by flooding and the heavy rainfall in September and October, which resulted in a higher supply. Going forward, we expect chicken prices to increase in 1Q-2Q25, approaching our price assumption, but still at a level lower than in 1H24.

Although the export volume base for GFPT in 2024 is relatively high, we expect it to reach a new high of 35,900 tonnes (+22.5% y-y), driven by low inventory levels with European and Japanese customers, coupled with transportation issues, which have led to accelerated purchasing throughout 2024.

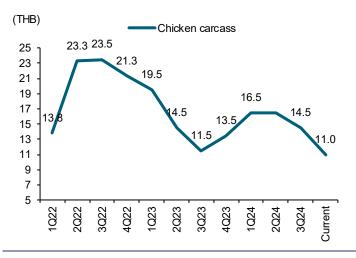
However, we expect export volumes in 2025 to remain stable at similar levels to 2024, in line with GFPT's target, which suggests that sales volumes should remain steady. Nevertheless, the company typically receives orders with a short lead time of around three months. If demand weakens more than expected, it could lead to a larger-than-expected decline in chicken prices. Investors should continue to monitor the movement of meat prices closely.

### Exhibit 8: Domestic live chicken price (THB/kg)



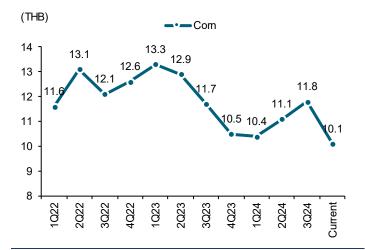
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### Exhibit 9: Domestic chicken carcass price (THB/kg)



Sources: GFPT, FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 10: Domestic corn price (THB/kg)



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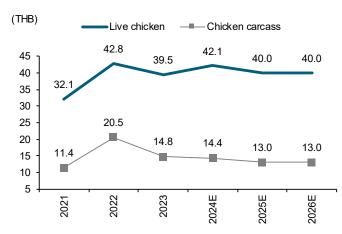
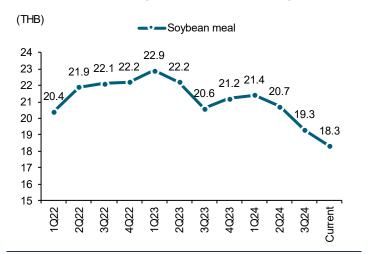


Exhibit 12: Yearly domestic chicken price (THB/kg)

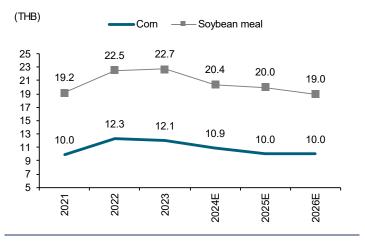
Sources: GFPT, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 11: Domestic soybean meal price (THB/kg)



Sources: GFPT, FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 13: Yearly raw material prices



Sources: GFPT, FSSIA estimates

### Passing the peak profit in 2024, maintain HOLD call

We maintain the view that GFPT has likely passed its peak profit for this cycle in 3Q24. In the short term, we expect 4Q24 earnings to weaken seasonally, compounded by the decline in chicken prices in 4QTD, with live chicken prices down 9% q-q and chicken carcass prices down 24% q-q. We continue to forecast the 2024 net profit at THB2b (+47% y-y) and expect a 23% y-y decline in 2025 net profit to THB1.56b, mainly due to the expectation of lower chicken selling prices. As a result, we anticipate that the gross margin in 2025 may not be as strong as in 2024.

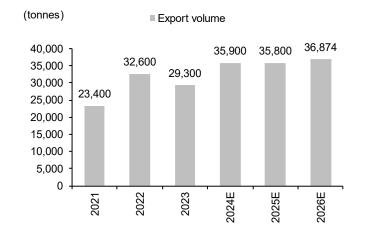
We maintain our 2025 target price at THB12.5, based on the same P/E multiple of 10x (-0.5 SD). Although GFPT's share price lacks a catalyst from the earnings momentum, which we expect to slow down in 2025, and chicken prices may decrease sharply in the short term, the stock is currently trading at a 2025E P/E of only 8.7x. Furthermore, GFPT has a strong financial position, with a current ratio of 2x and a low D/E ratio of 0.34x. Therefore, we recommend a HOLD rating.

