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กำไรปกติ 4Q24 น่าจะสูงกว่าที่เคยคาด

- เราคาดว่ากำไรปกติ 4Q24 อยู่ที่ 1.5 พัน ลบ. (+70% q-q, -10% y-y) ตัวเลขที่ลดลง 10% y-y น่าจะเกิดจากค่าใช้จ่ายภาษีที่สูงขึ้น อย่างไรก็ตามเราคาดว่ากำไรก่อนภาษีจะสูงขึ้น 20% y-y จากอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นที่สูงขึ้น
- ปรับเพิ่มประมาณการกำไรปี 2024 ของเราขึ้น 4% และปี 2025-26 ขึ้นประมาณ 2-3%
- คงคำแนะนำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 31 บาท

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เราคาดว่ากำไรปกติ 4Q24 อยู่ที่ 1.5 พัน ลบ. (+70% q-q, -10% y-y) สูงกว่าที่เคยคาดจากอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นที่น่าจะสูงกว่าคาด เราคาดว่ารายได้จากการขายจะสูงขึ้น 3% y-y โดยมีปัจจัยหนุนจากการเติบโตในเกือบทุกกลุ่มผลิตภัณฑ์ยกเว้น Consumer supply chain (CSC) ซึ่งเราคาดว่า จะลดลง 2% y-y จากค่าเงินบาทที่แข็งขึ้นเมื่อเทียบกับเงินดอลลาร์ของเวียดนามซึ่งจะทำให้ ยอดขายในเวียดนามลดลง 8% y-y (เมื่อแปลงเป็นเงินบาท) ยอดขายของ Big C น่าจะโต 3% y-y ใน 4Q24 ด้วยอัตราการเติบโตของยอดขายสาขาเดิม (SSSG) ที่ 1% โดยมีปัจจัยหนุนจาก ยอดขายที่สูงขึ้นในกลุ่มอาหารสดและการเติบโตในสาขาทุกประเภท เราคาดว่าธุรกิจ Packaging supply chain (PSC) จะรายงานยอดขายเพิ่ม 2% y-y โดยมีปัจจัยหนุนจากธุรกิจ แก้วและกระป๋อง และคาดว่าธุรกิจ Healthcare & the technical supply chain (HTSC) น่าจะ รายงานยอดขายเพิ่ม 7% y-y ซึ่งสะท้อนการเติบโตของยอดขายอุปกรณ์การแพทย์จากการเบิก จ่ายเงินงบประมาณภาครัฐที่กลับมาเป็นปกติ

อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นน่าจะสูงขึ้นในทุกกลุ่มผลิตภัณฑ์ Big C อาจทำสถิติสูงสุดใหม่

เราคาดว่าอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นอยู่ที่ 21% ใน 4Q24 (เทียบกับ 19.7% ใน 3Q24 และ 20.2% ใน 4Q23) สูงขึ้น y-y ในทุกกลุ่มธุรกิจ Big C น่าจะรายงานอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นอยู่ที่ 19.4% (+30bps y-y) นับเป็นสถิติสูงสุดใหม่จากสัดส่วนยอดขายที่สูงขึ้นของสาขาในแหล่งท่องเที่ยวและสัดส่วน สินค้าอาหารสดรวมถึงต้นทุนขนส่งที่ลดลงจากการขนส่งให้ได้ประโยชน์สูงสุด PSC น่าจะได้ ประโยชน์จากต้นทุนวัตถุดิบที่อยู่ในระดับต่ำ ในขณะที่ CSC น่าจะได้ต้นทุนมันฝรั่งที่ลดลงและ การเปิดตัวสินค้าใหม่ในกลุ่ม Personal care ซึ่งจะช่วยชดเชยราคาน้ำมันปาล์มที่สูงขึ้น HTSC น่าจะได้ประโยชน์จากสัดส่วนยอดขายที่สูงขึ้นของอุปกรณ์การแพทย์ที่มีอัตรากำไรสูง ทั้งนี้ เรา คาดว่าสัดส่วนค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารต่อยอดขายจะลดลงเหลือ 20% (-20bps y-y) จาก ค่าไฟฟ้าที่ลดลงและตัวเลขพนักงานที่ทรงตัว

ปรับเพิ่มประมาณการกำไรปี 2024 ขึ้น 4% และปี 2025-26 ขึ้น 2-3%

เราปรับเพิ่มประมาณการกำไรปี 2024 ของเราขึ้น 4% เป็น 4.58 พัน ลบ. (-10% y-y) เพื่อ สะท้อนอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นที่คาดว่าจะสูงขึ้น ในปี 2025 เราปรับประมาณการของเราขึ้น 3% เป็น 5.25 พัน ลบ. (+15% y-y) โดยคาดว่ารายได้รวมจะโต 3% y-y และอัตรากำไรขั้นต้นจะสูงขึ้น 20bps y-y ในขณะที่สัดส่วนค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารต่อยอดขายน่าจะทรงตัวที่ 20.3% จากการควบคุมต้นทุน

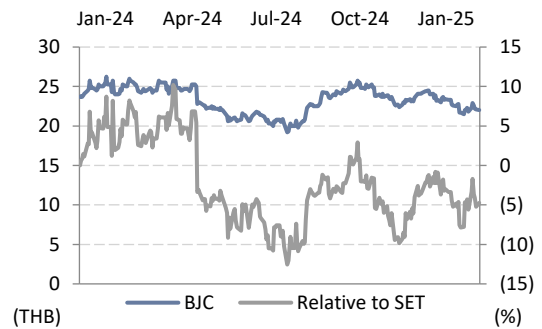
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เราคงคำแนะนำซื้อที่ราคาเป้าหมาย 31 บาทซึ่งสะท้อน Valuation ซึ่งอยู่ในระดับที่น่าสนใจที่ 17x 2025E P/E และ 0.7x P/BV ในช่วง 1QTD SSSG มีแนวโน้มเป็นบวกได้ต่อเนื่องที่ ประมาณ 2-3% และการเติบโตน่าจะเร่งตัวขึ้นหลังโครงการ Easy E-receipt เริ่มต้นขึ้น

