**EQUITY RESEARCH - COMPANY REPORT** 

#### **CP AXTRA CPAXT TB**

THAILAND / COMMERCE



# **Concerns regarding risks of Happitat**

- We remain concerned about the risks associated with the 'Happitat'.
- We revise 2025-26E core profit down by 2-4%, respectively, to reflect increased interest expenses and anticipated project losses.
- We revise our TP down to THB34/share, reflecting ESG adjustment

# Establishment of a new subsidiary investing in mixed-use project

CPAXT announced the establishment of a new subsidiary, Axtra Growth Plus, with registered capital of THB8.39b. CPAXT holds a 95% share, while MQDC Town holds 5%. The initial investment amounts to THB7.97b, funded through loans. The Happitat project is currently 80% complete, and an additional THB4-7b may be needed, resulting in a total investment of THB12-15b. The project is expected to launch in 1Q26.

#### Rationale for the investment

Rationale for the investment in Happitat at Forestias: 1) strategic location: Forestias is a high-income residential area and near the airport, with significant tourism potential – it is expected to attract 36,000 visitors per day; 2) land acquisition: the freehold of 24 rai out of 30 rai total provides a better long-term benefit than leasehold; 3) developing a new Lotus's Hypermarket concept; 4) faster returns compared to starting a new construction, as over 80% of the building is completed. The project is expected to open some areas within 12 months, which is faster than developing a new site, which could take 3-5 years.

#### Revise 2025-26E earnings down by 2-4%

We assess that the Happitat project could face several risks, including: 1) intense competition in the Bangna-Trad area; and 2) managing the office building, which is an area CPAXT has prior experience in. We revise 2025-26E core profit down by 2-4%, respectively, to reflect the increased interest expenses and anticipated project losses. We estimate Happitat to reach net profit breakeven in 2030 (one year later than the company's guidance) with a retail occupancy rate projected to start at 85% and office occupancy at 40%, ramping up to over 90% by 2029.

#### Revise TP down to THB34; reflecting ESG adjustment

We cut our DCF-TP to THB34/share, reflecting the ESG adjustment leading to a higher required return, implying a 2025E P/E of 28x. We maintain our BUY call for 1) stock impact: the price has fallen by 23% following the announcement of Happitat's investment; 2) CPAXT currently trades at a 2025E P/E of 22x, close to the sector's average and below its five-year historical average by -1.4SD; and 3) the core business remains strong, with 4QTD SSSG of 1-3% supported by a focus on fresh foods.



**FSSIA ESG rating** 





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TARGET PRICE THB34.00 CLOSE THB26.75 **UP/DOWNSIDE** +27.1% **PRIOR TP** THB42.00 -19.0% **CHANGE IN TP** TP vs CONSENSUS -8.6%

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	486,472	510,179	529,349	550,097
Net profit	8,640	10,434	12,683	14,215
EPS (THB)	0.83	1.00	1.22	1.36
vs Consensus (%)	-	(0.1)	4.9	2.4
EBITDA	34,456	35,878	41,155	45,833
Recurring net profit	8,777	10,434	12,683	14,215
Core EPS (THB)	0.84	1.00	1.22	1.36
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	-	(2.3)	(3.8)
EPS growth (%)	10.8	18.9	21.6	12.1
Core P/E (x)	31.8	26.7	22.0	19.6
Dividend yield (%)	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.1	9.5	8.4	7.3
Price/book (x)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Net debt/Equity (%)	23.4	20.2	22.0	18.6
ROE (%)	3.0	3.5	4.2	4.7



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(23.0)	(17.0)	(0.5)
Relative to country (%)	(20.4)	(14.5)	(8.0)
Mkt cap (USD m)			8,144
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			7.7
Free float (%)			15
Major shareholder		CP.	ALL (60%)
12m high/low (THB)		3	5.50/25.62
Issued shares (m)			10,427.66

Sources: Bloomberg consensus: FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

CPAXT is a leading wholesaler (under Makro). After its retail and rental units merged under Lotus's, CPAXT achieved synergies from Makro's expertise in the wholesale business, especially in the food segment, and Lotus's strengths in the retail and rental market. In 2024-26, we expect revenue growth of 4.1% CAGR to THB550b and core profit growth of 17.4% CAGR to THB14.2b, supported by 1) a recovery in tourism and domestic consumption, which should boost domestic purchasing power; 2) a synergy value of THB4b over three years (2025-27); 3) the O2O strategy; and 4) focusing on fresh food to drive GPM.

