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# TU TB





- กำไร 4Q24 ใกล้เคียงคาดในขณะที่ต้นทุนโครงการ Transformation สูงขึ้น
- TU ตั้งเป้าโตต่อเนื่องในปี 2025 โดยคาดว่าจะได้รับประโยชน์จากโครงการ Transformation
- ปรับเพิ่มคำแนะนำเป็นชื้อจาก Valuation ที่อยู่ในระดับต่ำที่ 10x 2025E P/E

### กำไร 4024 ใกล้เคียงกับที่เราคาดซึ่งไม่น่าตื่นเต้น

TU รายงานกำไรสุทธิ 4Q24 อยู่ที่ 1.21พัน ลบ. ลดลง 13% q-q และพลิกจากที่เคยขาดทุนใน 4Q23 เมื่อหักกำไรจากอัตราแลกเปลี่ยน 118 ลบ. กำไรปกติอยู่ที่ 1.1พัน ลบ. (-25% q-q, -7% yy) ใกล้เคียงกับที่เราคาด รายได้รวมทรงตัว q-q แม้ว่ารายได้ธุร<sup>ี</sup>กิจ Frozen จะโตดีถึง 21% q-q รายได้ธุรกิจ Ambient กลับลดลง 11% q-q นอกจากนี้รายได้ร่วมยังลดลงเล็กน้อย y-y จากรายได้ ธุรกิจ Frozen ที่ลดลง 4.8% y-y อัตรากำไรขั้นต้นลดลง q-q จากธุรกิจ Pet Food เนื่องจากไม่มี การกลับรายการสำรองสินค้าคงคลังเหมือนใน 3Q24 ในขณะที่ต้นทุนปลาทูน่าและค่าเสื่อมเพิ่ม

# ต้นทุนโครงการ Transformation กดดันกำไร

ค่าใช้จ่ายรวมใน 4Q24 โต 5% q-q และ 18% y-y ทำสถิติสูงสุดในรอบ 9 ไตรมาสซึ่งทำให้สัดส่วน ค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารต่อยอดขายสูงเกินเป้าขึ้นไปแตะ 14% สูงที่สุดในรอบ 22 ไตรมาส จากต้นทุนโครงการ Transformation 300 ลบ. ซึ่งคิดเป็น 0.85% ของรายได้ใน 4Q24 และต้นทุน ค่าการตลาดและค่าขนส่งที่สูงขึ้น ในไตรมาสนี้บริษัทฯ ไม่มีรายการที่เกี่ยวข้องกับคดีความของ Red Lobster หรือความเสียหายจากการเรียกคืนสินค้า ทั้งนี้ TU ระบุว่าความรับผิดชอบในการ เรียกคืนสินค้าจะอยู่ที่ผู้ผลิตบรรจุภัณฑ์ ในปี 2024 ต้นทุนโครงการ Transformation รวมอยู่ที่ 700 ลบ. คิดเป็น 0.5% ของรายได้รวมปี 2024 ซึ่งทำให้สัดส่วนค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารต่อ ยอดขายเพิ่มเป็น 13.3% จาก 12% ในปี 2023

#### TU คาดว่าจะได้รับประโยชน์จากโครงการ Transformation ในปี 2025

TU ตั้งเป้าการเติบโตในปี 2025 ดังต่อไปนี้: 1) การเติบโตของรายได้ที่ 3-4% y-y; 2) อัตรากำไร ขั้นต้นที่ 18.5-19.5% สูงขึ้นจาก 18.5% ในปี 2024 โดยมีปัจจัยหนุนจากผลบวกของโครงการ Transformation; และ 3) สัดส่วนค่าใช้จ่ายการขายและบริหารต่อยอดขายที่สูงขึ้นเป็น 13-13.5% (จากปกติที่ 12.5-13%) จากต้นทุนโครงการ Transformation ที่ประมาณ 0.7% ของรายได้รวม และค่าใช้จ่ายการตลาดที่สูงขึ้น นอกจากนี้ TU ยังระบุด้วยว่าบริษัทฯ จะได้รับผลกระทบจากภาษี GMT ตั้งแต่ 1Q25 เป็นตั้นไป ทั้งนี้ CFO ได้ชี้แจงว่าภาษีเพิ่มเติมในปี 2025 น่าจะอยู่ที่ประมาณ 300-350 ลบ. และให้วิวว่าอัตราภาษีใหม่จะอยู่ในช่วง 11-14% ในขณะที่เราตั้งสมมติฐานอัตรา ภาษีปี 2025 อยู่ที่ 12% สูงขึ้นจาก 7% ในปี 2024 แต่ต่ำกว่าสมมติฐานเดิมที่ 15%