TARGET PRICE	THB31.00
CLOSE	THB22.00
UP/DOWNSIDE	+40.9%
PRIOR TP	THB31.00
CHANGE IN TP	UNCHANGED
TP vs CONSENSUS	+11.6%

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	167,902	171,125	177,113	183,319
Net profit	4,795	4,017	5,255	5,567
EPS (THB)	1.20	1.00	1.31	1.39
vs Consensus (%)	-	(8.9)	0.8	(2.2)
EBITDA	20,608	22,351	23,751	25,132
Recurring net profit	4,710	4,578	5,255	5,567
Core EPS (THB)	1.18	1.14	1.31	1.39
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	3.6	2.8	2.2
EPS growth (%)	(6.0)	(2.8)	14.8	5.9
Core P/E (x)	18.7	19.3	16.8	15.8
Dividend yield (%)	3.6	3.0	4.0	4.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.4	11.6	11.2	10.8
Price/book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Net debt/Equity (%)	128.5	127.8	128.7	129.5
ROE (%)	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.5



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	(6.0)	(7.6)	(6.0)
Relative to country (%)	(1.7)	0.9	(4.1)
Mkt cap (USD m)	2,620		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	2.7		
Free float (%)	25		
Major shareholder	TCC Corporation (74%)		
12m high/low (THB)	26.25/19.20		
Issued shares (m)	4,007.80		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Investment thesis

BJC, one of Thailand's oldest companies, provides an integrated supply chain with upstream, midstream, and downstream operations, with its modern trade supply chain (Big C) contributing c65% of total revenue in 2023. The large-store transformation to modernize store interiors and expand stores in tourist destinations increased the number of store locations from 25 to 60 by the end of 2023. By modifying store layouts and product assortments, BJC has improved its appeal to tourists, supporting a gradual improvement in SSSG. The second revenue contributor, the packaging supply chain (16%), is estimated to deliver a higher GPM in 2024 due to low raw material costs, such as natural gas and soda ash. Moreover, with the introduction of new products and a focus on the fresh food and private label segments, we expect the 2024 GPM to stay above 20% (vs 19.4% in 2023).

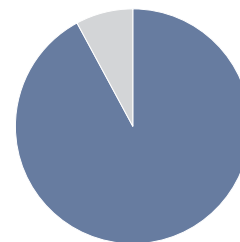
Company profile

BJC is a fully-integrated consumer company with a presence in Thailand and ASEAN. It is part of TCC group, the largest beverage company in Thailand. Businesses include packaging, manufacturing consumer products, healthcare and modern trade. In 2016, it acquired 98% of Big C.

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Principal activities (revenue, 2023)

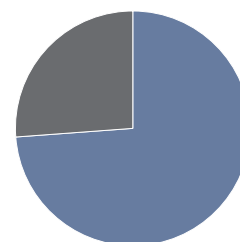
- Sales of goods/services - 92.1 %
- Other income - 7.9 %



Source: Berli Jucker

Major shareholders

- TCC Corporation - 73.8 %
- Others - 26.2 %



Source: Berli Jucker

Catalysts

Potential catalysts include Thailand's economic recovery, increased consumer confidence, and government stimulus packages.

Risks to our call

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) higher raw material prices.

Event calendar

Date	Event
19 Feb 2025	4Q24 results announcement

Key assumptions

	2023 (%)	2024E (%)	2025E (%)	2026E (%)
Revenue growth	2.6	1.9	3.5	3.5
- Packaging	0.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
- Consumer	(1.3)	1.5	1.5	1.5
- Healthcare	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0
- Modern retailing (Big C)	4.3	2.5	4.7	4.6
Gross margin	19.4	20.2	20.4	20.6
- Packaging	19.3	21.6	21.7	21.8
- Consumer	18.2	19.6	19.7	19.8
- Healthcare	30.6	31.2	31.3	31.4
- Modern retailing (Big C)	18.1	18.5	18.7	18.9
SG&A to sales	20.5	20.3	20.3	20.3

Source: FSSIA estimates

Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we estimate 2025 EPS would rise 0.7%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in GPM, we estimate 2025 EPS would rise 2.6%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A to revenue, we estimate 2025 EPS would fall 2.6%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

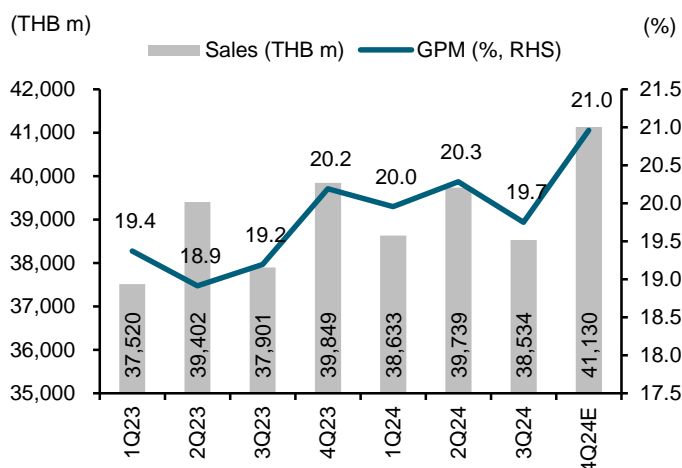
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Exhibit 1: BJC – 4Q24 results preview