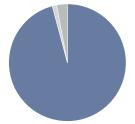
# Company profile

CPAXT operates a wholesale unit under Makro to distribute consumer products to SMEs, retailers, restaurant operators, freelancers, and various institutions. Also, it is in the food service business to import and distribute frozen and chilled food to restaurants and small retailers. Finally, it has retail and rental subsidiaries under Lotus's.

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# Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

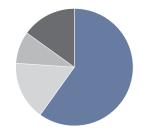
- Sales 95.8 %
- Service income 1.2 %
- Rental and rendering retail services - 2.9 %



Source: CP Axtra

# Major shareholders

- CP ALL 59.9 %
- Charoen Pokphand Holdings -16.2 %
- CP Merchandising 8.9 %
- Others 15.1 %



Source: CP Axtra

# **Catalysts**

Potential catalysts for CPAXT include: 1) a faster-than-expected domestic consumption and tourism recovery; 2) a better-than-expected recovery of its retail operation; and 3) a higher-than-expected synergy value from the amalgamation.

#### Risks to our call

Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; 3) higher-than-expected SG&A expenses; 4) an operating loss from its overseas units; 5) lower-than-expected synergy value; and 6) lower-than-expected losses in Happitat project.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
Feb 2025	4Q24 results announcement

# **Key assumptions**

MAKRO	2024E	2025E	2026E
SSSG MAKRO (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0
SSSG Lotus-TH (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0
SSSG Lotus-ML (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0
New stores growth (%)	4.5	4.3	4.1
GPM (%)	16.3	16.5	16.7
SG&A to revenue (%)	13.3	13.1	13.1

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we estimate 2025 EPS to rise by 0.8% and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in GPM, we estimate 2025 EPS to rise by 3.0% and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A to revenue, we estimate 2025 EPS to fall by 3.1% and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Exhibit 1: Investment structure**



**Exhibit 2: Location** 



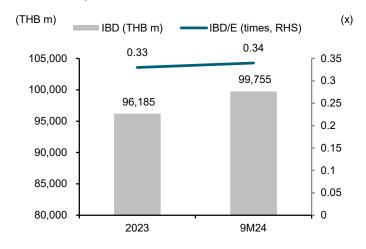
Source: CPAXT

**Exhibit 3: Space** 



Source: CPAXT

**Exhibit 4: Capital structure** 



Source: CPAXT Source: CPAXT

**Exhibit 5: Changes in key assumptions** 

		Current			Previous		Change		
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Retail sales (THB m)	510,179	529,349	550,097	510,179	529,349	548,909	0.0	0.0	0.2
SSSG MAKRO (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SSSG Lotus - TH (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SSSG Lotus - ML (%)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New stores growth - MAKRO (%)	4.8	4.0	3.8	4.8	4.0	3.8	0	0	0
New stores growth - Lotus's (%)	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.3	4.1	0	0	0
Gross margin (%)	16.3	16.5	16.7	16.3	16.5	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
Gross margin - MAKRO (%)	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.6	10.8	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gross margin - Lotus's (%)	18.5	18.7	18.8	18.5	18.7	18.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
SG&A expenses to total revenue (%)	13.3	13.1	13.1	13.3	13.1	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Core profit (THB m)	10,434	12,683	14,215	10,434	12,984	14,783	0.0	(2.3)	(3.8)

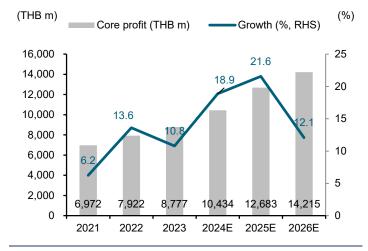
Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 6: Yearly SSSG by business unit