### Exhibit 14: Maintain key assumptions for GFPT

		Current		Growth			
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Total revenue	19,219	18,777	19,640	1.4	(2.3)	4.6	
Costs	16,547	16,392	17,126	(1.2)	(0.9)	4.5	
Gross profit	2,671	2,385	2,514	20.7	(10.7)	5.4	
SG&A expenses	1,557	1,521	1,591	4.1	(2.3)	4.6	
Profit sharing	898	657	687	67.9	(26.8)	4.6	
Reported net profit	2,026	1,564	1,660	47.2	(22.8)	6.2	
Core profit	2,026	1,564	1,660	56.8	(22.8)	6.2	
Key ratios (%)							
Gross margin	13.9	12.7	12.8	2.2	(1.2)	0.1	
SG&A to sales	8.1	8.1	8.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	
Net margin	10.5	8.3	8.5	3.3	(2.2)	0.1	
Operating statistics (THB/kg)							
Live chicken	42.1	40.0	40.0	6.7	(5.0)	0.0	
Chicken carcass	14.4	13.0	13.0	(2.7)	(9.7)	0.0	
Corn	10.9	10.0	10.0	(9.5)	(8.3)	0.0	
Soybean meal	20.4	20.0	19.0	(10.3)	(2.0)	(5.0)	

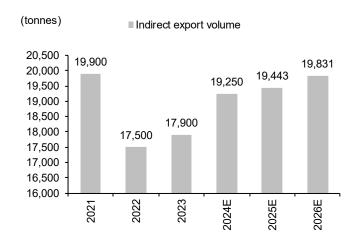
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### Exhibit 15: Yearly chicken export volume



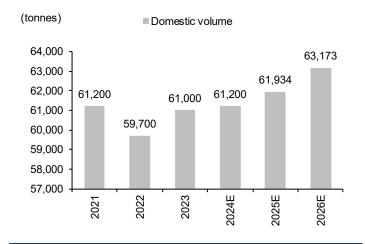
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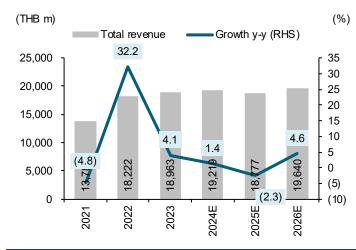
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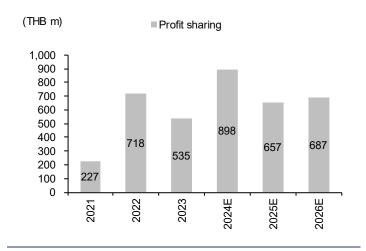
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### Exhibit 19: Yearly total revenue and growth



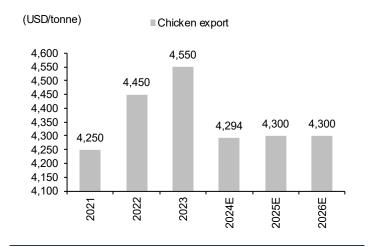
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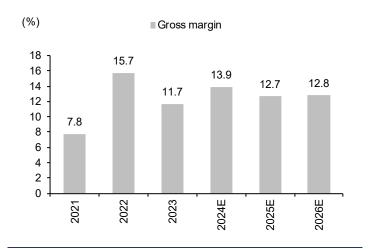
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Exhibit 18: Yearly chicken export price



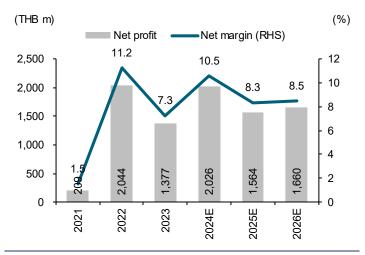
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### Exhibit 20: Yearly gross margin



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### Exhibit 22: Yearly net profit and net margin



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### Exhibit 23: Historical P/E band