YE Dec 31	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24E	Change		2024E	Change	2025E	Change
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(y-y%)
Total revenue	43,244	41,868	43,044	41,757	44,456	6	3	171,125	2	177,113	3
Sales revenue	39,849	38,633	39,739	38,534	41,130	7	3	158,036	2	163,707	4
Cost of sales	(31,804)	(30,924)	(31,679)	(30,923)	(32,510)	5	2	(126,036)	1	(130,237)	3
Gross profit from sales	8,046	7,710	8,060	7,610	8,620	13	7	32,000	7	33,470	5
Other income	3,395	3,235	3,305	3,223	3,326	3	(2)	13,089	(1)	13,406	2
Gross profit	11,441	10,944	11,365	10,833	11,946	10	4	45,089	4	46,876	4
Operating costs	(8,042)	(7,817)	(8,070)	(8,029)	(8,217)	2	2	(32,134)	2	(33,280)	4
Operating profit	3,398	3,127	3,295	2,804	3,729	33	10	12,955	11	13,596	5
interest income	17	11	15	18	15	(16)	(12)	59	37	49	(17)
Interest expense	(1,447)	(1,427)	(1,433)	(1,419)	(1,391)	(2)	(4)	(5,669)	6	(5,548)	(2)
Profit before tax	1,968	1,711	1,877	1,403	2,353	68	20	7,344	16	8,096	10
Tax	40	(456)	(416)	(315)	(518)	65	(1,396)	(1,704)	239	(1,619)	(5)
Equity income	(59)	(45)	18	2	(45)	(2,376)	(24)	(70)	(65)	(200)	185
Minority interests	(277)	(221)	(276)	(208)	(288)	39	4	(993)	8	(1,022)	3
Non-recurring items	(35)	(561)	25	(181)	0	(100)	(100)	(561)	(760)	-	(100)
Reported net profit	1,638	428	1,228	701	1,503	114	(8)	4,017	(16)	5,255	31
Recurring net profit	1,673	989	1,203	883	1,503	70	(10)	4,578	(3)	5,255	15
EPS (THB)	0.41	0.11	0.31	0.17	0.41	137	1	1.00	(16)	1.31	31
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.42	0.25	0.30	0.22	0.38	70	(10)	1.14	(3)	1.31	15
Key Ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)	(%)	(ppt)
Gross margin from sales	20.2	20.0	20.3	19.7	21.0	1.2	0.8	20.2	0.8	20.4	0.2
Operating margin	8.5	8.1	8.3	7.3	9.1	1.8	0.5	8.2	0.7	8.3	0.1
Net margin	4.1	1.1	3.1	1.8	3.7	1.8	(0.5)	2.5	(0.6)	3.2	0.7
Recurring net margin	4.2	2.6	3.0	2.3	3.7	1.4	(0.5)	2.9	(0.1)	3.2	0.3
SG&A / Sales	20.2	20.2	20.3	20.8	20.0	(0.9)	(0.2)	20.3	(0.1)	20.3	(0.0)
Effective tax rate	(2.0)	26.6	22.2	22.4	22.0	(0.4)	24.0	23.2	15.3	20.0	(3.2)
SSSG (%)	(0.5)	0.1	(1.9)	0.03	1.0						
Private label (%)	12.8	12.8	13.1	13.8	13.8						

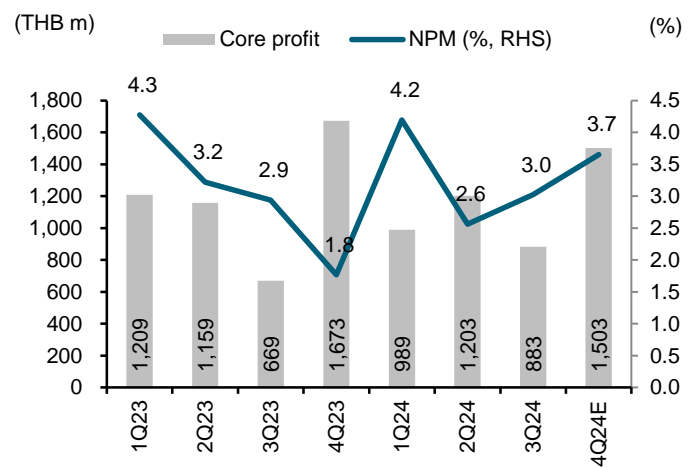
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Exhibit 2: Sales and % gross margin



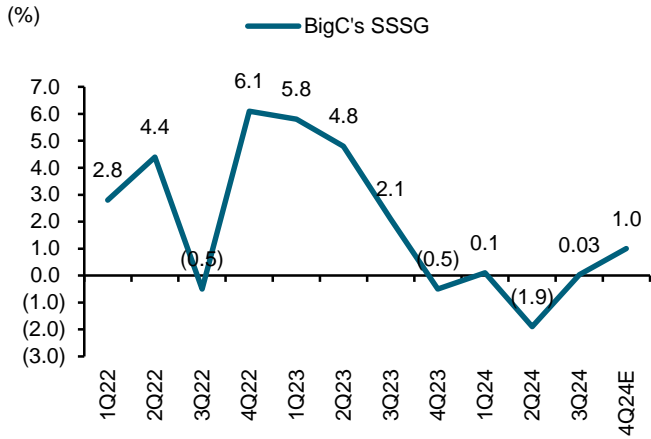
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Exhibit 3: Core profit and % NPM