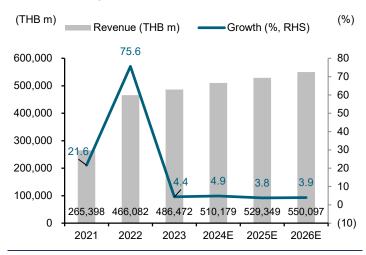
Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

#### **Exhibit 8: Yearly core profit**



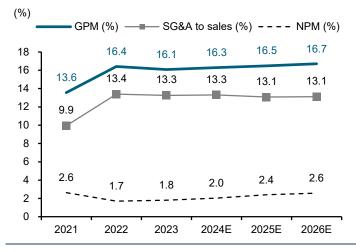
Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

# **Exhibit 7: Yearly revenue**



Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

#### **Exhibit 9: Profitability**



Sources: CPAXT; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 10: DCF-derived TP for 2025

DCF-derived TP	(%)	(THB b)
Discount rate (WACC)	7.7	
Terminal growth	2.0	
NPV		139
Add: terminal value		282
Sum of PV		421
Add: investment		0
Less: debt		66
Less: minorities		0.5
Residual ordinary equity		354
No. of shares (m)		10,428
Residual ordinary equity (THB/share)		34.0

Sources: FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 11: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



Exhibit 12: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

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Exhibit 13: Commerce peers as of 17 Dec 2024

Company	BBG	Rec	S	hare price	;	Market	P	'E	R0	DE	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)
Consumer Staple														
CP All	CPALL TB	BUY	56.25	83.00	48	14,754	20.6	18.2	20.9	21.3	4.5	4.0	18.0	15.7
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	BUY	26.75	34.00	27	8,144	26.7	22.0	3.5	4.2	0.9	0.9	9.5	8.4
Berli Jucker*	BJC TB	BUY	23.50	31.00	32	2,750	21.3	18.4	3.7	4.2	8.0	8.0	12.0	11.6
Consumer Staple average						25,648	22.9	19.6	9.4	9.9	2.1	1.9	13.1	11.9
Consumer Discretionary														
Com7	COM7 TB	BUY	26.50	30.00	13	1,822	20.0	18.5	36.1	33.2	6.7	5.7	13.6	12.1
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	BUY	33.75	42.00	24	5,943	23.9	21.7	12.2	12.4	2.8	2.6	9.9	9.3
Home Improvement														
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	BUY	15.90	22.00	38	234	10.6	9.7	12.4	13.1	1.3	1.2	6.5	6.0
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	BUY	9.45	13.20	40	3,629	19.3	18.3	24.6	24.8	4.6	4.4	11.2	10.6
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	HOLD	15.60	17.30	11	2,369	31.9	27.4	10.6	11.7	3.3	3.1	24.6	21.4
Dohome	DOHOME TB	HOLD	9.30	10.50	13	877	47.3	32.4	5.1	7.0	2.3	2.2	19.3	16.7
Home Improvement avg.						7,109	27.3	21.9	13.2	14.2	2.9	2.8	15.4	13.7
Consumer Discretionary avg.		_				14,875	25.5	21.3	16.8	17.0	3.5	3.2	14.2	12.7
Total average	,		•			40,523	24.6	20.7	14.4	14.7	3.0	2.8	13.8	12.4

