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TARGET PRICE	THB7.20
CLOSE	THB5.65
UP/DOWNSIDE	+27.4%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+4.3%

3Q24 results at first glance

3Q24 core profit grew 19% q-q, in line

Highlights

- RBF reported a 3Q24 net profit of THB109m (+6.7% q-q, -48% y-y).
 Excluding an FX loss of THB12m and a credit reversal of THB1.5m, its core profit was THB120m (+19% q-q, -37% y-y). The recovery was in line with expectations.
- Total revenue grew 5% q-q but decreased 6.6% y-y due to ongoing revenue drops in China. The q-q revenue growth was primarily driven by domestic sales (+5.3% q-q-, +2% y-y).
- The gross margin remained flat at 34.6%, close to 34.7% in 2Q24 and down from 39.4% in 3Q23. This was partly due to the absence of high-margin revenue from China. In addition, promotions like the "Hello Boy" campaign, which involved rebates of THB13m, continued to affect the gross margin. However, it should decrease to only THB2m in 4Q24, improving the gross margin outlook for the next quarter.
- On a positive note, the domestic gross margin in 3Q24 improved slightly to 38.5% from 38.3% in 2Q24, driven by stronger sales in the domestic flavor segment. Meanwhile, the gross margin for overseas sales remained flat q-q.
- Overall expenses were well-controlled, down 1.4% q-q but still up 9.6% y-y due to higher R&D spending and increased shipping costs to India, where RBF gained a notable customer. Sales of bakery flour and breadcrumbs (up from just selling emulsifiers in 2023) drove some of the additional costs. SG&A to sales decreased to 21.4% from 22.9% in 2Q24

Outlook

- RBF's 9M24 net profit of THB383m (-25% y-y) accounted for 74.5% of our full-year estimate. The profit recovery in 3Q24 confirms our previous view that the company has likely passed its lowest point in 2Q24. We expect 4Q24 net profit to further improve to cTHB132m (+10% q-q but still -20% y-y).
- We expect the revenue drop in China to conclude in 1Q25 and a y-y profit recovery thereafter. Growth drivers for 2025 should include domestic sales, as well as growth in Indonesia and Vietnam, along with new customers in Pakistan and Russia. In addition, if RBF can begin operations at its India plant in 2Q25 as planned, it will be able to meet large customer orders fully. It would not only help lower raw material costs (since wheat flour in India is about 30% cheaper than in Thailand) but also reduce shipping expenses.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	4,421	4,394	4,898	5,411
Net profit	649	515	657	752
EPS (THB)	0.32	0.26	0.33	0.38
vs Consensus (%)	-	(5.5)	(1.5)	2.7
EBITDA	1,068	928	1,186	1,359
Recurring net profit	666	501	657	752
Core EPS (THB)	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.38
EPS growth (%)	45.0	(24.8)	31.3	14.4
Core P/E (x)	17.0	22.6	17.2	15.0
Dividend yield (%)	3.1	2.5	3.2	3.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.9	11.5	9.0	7.8
Price/book (x)	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.0
Net debt/Equity (%)	(14.8)	(13.4)	(11.7)	(11.7)
ROE (%)	14.5	10.2	12.8	13.8



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(4.2)	9.7	(53.3)
Relative to country (%)	(2.9)	(2.2)	(55.4)
Mkt cap (USD m)			322
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			1.3
Free float (%)			28
Major shareholder	Ratanapoo	mpinyo Far	nilly (62%)
12m high/low (THB)			14.60/5.00
Issued shares (m)			2,000.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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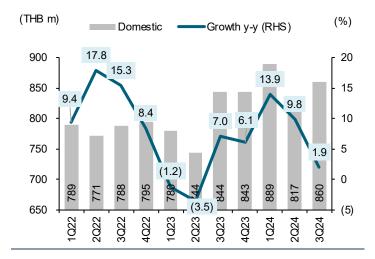
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Exhibit 1: RBF - 3Q24 results summary