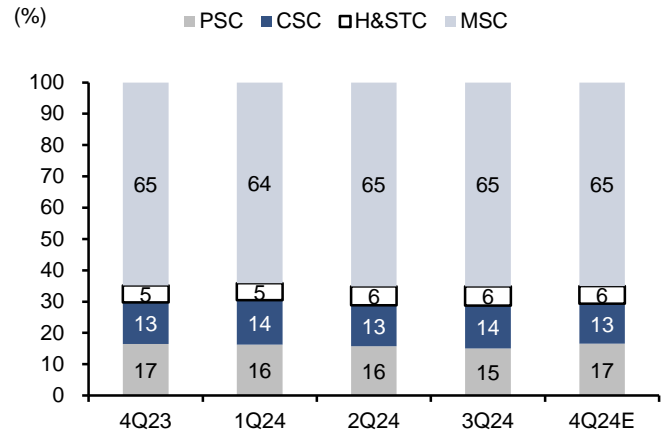
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Exhibit 4: Big C's SSSG



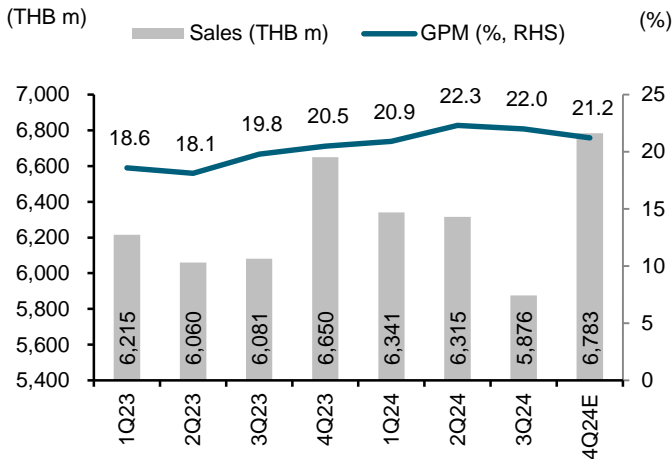
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Exhibit 5: Sales contribution by supply chain



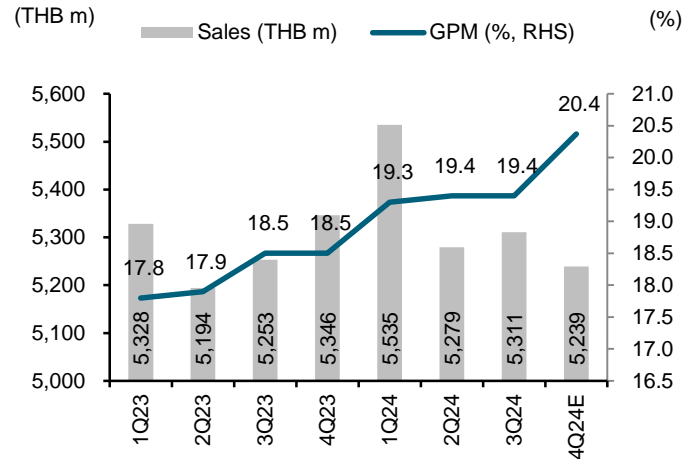
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Exhibit 6: PSC performance



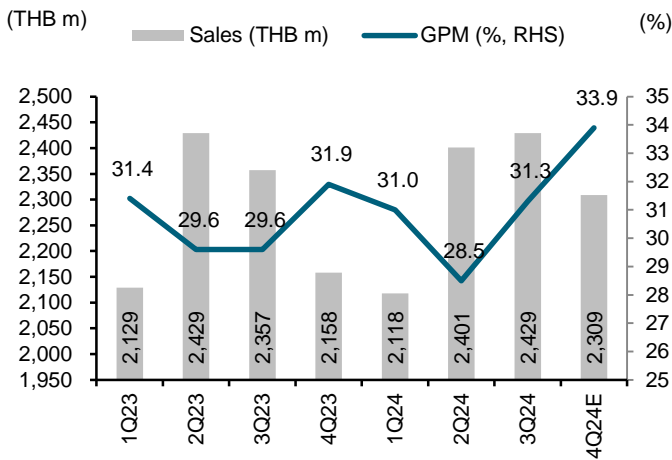
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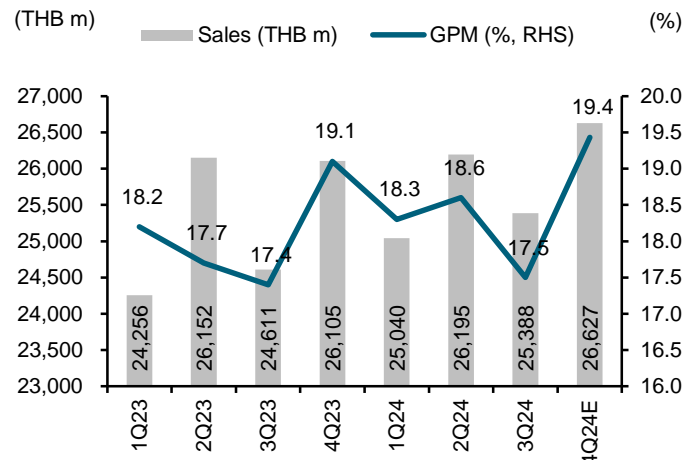
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Exhibit 8: HTSC performance



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Exhibit 9: MSC (BigC) performance*