Sources: \*Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

CP Axtra

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	466,082	486,472	510,179	529,349	550,097
Cost of goods sold	(389,588)	(408,274)	(427,093)	(442,048)	(458,200)
Gross profit	76,494	78,198	83,085	87,302	91,897
Other operating income	3,050	3,477	3,407	3,537	3,670
Operating costs	(62,617)	(64,831)	(68,319)	(69,704)	(72,591)
Operating EBITDA	34,477	34,456	35,878	41,155	45,833
Depreciation	(17,551)	(17,612)	(17,704)	(20,021)	(22,856)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	16,926	16,844	18,173	21,134	22,977
Net financing costs	(7,122)	(6,319)	(5,729)	(5,800)	(5,695)
Associates	831	746	811	835	860
Recurring non-operating income	831	746	811	835	860
Non-recurring items	(225)	(137)	0	0	0
Profit before tax	10,411	11,134	13,255	16,169	18,141
Tax	(2,729)	(2,535)	(2,862)	(3,527)	(3,975)
Profit after tax	7,682	8,599	10,393	12,642	14,167
Minority interests	15	41	41	41	49
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	7,697	8,640	10,434	12,683	14,215
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	225	137	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	7,922	8,777	10,434	12,683	14,215
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.76	0.84	1.00	1.22	1.36
Reported EPS	0.74	0.83	1.00	1.22	1.36
DPS	0.52	0.58	0.70	0.85	0.95
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	10,428	10,428	10,428	10,428	10,428
Growth					
Revenue (%)	75.6	4.4	4.9	3.8	3.9
Operating EBITDA (%)	107.4	(0.1)	4.1	14.7	11.4
Operating EBIT (%)	61.3	(0.5)	7.9	16.3	8.7
Recurring EPS (%)	15.3	10.8	18.9	21.6	12.1
Reported EPS (%)	(42.9)	12.3	20.8	21.6	12.1
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	16.4	16.1	16.3	16.5	16.7
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	20.2	19.7	19.8	20.3	20.9
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	7.4	7.1	7.0	7.8	8.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	3.6	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.2
Net margin (%)	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.6
Effective tax rate (%)	28.5	24.4	23.0	23.0	23.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	68.1	68.7	70.0	70.0	70.0
Interest cover (X)	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.8	4.2
Inventory days	34.2	34.4	32.7	33.0	33.2
Debtor days	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Creditor days	59.9	60.2	61.2	61.8	62.1
Operating ROIC (%)	15.6	16.7	20.0	22.7	23.9
ROIC (%)	3.0	3.2	3.5	4.0	4.3
ROE (%)	2.7	3.0	3.5	4.2	4.7
ROA (%)	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.1	3.3
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales	447,182	466,234	489,698	508,260	528,065
Service income	5,422	5,935	5,741	5,914	5,801
Rental and rendering retail services	13,477	14,303	14,739	15,175	16,231