	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	Cha	ange	9M24	Change	2024E	Change	% 9M24
	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	to 2024E				
Sales	1,159	1,150	1,167	1,031	1,083	5.0	(6.6)	3,280	0.3	4,394	(0.6)	74.6
Cost of sales	702	715	732	673	707	5.1	0.8	2,112	3.3	2,830	2.5	74.6
Gross profit	457	435	435	357	375	4.9	(17.9)	1,167	(4.8)	1,564	(5.8)	74.6
SG&A	212	232	249	236	232	(1.4)	9.6	717	17.4	955	13.3	75.1
Operating profit	245	205	188	128	144	13.2	(41.1)	460	(26.1)	627	(24.1)	73.3
Interest expense	3.5	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	(7.4)	(22.7)	8	4.2	12	5.1	73.2
Tax expense	52	38	37	24	23	(1.9)	(55.3)	84	(29.5)	120	(23.5)	70.2
Profit (loss) sharing - India	3.31	1.34	1.20	1.02	1.70	66.3	(48.5)	4	(31.3)	7	(6.5)	59.5
Other gain	17	(26)	23	1	(11)	nm	nm	13	40.6	14	nm	nm
Reported net profit	209	140	172	102	109	6.7	(47.9)	383	(24.8)	515	(20.7)	74.5
Core profit	192	165	149	101	120	18.8	(37.3)	371	(25.9)	501	(24.8)	74.0
Key Ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)		(ppt)		(ppt)	
Gross margin	39.4	37.8	37.3	34.7	34.6	(0.0)	(4.8)	35.6	(1.9)	35.6	(2.0)	
SG&A to sales	18.3	20.2	21.3	22.9	21.4	(1.4)	3.2	21.9	3.2	21.7	2.7	
Operating margin	21.1	17.8	16.1	12.4	13.3	1.0	(7.8)	14.0	(5.0)	14.3	(4.4)	
Net margin	18.1	12.1	14.7	9.9	10.1	0.2	(8.0)	11.7	(3.9)	11.7	(3.0)	
Core margin	16.6	14.4	12.8	9.8	11.1	1.3	(5.5)	11.3	(4.0)	11.4	(3.7)	
Operating statistics (THB	m)											
Domestic revenue	844	843	889	817	860	5.3	1.9	2,565	8.4	3,438	7.1	74.6
Overseas revenue	316	307	278	214	216	1.3	(31.4)	708	(21.6)	957	(21.0)	74.0
Domestic contribution (%)	72.8	73.3	76.2	79.3	79.4	0.2	6.6	78.2	5.8	78.2	5.6	
Overseas contribution (%)	27.2	26.7	23.8	20.7	20.0	(0.7)	(7.2)	21.6	(6.0)	21.8	(5.6)	
Revenue by segment (THE	3 m)											
Flavoring & Food coloring	386	370	393	326	329	1.2	(14.6)	1,048	(6.2)	1,407	(5.4)	74.5
Food Coating	577	546	564	506	552	9.1	(4.4)	1,622	3.2	2,149	1.5	75.5
Other	196	234	209	199	201	1.1	2.6	609	4.9	838	2.8	72.7

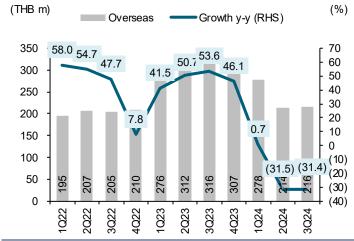
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Exhibit 2: Domestic revenue and growth



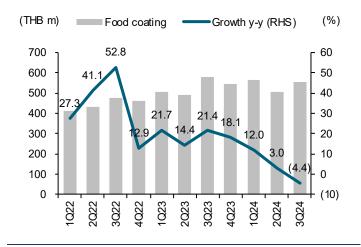
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Exhibit 3: Overseas revenue and growth



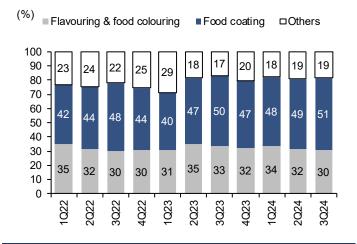
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Exhibit 4: Revenue from food coating



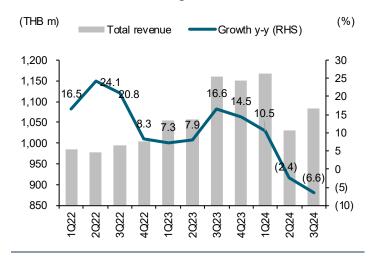
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Exhibit 6: Revenue contribution by product