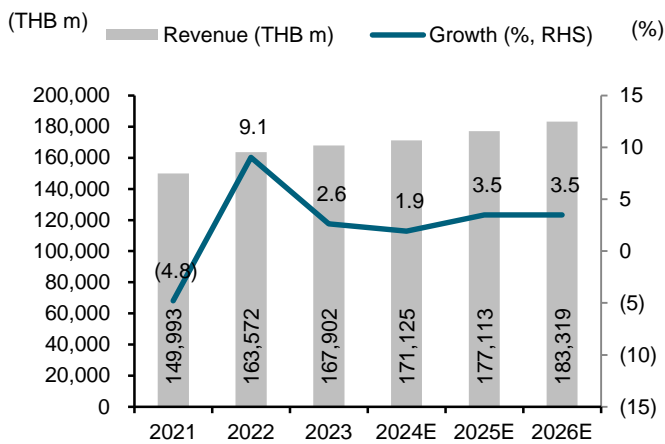
*Note: excluding rental and other income
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Exhibit 10: Changes in key assumptions

	Current			Previous			% Change		
	2024E (%)	2025E (%)	2026E (%)	2024E (%)	2025E (%)	2026E (%)	2024E (%)	2025E (%)	2026E (%)
Revenue growth	1.9	3.5	3.5	2.6	3.9	3.9	(0.7)	(0.4)	(0.4)
- Packaging	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.5)
- Consumer	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.5)
- Healthcare	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Modern retailing (Big C)	2.5	4.7	4.6	2.7	4.7	4.7	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Gross margin	20.2	20.4	20.6	20.1	20.2	20.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
- Packaging	21.6	21.7	21.8	21.2	21.3	21.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
- Consumer	19.6	19.7	19.8	19.1	19.2	19.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
- Healthcare	31.2	31.3	31.4	30.0	30.1	30.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
- Modern retailing (Big C)	18.5	18.7	18.9	18.5	18.7	18.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
SG&A to sales	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.5	20.4	20.4	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Earnings (THB m)	4,578	5,255	5,567	4,419	5,109	5,447	3.6	2.8	2.2

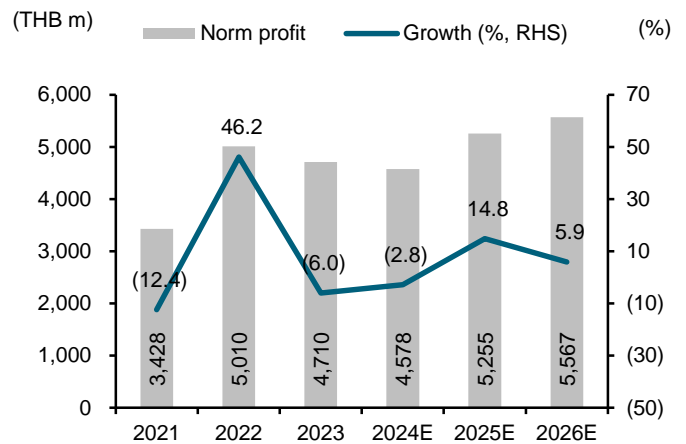
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Exhibit 11: Yearly revenue and % growth



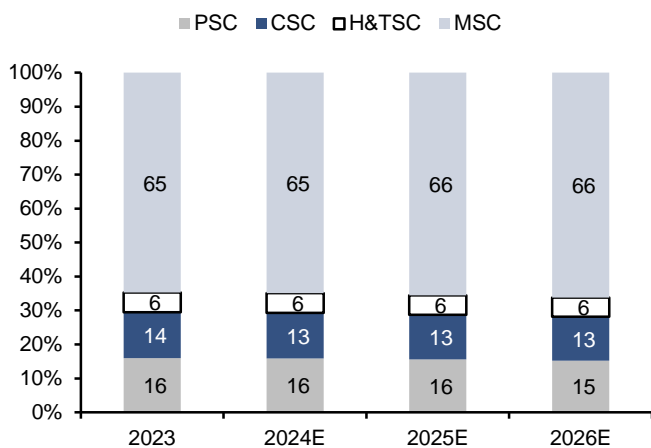
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Exhibit 12: Yearly core profit and % growth



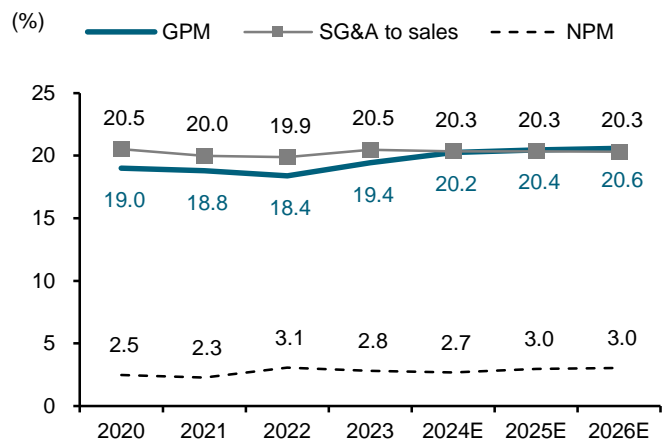
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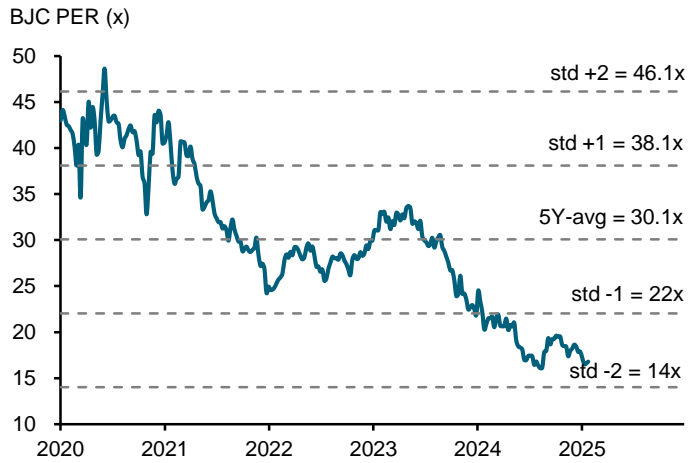
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Exhibit 14: Profitability