#### ปรับเพิ่มคำแนะนำเป็นซื้อหลังปรับราคาเป้าหมายขึ้นเป็น 15 บาท

เราปรับเพิ่มประมาณการกำไรปี 2025 ของเราขึ้น 3% เป็น 5.13พัน ลบ. (+3% y-y) แต่ปรับเพิ่ม ประมาณการกำไรต่อหุ้น (EPS) ขึ้น 6.5% จากทุนจดทะเบียนที่ลดลงหลังการซื้อหุ้นคืนซึ่งทำให้ เราปรับเพิ่มราคาเป้าห<sup>ุ</sup>มายของเราเป็น 15 บาท ทั้งนี้ราคาหุ้นได้ปรับตัวลดลงมาซื้อขายอยู่ที่ 10x 2025E P/E ในปัจจุบัน นอกจากนี้ TU ยังประกาศจ่ายเงินปั่นผลต่อหุ้น 0.35 บาทสำหรับผ<sup>ู้</sup>ล ประกอบการในรอบ 2H24 คิดเป็นผลตอบแทนในรูปเงินปั้นผลอยู่ที่ 3% ดังนั้นเราจึงปรับ คำแนะนำขึ้นเป็นซื้อจาก Valuation ที่น่าสนใจ



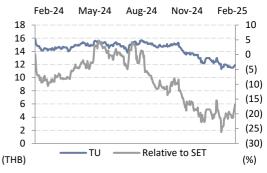




TARGET PRICE	THB15.00
CLOSE	THB11.90
UP/DOWNSIDE	+26.1%
PRIOR TP	THB14.70
CHANGE IN TP	+2.0%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-2.0%

#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	138,433	141,061	148,114	153,742
Net profit	4,985	5,134	5,555	5,909
EPS (THB)	1.12	1.15	1.25	1.33
vs Consensus (%)	-	3.8	8.3	5.5
EBITDA	12,725	13,220	13,925	14,568
Recurring net profit	5,119	5,134	5,555	5,909
Core EPS (THB)	1.15	1.15	1.25	1.33
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	nm	7.1	2.1	nm
EPS growth (%)	nm	0.3	8.2	6.4
Core P/E (x)	10.4	10.3	9.5	9.0
Dividend yield (%)	5.9	5.8	6.1	6.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.5	8.8	8.5	8.1
Price/book (x)	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Net debt/Equity (%)	106.9	95.4	93.0	89.9
ROE (%)	9.5	10.4	10.8	11.0



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month		
Absolute (%)	(4.0)	(14.4)	(25.2)		
Relative to country (%)	2.4	(1.7)	(17.4)		
Mkt cap (USD m)			1,465		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			6.9		
Free float (%)			65		
Major shareholder	Chansiri Family (12%)				
12m high/low (THB)	16.00/10.70				
Issued shares (m)	4,455.13				

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

TU is one of the world's largest seafood companies. It is a leading producer and exporter of frozen and canned seafood such as tuna, shrimp, sardines, and mackerel. TU has affiliated companies, such as I-Tail Corporation (ITC TB, BUY), a major pet food manufacturer in Thailand. It also has overseas subsidiaries, one of which owns Chicken of the Sea, the #3 canned seafood brand in the US, and the TUE Group (formerly MWB), which owns canned seafood brands ranking among the top three in European markets, such as John West, Petit Navire, Parmentier, King Oscar, and Mareblu.

# Company profile

Thai Union was founded in 1977 as a canned tuna processor and exporter. It is now an international OEM business with a global portfolio of consumer-favourite brands. TU had 18 brands, five strategic partnerships and key joint ventures, and eight overseas sales offices. TU has 13 production locations in 12 countries and two innovation and R&D centres. In 2024, its revenue contributions from the USA, Europe, Thailand, Japan, and other were 37.7%/30%/11%/5.6%/15.6%, respectively.

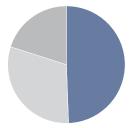
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# Principal activities (revenue, 2024)

Ambient seafood - 49.4 %

Frozen & chilled seafood - 30.5 %

■ Pet food & others - 20.1 %

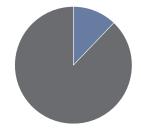


Source: Thai Union Group

# **Major shareholders**

■ Chansiri Family - 12.1 %

■ Others - 87.9 %



Source: Thai Union Group

# Catalysts

Potential catalysts for TU's 2025 earnings growth include 1) revenue growth of the three units; 2) its pet food and ready-to-eat capacity expansion; 3) the declining tuna price outlook; and 4) the absence of loss-sharing from Red Lobster after the divestment in 4Q23.