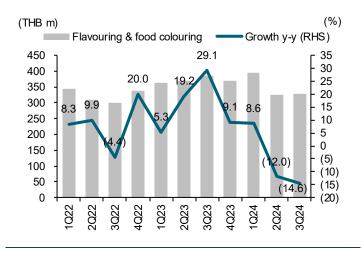
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Exhibit 8: Total revenue and growth



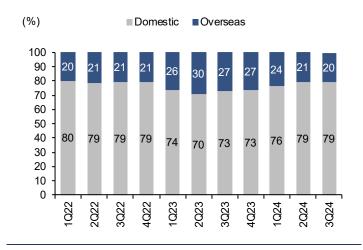
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Exhibit 5: Revenue from flavouring and food colouring



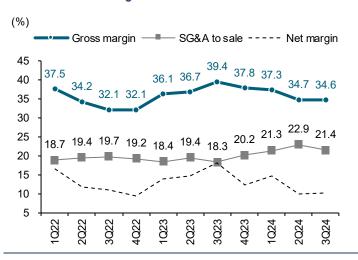
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Exhibit 7: Revenue contribution by destination



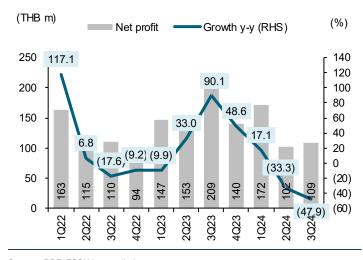
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Exhibit 9: Gross margin and SG&A to sales



Sources: RBF, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 10: Net profit and growth



Sources: RBF, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 12: Historical P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 11: Core profit and growth



Sources: RBF, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 13: Historical P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

R&B Food Supply

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	3,961	4,421	4,394	4,898	5,411
Cost of goods sold	(2,615)	(2,760)	(2,830)	(3,110)	(3,409)
Gross profit	1,346	1,661	1,564	1,788	2,002
Other operating income	7	8	18	17	19
Operating costs	(763)	(842)	(955)	(980)	(1,082)
Operating EBITDA	809	1,068	928	1,186	1,359
Depreciation	(219)	(240)	(300)	(360)	(420)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	590	827	627	825	939
Net financing costs	(9)	(11)	(12)	(12)	(14)
Associates	0	7	7	10	16
Recurring non-operating income	0	7	7	10	16
Non-recurring items	23	(17)	14	0	0
Profit before tax	604	806	636	823	941
Tax	(113)	(157)	(120)	(160)	(184)
Profit after tax	491	649	516	662	758
Minority interests	(9)	0	(2)	(5)	(5)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	482	649	515	657	752
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(23)	17	(14)	0	0
Recurring net profit	459	666	501	657	752
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.23	0.33	0.25	0.33	0.38
Reported EPS	0.24	0.32	0.26	0.33	0.38
DPS	0.10	0.18	0.14	0.18	0.21
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Growth					
Revenue (%)	17.1	11.6	(0.6)	11.5	10.5
Operating EBITDA (%)	(0.1)	32.0	(13.1)	27.8	14.6
Operating EBIT (%)	(2.0)	40.2	(24.1)	31.5	13.7
Recurring EPS (%)	(3.3)	45.0	(24.8)	31.3	14.4
Reported EPS (%)	14.8	34.6	(20.7)	27.8	14.4
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	34.0	37.6	35.6	36.5	37.0
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	39.5	43.0	42.4	43.9	44.8
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	20.4	24.1	21.1	24.2	25.1
Operating EBIT margin (%)	14.9	18.7	14.3	16.9	17.4
Net margin (%)	11.6	15.1	11.4	13.4	13.9
Effective tax rate (%)	18.7	19.5	18.9	19.5	19.5
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	43.5	52.6	56.5	55.0	55.0
Interest cover (X)	64.5	76.0	54.9	67.8	69.4
Inventory days	168.0	174.2	180.8	183.6	185.4
Debtor days	85.2	84.3	88.4	85.4	85.7
Creditor days	77.3	79.6	80.4	75.6	76.4
Operating ROIC (%)	13.7	17.4	12.5	(4.0)	(26.3)
ROIC (%)	13.0	16.4	11.8	(3.6)	(23.3)
ROE (%)	10.7	14.5	10.2	12.8	13.8
ROA (%)	9.3	12.3	8.8	10.9	11.5
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Domestic	3,143	3,211	3,438	3,799	4,179
Overseas	818	1,210	957	1,099	1,232
Sources: R&B Food Supply: FSSIA estimates					