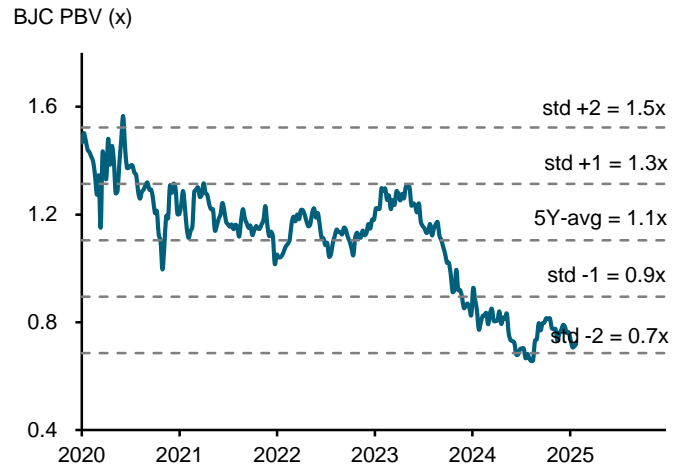
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Exhibit 15: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 16: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 17: Commerce peers as of 27 January 2025

Company	BBG	Rec	Share price			Market Cap (USD m)	PE		ROE		PBV		EV/EBITDA	
			Current (LCY)	Target (LCY)	Upside (%)		24E (x)	25E (x)	24E (%)	25E (%)	24E (x)	25E (x)	24E (x)	25E (x)
Consumer Staple														
CP All	CPALL TB	BUY	55.75	83.00	49	14,883	20.1	18.0	21.2	21.3	4.4	3.9	17.6	15.7
CP Aextra	CPAXT TB	BUY	28.00	34.00	21	8,677	26.6	22.7	3.7	4.3	1.0	1.0	9.6	8.6
Berli Jucker	BJC TB	BUY	22.00	31.00	41	2,620	19.3	16.8	3.8	4.3	0.7	0.7	11.6	11.2
Consumer Staple average						26,180	22.0	19.2	9.6	10.0	2.0	1.9	12.9	11.8
Consumer Discretionary														
Com7	COM7 TB	BUY	22.90	30.00	31	1,603	17.3	16.0	36.1	33.2	5.8	4.9	11.9	10.5
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	BUY	34.25	42.00	23	6,139	24.2	22.1	12.2	12.4	2.8	2.6	10.0	9.4
Home Improvement														
Index Living Mall	ILM TB	BUY	15.00	22.00	47	225	10.0	9.1	12.4	13.1	1.2	1.2	6.3	5.8
Home Product Center	HMPRO TB	BUY	8.95	13.20	47	3,498	18.3	17.4	24.6	24.8	4.4	4.2	10.6	10.1
Siam Global House	GLOBAL TB	BUY	11.60	16.70	44	1,793	25.6	21.2	9.9	11.3	2.5	2.3	20.2	17.4
Dohome	DOHOME TB	BUY	8.20	10.50	28	787	39.6	28.5	5.3	7.0	2.1	1.9	17.6	15.4
Home Improvement avg.						6,303	23.4	19.1	13.1	14.1	2.5	2.4	13.7	12.2
Consumer Discretionary avg.						14,044	22.5	19.0	16.8	17.0	3.1	2.9	12.8	11.4
Total average						40,224	22.3	19.1	14.4	14.6	2.8	2.5	12.8	11.6

Source: FSSIA estimates

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	163,572	167,902	171,125	177,113	183,319
Cost of goods sold	(122,707)	(124,628)	(126,036)	(130,237)	(134,670)
Gross profit	40,865	43,274	45,089	46,876	48,649
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Operating costs	(29,891)	(31,650)	(32,134)	(33,280)	(34,470)
Operating EBITDA	19,983	20,608	22,351	23,751	25,132
Depreciation	(9,009)	(8,984)	(9,396)	(10,155)	(10,953)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	10,974	11,624	12,955	13,596	14,179
Net financing costs	(4,723)	(5,295)	(5,611)	(5,500)	(5,655)
Associates	(15)	(200)	(70)	(200)	(200)
Recurring non-operating income	(15)	(200)	(70)	(200)	(200)
Non-recurring items	0	85	(561)	0	0
Profit before tax	6,236	6,214	6,713	7,896	8,325
Tax	(435)	(503)	(1,704)	(1,619)	(1,705)
Profit after tax	5,801	5,712	5,009	6,277	6,620
Minority interests	(790)	(917)	(993)	(1,022)	(1,053)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	5,010	4,795	4,017	5,255	5,567
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	(85)	561	0	0
Recurring net profit	5,010	4,710	4,578	5,255	5,567
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.25	1.18	1.14	1.31	1.39
Reported EPS	1.25	1.20	1.00	1.31	1.39
DPS	0.80	0.80	0.67	0.88	0.93
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	4,008	4,008	4,008	4,008	4,008
Growth					
Revenue (%)	9.1	2.6	1.9	3.5	3.5
Operating EBITDA (%)	5.5	3.1	8.5	6.3	5.8
Operating EBIT (%)	11.2	5.9	11.5	4.9	4.3
Recurring EPS (%)	46.2	(6.0)	(2.8)	14.8	5.9
Reported EPS (%)	39.8	(4.3)	(16.2)	30.8	5.9
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	25.0	25.8	26.3	26.5	26.5
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	30.5	31.1	31.8	32.2	32.5
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.2	12.3	13.1	13.4	13.7
Operating EBIT margin (%)	6.7	6.9	7.6	7.7	7.7
Net margin (%)	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.0
Effective tax rate (%)	7.0	7.9	23.2	20.0	20.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	64.0	68.1	58.7	66.9	66.9
Interest cover (X)	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
Inventory days	73.1	73.7	70.3	69.8	70.0
Debtor days	40.2	41.3	41.7	41.4	41.4
Creditor days	103.0	105.0	103.7	103.0	103.3
Operating ROIC (%)	14.5	15.1	14.0	15.2	15.9
ROIC (%)	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.5
ROE (%)	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.3	4.5
ROA (%)	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)					
Sales of goods/services	150,338	154,672	158,036	163,707	169,588
Other income	13,234	13,230	13,089	13,406	13,732