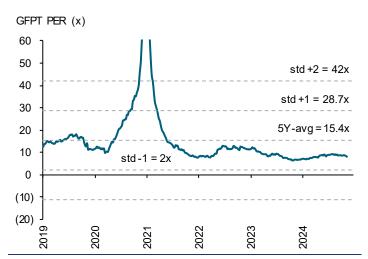


Exhibit 25: Peers comparisons as of 12 Nov 2024

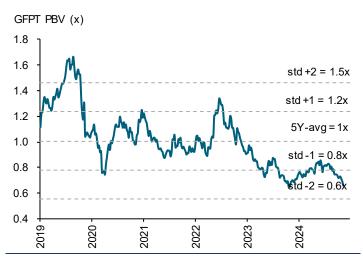


Exhibit 24: Historical P/BV band

Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

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Company	BBG	Rec	S	hare price	9	Market	PI	=	RO	E	PE	3V	EV/EB	ITDA
			Current	Target	Upside	Сар	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E	24E	25E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(USD m)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
Thailand														
Charoen Pokphand Foods	CPF TB	BUY	24.30	28.00	15	5,755	11.8	14.5	7.1	5.6	0.8	0.8	11.7	12.9
Thai Union Group	TU TB	BUY	14.20	19.40	37	1,736	13.1	11.8	8.7	9.5	1.1	1.1	9.7	9.2
Betagro	BTG TB	HOLD	20.10	23.50	17	1,117	19.0	15.2	8.2	9.7	1.5	1.4	6.7	6.0
Thaifoods Group	TFG TB	BUY	3.84	5.20	35	624	7.8	8.2	20.7	18.5	1.5	1.4	5.1	4.9
GFPT	GFPT TB	HOLD	10.80	12.50	16	389	6.7	8.7	11.0	7.9	0.7	0.7	5.3	5.4
Asian Sea	ASIAN TB	n/a	8.90	n/a	n/a	207	8.7	8.6	13.3	12.2	1.1	1.0	4.7	4.7
Average						9,828	11.2	11.2	11.5	10.6	1.1	1.1	7.2	7.2

Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

### Financial Statements GFPT

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	18,222	18,963	19,219	18,777	19,640
Cost of goods sold	(15,354)	(16,749)	(16,547)	(16,392)	(17,126)
Gross profit	2,868	2,213	2,671	2,385	<b>2,514</b> 354
Other operating income Operating costs	342 (1,559)	349 (1,495)	345	338 (1,521)	(1,591)
Operating EBITDA	(1,559) <b>2,973</b>	(1,495) <b>2,577</b>	(1,557) <b>3,045</b>	(1,521) <b>2,888</b>	(1,591) <b>3,037</b>
Depreciation	(1,322)	(1,511)	(1,586)	(1,686)	(1,761)
Goodwill amortisation	(1,322)	(1,511)	(1,580)	(1,000)	(1,701)
Operating EBIT	1,651	1,067	1,460	1,202	1,277
Net financing costs	(148)	4	(125)	(128)	(125)
Associates	718	535	898	657	687
Recurring non-operating income	753	505	898	657	687
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	2,256	1,575	2,232	1,731	1,839
Tax	(209)	(192)	(200)	(161)	(173)
Profit after tax	2,047	1,383	2,032	1,570	1,666
Minority interests	(2)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Preferred dividends	-/-//	-	-	(0)	-
Other items	-	-	0	0	0
Reported net profit	2,044	1,377	2,026	1,564	1,660
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	_,0	0	_,0	0	0
Recurring net profit	2,044	1,377	2,026	1,564	1,660
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.63	1.10	1.62	1.25	1.32
Reported EPS	1.63	1.10	1.62	1.25	1.32
DPS	0.20	0.16	0.40	0.31	0.33
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	1,254	1,254	1,254	1,254	1,254
Growth					
Revenue (%)	32.2	4.1	1.4	(2.3)	4.6
Operating EBITDA (%)	139.7	(13.3)	18.2	(5.2)	5.2
Operating EBIT (%)	26,304.0	(35.4)	36.9	(17.7)	6.2
Recurring EPS (%)	1,100.2	(32.7)	47.2	(22.8)	6.2
Reported EPS (%)	1,100.2	(32.7)	47.2	(22.8)	6.2
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	15.7	11.7	13.9	12.7	12.8
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	23.0	19.6	22.2	21.7	21.8
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	16.3	13.6	15.8	15.4	15.5
Operating EBIT margin (%)	9.1	5.6	7.6	6.4	6.5
Net margin (%)	11.2	7.3	10.5	8.3	8.5
Effective tax rate (%)	9.3	12.2	9.0	9.3	9.4
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	12.1	14.6	25.0	25.0	25.0
nterest cover (X)	16.2	(391.6)	18.9	14.5	15.7
nventory days	88.7	85.8	93.8	98.0	98.2
Debtor days	18.0	19.9	20.0	20.2	19.6
Creditor days	28.8	31.8	32.7	28.0	27.3
Operating ROIC (%)	8.7	5.3	7.1	5.7	6.0
ROIC (%)	9.7	5.9	8.5	6.6	6.9
ROE (%)	13.2	8.1	11.0	7.9	7.9
ROA (%)	9.7	5.7	8.4	6.4	6.7
Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Food	9,875	9,107	9,599	10,127	10,684
Farm	5,314	6,549	6,327	6,612	6,863