Sources: CP Axtra; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

CP Axtra

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	7,922	8,777	10,434	12,683	14,215
Depreciation	17,551	17,612	17,704	20,021	22,856
Associates & minorities	96	13	0	0	0
Other non-cash items	(412)	(160)	19	(9)	(4)
Change in working capital	(4,400)	7,381	1,328	1,054	1,138
Cash flow from operations Capex - maintenance	20,757	33,624	29,485	33,750	38,206
Capex - new investment	(15,872)	(13,319)	(14,351)	(28,134)	(17,666)
Net acquisitions & disposals	(5,027)	(6,765)	(3,676)	(3,904)	(4,152)
Other investments (net)	815	(3,255)	2,952	(607)	1,225
Cash flow from investing	(20,085)	(23,339)	(15,076)	(32,645)	(20,593)
Dividends paid	(5,396)	(6,031)	(7,304)	(8,878)	(9,951)
Equity finance	5,721	(35)	620	620	620
Debt finance	(23,753)	(12,616)	5,647	(2,677)	(8,412)
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	C
Cash flow from financing	(23,427)	(18,681)	(1,036)	(10,935)	(17,743)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	(5,672)	0	0	0	(420)
Movement in cash Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	<b>(28,427)</b> 7,794.01	<b>(8,396)</b> 16,604.38	<b>13,373</b> 20,138.30	(9,830)	( <b>130</b> ) 23,308.07
Free cash flow to mini (FCFF)	(28,752.25)	(2,330.45)	20,138.30	6,905.10 (1,572.21)	9,200.48
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Per share (THB)	^ 75	4.50	4.00	0.00	
FCFF per share FCFE per share	0.75	1.59	1.93	0.66	2.24
гонь per snare Recurring cash flow per share	(2.76) 2.41	(0.22) 2.52	1.92 2.70	(0.15) 3.14	0.88 3.55
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	148,498	150,596	164,947	193,081	210,747
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(30,383)	(35,022)	(50,800)	(68,701)	(89,226)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	118,115	115,574	114,147	124,380	121,521
Intangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	O
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	(
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	14,961	14,783	14,783	14,783	14,783
Cash & equivalents	40,103	31,707	45,080	35,250	35,120
A/C receivable Inventories	2,431 37,820	2,304 35,884	2,416 37,538	2,507 38,852	2,605 40,272
Other current assets	7,001	6,844	7,178	7,447	7,739
Current assets	87,355	76,739	92,211	84,056	85,736
Other assets	328,213	333,275	335,246	337,256	339,307
Total assets	548,643	540,371	556,388	560,475	561,347
Common equity	290,348	292,923	296,673	301,099	305,984
Minorities etc.	583	555	514	473	424
Total shareholders' equity	290,930	293,477	297,187	301,571	306,407
Long term debt	110,025	70,180	89,627	67,807	84,759
Other long-term liabilities	56,925	58,569	59,740	60,935	62,153
Long-term liabilities	166,949	128,749	149,367	128,742	146,913
A/C payable	61,818	67,136	70,231	72,690	75,346
Short term debt	4,796	30,253	15,504	33,678	7,325
Other current liabilities	24,148	20,755	24,100	23,795	25,357
Current liabilities Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	90,763 548,643	118,145 540,371	109,835 556,388	130,163 560,475	108,028 561,347
Net working capital	(38,715)	(42,860)	(47,199)	(47,679)	(50,087
Invested capital	422,573	420,772	416,977	428,740	425,525
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be	,	-,	-,-	-,	
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	27.84	28.09	28.45	28.87	29.34
Tangible book value per share	27.84	28.09	28.45	28.87	29.34
Financial strength	27.07	25.00	20.10	20.01	20.07
Net debt/equity (%)	25.7	23.4	20.2	22.0	18.6
Net debt/total assets (%)	13.6	12.7	10.8	11.8	10.1
Current ratio (x)	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.8
CF interest cover (x)	(0.8)	2.7	7.0	5.6	5.7
Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring P/E (x) *	35.2	31.8	26.7	22.0	19.6
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	44.8	40.4	34.0	28.0	24.9
Reported P/E (x)	36.2	32.3	26.7	22.0	19.6
Dividend yield (%)	1.9	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.6
Price/book (x)	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
* *	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Price/tangible book (x)					
Price/tangible book (x) EV/EBITDA (x) **	10.3	10.1	9.5	8.4	7.3
		10.1 12.3	9.5 11.6	8.4 10.2	7.3 9.0

Sources: CP Axtra; FSSIA estimates

# **CP Axtra PCL (CPAXT TB)**



# Exhibit 14: FSSIA ESG score implication

59.46 /100

Rating	Score	Implication
****	>79-100	Leading its industry peers in managing the most significant ESG risks which not only better cost efficiency but also lead to higher profitability.
****	>59-79	A mixed track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers.
***	>39-59	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been constructively addressed, well-managed and incorporated into day-to-day operations, in which targets and achievements are evaluated annually.
**	>19-39	Relevant ESG materiality matrix has been identified with key management in charge for progress to be followed up on and to provide intensive disclosure. Most targets are conventional and achievable.
*	1-19	The company has adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), established sustainability management guidelines and fully complies with regulations or ESG suggested guidance from related organizations such as the SET and SEC.

Sources: FSSIA estimates

# Exhibit 15: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA		Domestic ratings					Global ratings						Bloomberg	
	ESG score	DJSI	SET ESG	SET ESG Rating	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
BJC	71.33	Υ	Υ	Υ	4.00	4.00		Medium	55.09	Α		65.19	89.00	2.16	
COM7	61.78		Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	47.75			52.68	21.00	4.40	43.59
CPALL	78.53	Y	Υ	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	47.38	Α	34.00	59.95	82.00	3.74	
CPAXT	59.46				5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	52.81			74.64	63.00	3.80	
CRC	64.49		Υ	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium		BBB		60.98	73.00	2.90	47.27