Sources: Berli Jucker; FSSIA estimates

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Recurring net profit	5,010	4,710	4,578	5,255	5,567
Depreciation	9,009	8,984	9,396	10,155	10,953
Associates & minorities	(362)	(544)	0	0	0
Other non-cash items	750	1,144	936	1,075	1,055
Change in working capital	(1,516)	1,559	(509)	(187)	(397)
Cash flow from operations	12,892	15,853	14,401	16,298	17,178
Capex - maintenance	(7,676)	(10,683)	(9,250)	(9,713)	(10,198)
Capex - new investment	0	0	0	0	0
Net acquisitions & disposals	(4,010)	(2,694)	(4,764)	(7,883)	(8,165)
Other investments (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(11,686)	(13,377)	(14,014)	(17,595)	(18,363)
Dividends paid	(3,206)	(3,206)	(2,686)	(3,514)	(3,723)
Equity finance	612	(215)	69	69	69
Debt finance	1,147	1,639	2,230	4,743	4,839
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(1,447)	(1,782)	(387)	1,297	1,185
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	(241)	695	0	0	0
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	5,958.63	7,814.37	6,056.14	4,250.70	4,518.34
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	2,352.86	4,115.69	2,617.30	3,445.31	3,653.86
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	1.49	1.95	1.51	1.06	1.13
FCFE per share	0.59	1.03	0.65	0.86	0.91
Recurring cash flow per share	3.60	3.57	3.72	4.11	4.39
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec					
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	105,611	111,435	120,685	130,397	140,596
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(44,601)	(48,581)	(57,827)	(67,828)	(78,622)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	61,010	62,854	62,858	62,570	61,974
Intangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	0
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	3,001	2,774	2,874	2,974	3,074
Cash & equivalents	4,162	4,857	4,857	4,857	4,857
A/C receivable	18,574	19,377	19,749	20,441	21,157
Inventories	24,388	22,338	22,590	23,343	24,138
Other current assets	1,002	843	854	874	895
Current assets	48,126	47,416	48,051	49,515	51,047
Other assets	223,908	225,926	230,263	238,321	246,672
Total assets	336,045	338,970	344,046	353,380	362,766
Common equity	118,291	119,665	121,065	122,874	124,787
Minorities etc.	5,857	6,230	7,223	8,245	9,298
Total shareholders' equity	124,149	125,896	128,287	131,119	134,085
Long term debt	137,030	129,749	140,985	133,609	142,291
Other long-term liabilities	12,398	11,880	12,264	12,693	13,138
Long-term liabilities	149,428	141,629	153,249	146,303	155,429
A/C payable	33,569	32,947	33,319	34,430	35,602
Short term debt	27,951	36,870	27,865	39,984	36,142
Other current liabilities	948	1,628	1,325	1,544	1,509
Current liabilities	62,468	71,445	62,509	75,958	73,252
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	336,045	338,970	344,046	353,380	362,766
Net working capital	9,447	7,984	8,550	8,684	9,079
Invested capital	297,366	299,538	304,545	312,549	320,799
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt					
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	29.52	29.86	30.21	30.66	31.14
Tangible book value per share	29.52	29.86	30.21	30.66	31.14
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	129.5	128.5	127.8	128.7	129.5
Net debt/total assets (%)	47.9	47.7	47.7	47.7	47.8
Current ratio (x)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
CF interest cover (x)	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.6
Valuation					
Recurring P/E (x) *	17.6	18.7	19.3	16.8	15.8
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	24.8	26.4	27.1	23.6	22.3
Reported P/E (x)	17.6	18.4	22.0	16.8	15.8
Dividend yield (%)	3.6	3.6	3.0	4.0	4.2
Price/book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Price/tangible book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
EV/EBITDA (x) **	12.8	12.4	11.6	11.2	10.8
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	14.6	14.2	13.2	12.7	12.2
EV/invested capital (x)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted ** EBITDA includes associate income and recurring non-operating income					

Sources: Berli Jucker; FSSIA estimates

Berli Jucker PCL (BJC TB)

FSSIA ESG rating



71.33 /100

Exhibit 18: FSSIA ESG score implication

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

Sources: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 19: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA ESG score	Domestic ratings						Global ratings						Bloomberg	
		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	Y	Y	Y	4.00	4.00	--	Medium	55.09	A	--	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	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	47.38	A	34.00	59.95	82.00	3.74	--
CPAXT	59.46	--	--	--	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	52.81	--	--	74.64	63.00	3.77	--
CRC	64.49	--	Y	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	Medium	--	BBB	--	60.98	73.00	2.90	47.27