Sources: GFPT; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
ecurring net profit	2,044	1,377	2,026	1,564	1,660
epreciation	1,322	1,511	1,586	1,686	1,761
ssociates & minorities	(718)	(535)	(898)	(657)	(687
ther non-cash items	97	(144)	0	0	(
hange in working capital	(1,484)	23	(447)	(166)	(196
ash flow from operations	1,261	2,231	2,268	2,427	2,537
apex - maintenance	(2,945)	(2,651)	(1,489)	(1,981)	(1,540)
apex - new investment	-	-	-	-	( )
et acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
ther investments (net)	-	-	-	-	
ash flow from investing	(2,945)	(2,651)	(1,489)	(1,981)	(1,540)
ividends paid	(125)	(251)	(507)	(391)	(415)
	(123)	(231)	(307)	(391)	(415)
quity finance	2,103				
ebt finance	2,103	1,016 6	213	17	(53
ther financing cash flows			(3)	(3)	(3
ash flow from financing	1,980	772	(296)	(376)	(471)
on-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	
ther adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
et other adjustments	0	0	0	0	C
ovement in cash	296	352	483	70	527
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(1,597.64)	(310.00)	903.84	574.09	1,122.52
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	421.20	602.26	989.18	460.50	941.66
er share (THB)					
CFF per share	(1.27)	(0.25)	0.72	0.46	0.90
CFE per share	0.34	0.48	0.72	0.40	0.30
ecurring cash flow per share	2.19	1.76	2.17	2.07	2.18
alance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
angible fixed assets (gross)	21,803	23,142	24,728	26,414	28,174
ess: Accumulated depreciation	(9,914)	(10,617)	(12,289)	(13,661)	(15,682
angible fixed assets (net)	11,889	12,525	12,439	12,753	12,492
ntangible fixed assets (net)	673	58	59	61	62
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	-
vest. in associates & subsidiaries	4,275	4,774	4,774	4,774	4,774
ash & equivalents	1,259	1,610	2,093	2,162	2,689
/C receivable	1,012	1,057	1,053	1,029	1,076
iventories	3,320	3,840	3,853	4,042	4,223
ther current assets	730	591	577	563	589
urrent assets					
	6,321	7,098	7,576	7,796	8,577
other assets	257	877	865	845	884
otal assets	23,415	25,333	25,713	26,229	26,789
ommon equity	16,480	17,605	19,125	20,298	21,543
linorities etc.	127	133	130	127	125
otal shareholders' equity	16,606	17,738	19,255	20,425	21,668
ong term debt	3,292	3,373	3,173	2,573	1,956
ther long-term liabilities	687	686	557	545	570
ong-term liabilities	3,979	4,058	3,730	3,117	2,526
/C payable	1,113	1,545	1,133	1,123	1,173
hort term debt	1,540	1,798	1,422	1,395	1,246
ther current liabilities	177	193	173	169	177
urrent liabilities	2,830	3,536	2,728	2,687	2,596
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	23,415	25,333	25,713	26,229	26,789
et working capital	3,772	3,750	4,177	4,342	4,539
5	20,866				
vested capital Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be		21,985	22,314	22,775	22,75
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er share (THB)					
ook value per share	13.14	14.04	15.25	16.19	17.18
angible book value per share	12.61	13.99	15.21	16.14	17.13
inancial strength					
et debt/equity (%)	21.5	20.1	13.0	8.8	2.4
et debt/total assets (%)	15.3	14.1	9.7	6.9	1.9
urrent ratio (x)	2.2	2.0	2.8	2.9	3.3
F interest cover (x)	3.8	(149.1)	8.9	4.6	8.5
aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	20268
ecurring P/E (x) *	6.6	9.8	6.7	8.7	8.3
ecurring P/E @ target price (x) *	7.7	11.4	7.7	10.0	9.4
eported P/E (x)	6.6	9.8	6.7	8.7	8.2
ividend yield (%)	1.8	1.5	3.7	2.9	3.1
rice/book (x)	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
rice/tangible book (x)	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
V/EBITDA (x) **	5.8	6.7	5.3	5.4	4.7
V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	6.5	7.5	6.0	6.1	4.7 5.4
viebii Dr (w laiger pilce (x)					
V/invested capital (x)	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6