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

# Exhibit 16: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.80	_
BESG environmental pillar score	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.80	_
BESG social pillar score	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.77	_
BESG governance pillar score	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.84	_
ESG disclosure score	33.03	42.58	50.91	61.55	61.98	62.50	62.50	_
Environmental disclosure score	7.64	17.85	32.89	45.12	48.51	48.51	48.51	_
Social disclosure score	7.68	28.66	29.84	43.29	41.17	42.74	42.74	_
Governance disclosure score	83.59	81.10	89.86	96.12	96.12	96.12	96.12	_
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Climate change opportunities discussed	No							
Risks of climate change discussed	No							
GHG scope 1	_	_	_	50	43	50	66	147
GHG scope 2 location-based	_	_	_	209	220	184	186	571
GHG Scope 3	_	_	_	_	5	58	59	136
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Energy efficiency policy	Yes							
Total energy consumption	_	329	347	730	390	395	419	442
Renewable energy use	_	0	0	0	3	18	36	40
Electricity used	_	_	_	360	377	367	371	390
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 17: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	No							
Waste reduction policy	Yes							
Hazardous waste	_	_	_	_	0	0	0	0
Total waste	40	52	61	62	91	62	68	85
Waste recycled	33	37	43	42	70	40	39	59
Waste sent to landfills	7	15	18	20	21	21	26	23
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	Yes							
Water consumption		_	_	_	_	_	_	994
Social	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Human rights policy	Yes							
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No							
Consumer data protection policy	No No	No	No Yes	No Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Equal opportunity policy		No						
Gender pay gap breakout Pct women in workforce	No	No 55	No 55	No 55	No 55	No 55	No 55	No 52
Pct disabled in workforce	_					0	0	0
	— Voc							
Business ethics policy Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes Yes							
	Yes							
Health and safety policy	res	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Lost time incident rate - employees  Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
• •	Yes							
Training policy Fair remuneration policy	No							
Number of employees – CSR	140	13,365	13,786	14,560	15,212	16,108	16,920	23,280
Employee turnover pct	_	36	39	35	31	10,100	16,920	42
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	_	_		130,626	162,366	231,049	249,570	778,018
Social supply chain management	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance	140	110	163	103	103	163	163	103
Board size	18	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
No. of independent directors (ID)	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
No. of women on board	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2
No. of non-executive directors on board	10	7	7	7	7	13	13	13
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes							
No. of board meetings for the year	4	4	5	7	6	9	13	7
Board meeting attendance pct	83	95	92	94	96	99	98	99
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No							
Age of the youngest director	48	51	52	53	54	53	54	_
Age of the oldest director	79	80	81	82	83	78	79	_
No. of executives / company managers	12	12	13	11	11	6	6	7
No. of female executives	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	1
Executive share ownership guidelines	No							
Size of audit committee	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	5	5	5	5	5	8	11	8
Audit meeting attendance %	96	_	92	96	100	100	100	100
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	1	3	2	2	4	2	3	2
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	1	3	2	2	4	2	3	2
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sustainability governance								
Verification type	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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	transparent, rules-based npanies' Total Sustainabili al Corporate Sustainabili anies 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.							
SET ESG Ratings List (SETESG) by The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)	managing bu Candidates r 1) no irregula float of >150 up capital. So 70%; 2) inde wrongdoing r	isiness with tr must pass the ar trading of th shareholders ome key disqu pendent direct related to CG,	nsibility in Environmental ansparency in Governand preemptive criteria, with he board members and extended on a and combined holding to the criteria include: 1 tors and free float violatical a social & environmental in earnings in red for > 3 year	ce, updated annually. two crucial conditions: xecutives; and 2) free nust be >15% of paid- 1) CG score of below on; 3) executives' mpacts; 4) equity in	To be eligible for <u>SETESG 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>SETESG Index</u> is extended from the SET ESG Ratings 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 Thailand (SE	he Thai IOD,	h in sustainable developn with support from the Sto ts are from the perspectiv s.	ck 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 sufficiently e CG compon AGM proced and after the r ufficient informa second assess (; and 3) openne	which shareholders' rights into business operations y disclosed. All form impoents to be evaluated annures before the meeting (meeting (10%). (The first attion for voting; and 2) facilitation in the ease of attending mess for Q&A. The third involvees, resolutions and voting res	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 a Certification, in managers and	nt of key contr Certification i eciding to becom Intent to kick off icluding risk assi employees, esta	Checklist include corruptions, and the monitoring as is good for three years. The a CAC certified member store and 18-month deadline to subsessment, in place of policy are ablishment of whistleblowing all stakeholders.)	The document will be reviewed by a committee of nine professionals. A passed Checklist will move for granting certification by the CAC Council approvals whose members are twelve highly respected individuals in professionalism and ethical achievements.						
Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an risk is unmar regulatory filing information, co.	assessment of naged. Sources gs, news and oth mpany feedback	sk rating provides an ove of how much of a compar s to be reviewed include corp her media, NGO reports/webs k, ESG controversies, issuer i	ny's exposure to ESG orate publications and sites, multi-sector	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					
	reports, and qu	iality & peer revi	iews.	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+		
ESG Book	positioned to the principle helps explain over-weightin	outperform o of financial m future risk-ad	sustainable companies the long term. The materiality including informateriality efformance. Mat the higher materiality and the losses.	ethodology considers ation 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.					
MSCI			measure a company's mand laggards according to						ethodology to	
	AAA	8.571-10.00	00 0	anon expectate to 200 ne	one and now won	they manage	trioco richo rolat	vo to poore.		
	AA	7.143-8.570	Leader:	leading its industry in ma	anaging the most si	gnificant ESG ris	sks and opportunitie	es		
	A	5.714-7.142	2							
	ввв	4.286-5.713	Average:		a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opport					
	ВВ	2.857-4.285	5	industry peers						
	В	1.429-2.856	3					. ===		
	ccc	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high expos	ure and failure to	manage significar	t ESG risks		
Moody's ESG solutions	believes that	a company ir	gree to which companies integrating ESG factors into shareholders over the i	to its business model and						
Refinitiv ESG rating	based on pul	blicly available	and objectively measure e and auditable data. The ta publicly. (Score ratings a	score ranges from 0 to	100 on relative E	SG performan	ce and insufficie	nt degree of ti		
S&P Global			re is a relative score mea iin the same industry clas				of ESG risks, op	portunities, an	d impacts	
Bloomberg	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.									
			of Pillar Scores, where t	the weights are determine	ed by the pillar p	nonty ranking.	values rarige in	טוווט נט זט; זנ	is the best.	