Sources: SETTRADE.com; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 20: 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	0.96	0.97	1.54	1.56	1.62	2.64	2.59	2.60
BESG environmental pillar score	0.69	0.69	0.76	0.73	0.77	2.37	2.05	1.73
BESG social pillar score	0.16	0.16	1.08	1.11	1.25	2.34	2.34	2.58
BESG governance pillar score	3.13	3.19	3.48	3.54	3.42	3.48	3.62	3.62
ESG disclosure score	30.47	30.47	43.34	48.52	50.41	62.23	61.10	58.67
Environmental disclosure score	0.91	0.91	9.15	24.71	30.38	50.20	44.85	41.71
Social disclosure score	9.22	9.22	33.34	33.34	33.34	42.74	44.71	40.54
Governance disclosure score	81.10	81.10	87.36	87.36	87.36	93.62	93.62	93.62
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	—	—	357	466	483	417	503	507
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	—	699	699	715	603	616	609
GHG Scope 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	292	—
Carbon per unit of production	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	—	—	—	2,978	3,108	3,303	2,903	2,875
Renewable energy use	—	—	0	2	24	42	53	58
Electricity used	—	—	—	1,423	1,485	1,207	1,322	—
Fuel used - natural gas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 21: 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	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hazardous waste	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Total waste	—	—	121	129	137	73	100	84
Waste recycled	—	—	—	37	37	33	20	28
Waste sent to landfills	—	—	—	—	94	39	74	54
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	—	—	—	2,380	3,106	4,550	3,840	4,150
Social								
Human rights policy	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Pct women in workforce	—	—	56	57	59	60	61	60
Pct disabled in workforce	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lost time incident rate - employees	—	—	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total recordable incident rate - employees	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Number of employees – CSR	11,572	10,597	37,954	40,294	40,491	35,400	37,980	34,046
Employee turnover pct	—	—	66	73	69	62	48	45
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	—	—	3,339,950	3,889,880	3,494,120	2,255,330	4,405,680	4,187,660
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governance								
Board size	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	17
No. of independent directors (ID)	5	6	8	8	8	8	8	9
No. of women on board	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	4
No. of non-executive directors on board	13	12	13	13	13	13	14	14
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	9	30	6	6	5	6	6	4
Board meeting attendance pct	75	89	93	96	97	99	99	99
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age of the youngest director	38	39	41	42	43	45	46	46
Age of the oldest director	73	74	74	76	77	78	79	79
No. of executives / company managers	9	6	6	6	7	6	10	10
No. of female executives	3	2	1	1	1	1	5	5
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Size of audit committee	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Audit committee meetings	5	8	7	5	5	5	8	6
Audit meeting attendance %	95	95	100	93	100	100	90	100
Size of compensation committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on compensation committee	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	2	5	4	2	3	3	3	3
Compensation meeting attendance %	100	93	100	100	100	100	100	100
Size of nomination committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of nomination committee meetings	2	5	4	2	3	3	3	3
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	93	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sustainability governance								
Verification type	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

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ESG score	Methodology	Rating																												
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) By S&P Global	The DJSI World applies a transparent, rules-based component selection process based on the companies' Total Sustainability Scores resulting from the annual S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Only the top-ranked companies within each industry are selected for inclusion.	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)	SET ESG quantifies responsibility in Environmental and Social issues by managing business with transparency in Governance, updated annually. Candidates must pass the preemptive criteria, with two crucial conditions: 1) no irregular trading of the board members and executives; and 2) free float of >150 shareholders, and combined holding must be >15% of paid-up capital. Some key disqualifying criteria include: 1) CG score of below 70%; 2) independent directors and free float violation; 3) executives' wrongdoing related to CG, social & environmental impacts; 4) equity in negative territory; and 5) earnings in red for > 3 years in the last 5 years.	To be eligible for SETESG inclusion , verified data must be scored at a minimum of 50% for each indicator, unless the company is a part of DJSI during the assessment year. The scoring will be fairly weighted against the nature of the relevant industry and materiality. SETESG Index 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)	An indicator of CG strength in sustainable development, measured annually by the Thai IOD, with support from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET). The results are from the perspective of a third party, not an evaluation of operations.	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	It quantifies the extent to which shareholders' rights and equitable treatment are incorporated into business operations and information is transparent and sufficiently disclosed. All form important elements of two out of five the CG components to be evaluated annually. The assessment criteria cover AGM procedures before the meeting (45%), at the meeting date (45%), and after the meeting (10%). <i>(The first assesses 1) advance circulation of sufficient information for voting; and 2) facilitating how voting rights can be exercised. The second assesses 1) the ease of attending meetings; 2) transparency and verifiability; and 3) openness for Q&A. The third involves the meeting minutes that should contain discussion issues, resolutions and voting results.)</i>	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)	The core elements of the Checklist include corruption risk assessment, establishment of key controls, and the monitoring and developing of policies. The Certification is good for three years. <i>(Companies deciding to become a CAC certified member start by submitting a Declaration of Intent to kick off an 18-month deadline to submit the CAC Checklist for Certification, including risk assessment, in place of policy and control, training of managers and employees, establishment of whistleblowing channels, and communication of policies to all stakeholders.)</i>	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.																												
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Berli Jucker	BJC TB	THB 22.00	BUY	Key downside risks to our DCF-based TP could come from 1) competition with Lotus which could impact its sales and gross margin; 2) higher raw material prices.
CP All	CPALL TB	THB 55.75	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.
CP Axtra	CPAXT TB	THB 28.00	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 in Happitat project.
Com7	COM7 TB	THB 22.90	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 34.25	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 15.00	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 8.95	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 11.60	BUY	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 8.20	BUY	Key risks to our DCF-based TP are 1) lower steel price and heavy clearance stock 2) lower farm income, which would affect purchasing power in the agricultural sector, 3) government disbursement, 4) a lower private brand mix and margin, and 5) higher expenses than expected.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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