Sources: GFPT; FSSIA estimates



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### Exhibit 26: FSSIA ESG score implication



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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 27: 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
BTG	28.98				4.00	3.00	Certified	High		BB					57.48
CPF	80.89	Y	Y	Y	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	73.14	BBB	44.00	66.71	85.00	4.43	67.93
GFPT	50.93		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	High				62.77	24.00	4.22	57.60
TU	63.91	Y				5.00	Certified	High	59.31	Α	41.00	64.47	85.00		77.68
TFG	33.07			Y	5.00	4.00	Certified	High				42.53			

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 28: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	3.06	3.32	4.22
BESG environmental pillar score	2.18	2.73	3.88
BESG social pillar score	3.36	3.42	4.58
BESG governance pillar score	4.20	4.22	4.19
ESG disclosure score	54.93	57.60	57.60
Environmental disclosure score	44.79	52.79	52.79
Social disclosure score	36.31	36.31	36.31
Governance disclosure score	83.59	83.59	83.59
Environmental			
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	—	21	18
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	31	32
GHG Scope 3	—	—	—
Carbon per unit of production	—	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	—	118	114
Renewable energy use	-	—	_
Electricity used	63	63	64
Fuel used - natural gas	-	176,666	162,480

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 29: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	0	0	0
Total waste	22	21	22
Waste recycled	—	—	—
Waste sent to landfills	—	—	_
Environmental supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	_	—	_
Social			
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No
Pct women in workforce	54	54	54
Pct disabled in workforce	2	2	1
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	2	2	2
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	_
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No
Number of employees – CSR	4,906	5,367	5,525
Employee turnover pct	3	21	8
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	490,610	719,841	890,950
Social supply chain management	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance			
Board size	9	9	9
No. of independent directors (ID)	3	3	3
No. of women on board	2	2	2
No. of non-executive directors on board	6	6	6
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	9	9	9
Board meeting attendance pct	100	99	75
Board duration (years)	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director	51	52	53
Age of the oldest director	81	82	83
No. of executives / company managers	10	10	11
No. of female executives	4	4	3
	4 No	No	No
Executive share ownership guidelines Size of audit committee	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	4	4	
Audit meeting attendance %	100	100	100
Size of compensation committee	5	5	5
No. of ID on compensation committee	3	3	3
No. of compensation committee meetings	2	2	3
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	5	5	5
No. of nomination committee meetings	2	2	3
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100
Sustainability governance			
Verification type	No	No	No