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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
CP Axtra	СРАХТ ТВ	THB 26.75	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; 3) higher-than-expected SG&A expenses; 4) an operating loss from its overseas units; 5) lower-than-expected synergy value; and 6) lower-than-expected losses from the Happitat project.
CP All	CPALL TB	THB 56.25	BUY	The key downside risks to our DCF-derived TP include 1) lower-than-expected SSSG, 2) lower-than-expected gross margin, and 3) higher-than-expected SG&A to sales ratio.
Berli Jucker	BJC TB	THB 23.50	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP could come from 1) competition with Lotus which could impact its sales and gross margin; and 2) a higher in raw material prices.
Com7	COM7 TB	THB 26.50	BUY	Risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) lower/higher domestic consumption and purchasing power, 2) store cannibalization/expansion, and 3) lower/higher-than-expected gross margin.
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	THB 33.75	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a decline in domestic purchasing power, 2) lower-than-expected tourist arrivals, 3) an absence of the government's stimulus, and 4) a slower-than-expected economic recovery in Vietnam.
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	THB 15.90	BUY	Risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) a lower-than-expected GPM; and 3) a higher-than-expected SG&A.
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	THB 9.45	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected SSSG; 2) slower-than-expected recovery in domestic consumption and tourist arrivals, and 3) operating losses from overseas units.
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	THB 15.60	HOLD	Key risks to our DCF-based TP are 1) lower/higher farm income, which would affect purchasing power in the agricultural sector, 2) government disbursement, 3) a lower/higher private brand mix and margin, 4) higher/lower expenses than expected, and 5) a higher/lower impact than expected from the El Nino.
Dohome	DOHOME TB	THB 9.30	HOLD	Key risks to our DCF-based TP are 1) lower/higher farm income, which would affect purchasing power in the agricultural sector, 2) government disbursement, 3) a lower/higher private brand mix and margin, 4) higher/lower expenses than expected, and 5) a higher/lower impact than expected from the El Nino.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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