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Financial Statements

R&B Food Supply

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	459	666	501	657	752
Depreciation	219	240	300	360	420
Associates & minorities	0	(7)	(7)	(10)	(16
Other non-cash items	(254)	(6)	7	(200)	(207
Change in working capital	(354) 335	25 918	(194) 608	(200) 810	(207 95 2
Cash flow from operations Capex - maintenance	335	310	000	010	90,
Capex - namenance	(456)	(459)	(363)	(300)	(300
Net acquisitions & disposals	(400)	(400)	(505)	(500)	(000)
Other investments (net)	(109)	(34)	(17)	(208)	(208
Cash flow from investing	(565)	(493)	(380)	(508)	(508
Dividends paid	(295)	(200)	(283)	(362)	(414
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	(
Debt finance	19	24	(10)	(11)	(11
Other financing cash flows	(3)	4	3	8	` (
Cash flow from financing	(278)	(171)	(290)	(365)	(417
Non-recurring cash flows	, , , -				•
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
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Novement in cash	(508)	254	(63)	(62)	20
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	(220.64)	435.73	238.63	314.48	457.14
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	(213.05)	453.51	219.78	299.22	440.06
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	(0.11)	0.22	0.12	0.16	0.23
FCFE per share	(0.11)	0.23	0.12	0.15	0.2
Recurring cash flow per share	0.34	0.45	0.40	0.50	0.5
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Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
「angible fixed assets (gross)	3,133	3,525	3,825	4,125	4,42
.ess: Accumulated depreciation	(1,092)	(1,269)	(1,569)	(1,930)	(2,350
Tangible fixed assets (net)	2,041	2,256	2,256	2,196	2,07
ntangible fixed assets (net)	6	5	11	11	1
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	180	214	220	430	64
Cash & equivalents	668	921	858	795	82
A/C receivable	998	1,045	1,084	1,208	1,33
nventories	1,217	1,188	1,318	1,449	1,58
Other current assets	44	64	48	54	6
Current assets	2,927	3,219	3,308	3,506	3,80
Other assets	51	55	70 5 000	78	8
Total assets	5,204	5,750	5,866	6,221	6,62
Common equity	4,373	4,819	4,987	5,283	5,62
Ainorities etc.	23	17	24	26	2
Total shareholders' equity	4,397	4,836	5,011 174	5,309	5,64
ong term debt	157 58	185 63		163 73	15 8
Other long-term liabilities			66		-
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Short term debt	528 10	571 21	543 11	596 11	65- 1:
Other current liabilities	54	74	62	69	7
Current liabilities	59 3	666	61 5	676	74
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	5,204	5,750	5,866	6,221	6,62
Net working capital	1,676	1,652	1,846	2,045	2,25
nvested capital	3,954	4,183	4,404	4,761	5,07
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei		4,100	4,404	4,701	0,01
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Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	2.19	2.41	2.49	2.64	2.8
angible book value per share	2.18	2.41	2.49	2.64	2.8
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	(11.4)	(14.8)	(13.4)	(11.7)	(11.7
Net debt/total assets (%)	(9.6)	(12.4)	(11.5)	(10.0)	(9.9
Current ratio (x)	4.9	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.
CF interest cover (x)	27.5	84.1	51.5	49.6	54.
/aluation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026
Recurring P/E (x) *	24.6	17.0	22.6	17.2	15.
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	31.4	21.6	28.8	21.9	19.
Reported P/E (x)	23.4	17.4	22.0	17.2	15.
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	3.1	2.5	3.2	3.
Price/book (x)	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.
Price/tangible book (x)	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.
EV/EBITDA (x) **	13.4	2.3 9.9	2.3 11.5	9.0	2. 7.
EV/EBITDA (x) EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	17.2	12.8	14.8	11.6	10.
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EV/invested capital (x)	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.

Sources: R&B Food Supply; FSSIA estimates

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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
20-Mar-2023 16-Jan-2024 28-Feb-2024	BUY HOLD HOLD	13.50 14.00 13.00	19-Mar-2024 13-May-2024 17-Jul-2024	BUY HOLD HOLD	13.00 11.00 8.00	01-Nov-2024	BUY	7.20

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
R&B Food Supply	RBF TB	THB 5.65	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in raw material costs; 3) a stronger THB than expected; and 4) a slower-than-expected India expansion.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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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.

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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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