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

### **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	У			Rating							
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	process base from the ann Only the top- inclusion.	ed on the con ual S&P Glob ranked comp	transparent, rules-based npanies' Total Sustainabi pal Corporate Sustainabil panies within each industr	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 Investment List ( <u>THSI</u> ) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand ( <u>SET</u> )	managing bu Candidates r 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. So 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing r	siness with tr nust pass the ar trading of th shareholders ome key disq pendent direct related to CG	ility in Environmental and ransparency in Governan a preemptive criteria, with he board members and e s, and combined holding i ualifying criteria include: ctors and free float violati i, social & environmental earnings in red for > 3 year	ice, updated annually. two crucial conditions: xecutives; and 2) free must be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' impacts; 4) equity in	To be eligible for <u>THSI inclusion</u> , 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. <u>SETTHSI Index</u> 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.							
CG Score by Thai Institute of Directors Association (Thai IOD)	annually by t	he Thai IOD, T). The resul	th in sustainable develop with support from the St Its are from the perspecti Is.	ock Exchange of	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 By Thai Investors Association (TIA) with support from the SEC	treatment are transparent a out of five the criteria cover date (45%), a circulation of si exercised. The and verifiability	e incorporated and sufficientl e CG compor AGM proced and after the ufficient information second assess c; and 3) opennet	which shareholders' right d into business operation ly disclosed. All form imp- nents to be evaluated anr dures before the meeting meeting (10%). (The first a tion for voting; and 2) facilita ses 1) the ease of attending n sess for Q&A. The third involve ues, resolutions and voting re	s and information is ortant elements of two nually. The assessment (45%), at the meeting ssesses 1) advance ting how voting rights can be neetings; 2) transparency as the meeting minutes that	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)	establishmer policies. The (Companies de Declaration of Certification, in managers and	nt of key contr Certification eciding to becor Intent to kick of cluding risk ass employees, est	Checklist include corrupti rols, and the monitoring a is good for three years. me a CAC certified member s if an 18-month deadline to sui sessment, in place of policy a tablishment of whistleblowing all stakeholders.)	and developing of tart by submitting a bmit the CAC Checklist for nd control, training of	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.							
<u>Morningstar</u> Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unmar regulatory filing	assessment naged. Source as, news and ot	isk rating provides an ove of how much of a compa is to be reviewed include com ther media, NGO reports/web	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored.           NEGL         Low         Medium         High         Severe								
	information, co reports, and qu		ck, ESG controversies, issuer views.	feedback on draft ESG	0-10	Low 10-20	Medium 20-30	High 30-40	Severe 40+			
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explair	outperform o of financial m future risk-a ng features w	sustainable companies the over the long term. The m nateriality including inform djusted performance. Ma tith higher materiality and erly basis.	ethodology considers nation that significantly teriality is applied by	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.							
<u>MSCI</u>	MSCI ESG ratings aim to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. It uses a rules-based methodology to identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers.											
	AAA AA	8.571-10.00 7.143-8.57	Leader:	anaging the most sig	nificant ESG ris	sks and opportunitie	S					
	A BBB BB	5.714-7.14 4.286-5.71 2.857-4.28	3 Average:	a mixed or unexception industry peers	nal track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to							
	B	1.429-2.85 0.000-1.42	6 Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high exposu	ire and failure to	o manage significant	ESG risks				
Moody's ESG solutions	Moody's assesses the degree to which companies take into account ESG objectives in the definition and implementation of their strategy policies. It believes that a company integrating ESG factors into its business model and relatively outperforming its peers is better positioned to mitigate risks and create sustainable value for shareholders over the medium to long term.											
<u>Refinitiv ESG</u> rating	Designed to transparently and objectively measure a company's relative ESG performance, commitment and effectiveness across 10 main themes, based on publicly available and auditable data. The score ranges from 0 to 100 on relative ESG performance and insufficient degree of transparency in reporting material ESG data publicly. (Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; >25 to 50 = satisfactory; >50 to 75 = good; and >75 to 100 = excellent.)											
S&P Global	The S&P Global ESG Score is a relative score measuring a company's performance on and management of ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.											
	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.											
Bloomberg												

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
GFPT	GFPT TB	THB 10.80	HOLD	Downside and upside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower or faster-than- expected consumption recovery; 2) a slower or faster-than-expected decrease in feed costs; 3) a stronger or weaker-than-expected THB; and 4) a minimum wage increase and/or a labour shortage.
Charoen Pokphand Foods	CPF TB	THB 24.30	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) slow purchasing power, 2) a slower-than- expected meat price recovery, 3) higher feed costs, 4) Baht strength, and 5) a minimum wage increase and labor shortages.
Thai Union Group	TU TB	THB 14.20	BUY	Downside risks to our SoTP-based 2025 TP include 1) a slower-than-expected revenue recovery; 2) a disruption on shipping routes, resulting in higher-than-expected freight costs; 3) a slower decrease in raw material costs than expected; 4) higher-than-expected labor costs and labor shortages; and 5) stronger Baht than expected.
Betagro	BTG TB	THB 20.10	HOLD	Downside and upside risks to our PE-based TP include 1) a slower or faster-than-expected purchasing power recovery; 2) a slower or faster-than-expected meat price increase; 3) a slower or faster-than-expected decrease in feed costs; and 4) a stronger or weaker-than- expected THB.
Thai Foods Group	TFG TB	THB 3.84	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP are 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) a potential rise in meat and raw material prices; 3) a stronger-than-expected THB against USD.

#### Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Additional Disclosures**

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All share prices are as at market close on 12-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.

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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.

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**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.

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