#### Risks to our call

Downside risks to our 2025 TP include 1) a slower-than-expected revenue recovery; 2) 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) a stronger baht than expected.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
May 2025	1Q25 results announcement

# Key assumptions

	2025E	2026E	2025E
Total revenue (USD m)	4,275	4,488	4,659
USD/THB	33.0	33.0	33.0
Ambient sales growth (%)	0.5	4.1	2.6
Frozen, Chilled sales growth (%)	2.0	4.0	3.8
PetCare, Value added sales growth (%)	5.1	8.5	6.4
Tuna price (USD/ton)	1,600	1,600	1,600
Gross margin (%)	18.5	18.5	18.5

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### **Earnings sensitivity**

- For every THB1/USD increase, we estimate 2025 net profit to fall by 7%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in the tuna price, we estimate 2025 net profit to fall by 5.8%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 5% increase in the minimum wage, we estimate 2025 net profit to fall by 4.3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

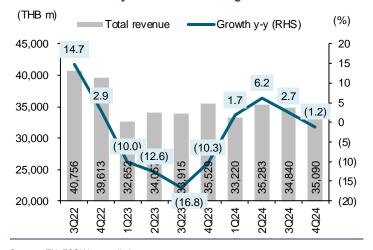
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Exhibit 1: TU - 4Q24 results summary

	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	Cha	nge	2023	2024	Change
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(y-y%)
Sales in THB m	35,529	33,220	35,283	34,840	35,090	0.7	(1.2)	136,153	138,433	1.7
Cost of sales	29,201	27,478	28,748	28,047	28,537	1.7	(2.3)	112,928	112,809	(0.1)
Gross profit	6,327	5,742	6,535	6,793	6,554	(3.5)	3.6	23,225	25,624	10.3
SG&A	4,173	4,197	4,582	4,693	4,929	5.0	18.1	16,313	18,187	11.5
Operating profit	2,521	1,772	2,290	2,382	1,915	(19.6)	(24.0)	7,972	8,574	7.6
Profit sharing	819	159	179	275	157	(43.0)	(80.8)	679	0	nm
Interest expense	630	647	620	627	598	(4.7)	(5.1)	2,302	2,492	8.3
Tax expense	(40)	128	44	208	50	(76.1)	nm	(620)	430	nm
FX gain (loss)	68	209	(237)	(54)	(100)	nm	nm	(235)	(182)	nm
Other gain (loss)	(18,413)	44	68	0	0	nm	nm	(18,413)	112	nm
Reported net profit	(17,189)	1,153	1,219	1,400	1,213	(13.4)	nm	(13,933)	4,985	nm
Core profit	1,177	900	1,456	1,454	1,095	(24.7)	(6.9)	4,736	5,119	8.1
Key ratios (%)						(ppt)	(ppt)			
Gross margin	17.8	17.3	18.5	19.5	18.7	(0.8)	0.9	17.1	18.5	1.5
SG&A / sales	11.7	12.6	13.0	13.5	14.0	0.6	2.3	12.0	13.1	1.1
Operating margin	7.1	5.3	6.5	6.8	5.5	(1.4)	(1.6)	5.9	6.2	0.3
Net margin	(48.4)	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.5	(0.6)	51.8	(10.2)	3.6	13.8
Core margin	3.3	2.7	4.1	4.2	3.1	(1.1)	(0.2)	3.5	3.7	0.2
Operating statistics (THB m)										
Ambient sales	15,693	17,156	17,376	17,920	15,961	(10.9)	1.7	63,904	68,412	7.1
Frozen, chilled seafood sales	12,525	9,618	10,842	9,836	11,930	21.3	(4.8)	47,295	42,226	(10.7)
Pet care sales	4,622	3,955	4,456	4,352	4,625	6.3	0.1	15,058	17,389	15.5
Value added, others sale	2,689	2,490	2,609	2,732	2,574	(5.8)	(4.3)	9,896	10,406	5.2
Gross margin (%)										
Ambient	17.4	16.6	18.9	20.1	20.6	0.5	3.2	19.0	19.1	0.1
Frozen, chilled seafood	14.4	11.8	10.7	12.0	12.1	0.1	(2.3)	11.3	11.7	0.4
Pet care	23.4	25.7	31.3	30.6	26.1	(4.5)	2.7	20.5	28.5	8.0
Value added, others	26.2	29.5	26.5	25.1	23.5	(1.6)	(2.7)	27.1	26.1	(1.0)
Tuna price (USD/tonne)	1,533	1,333	1,478	1,410	1,530	8.5	(0.2)	1,784	1,438	(19.4)
Shrimp 60 pcs/kg (THB/kg)	134	137	130	141	167	18.4	24.6	138	144	4.3
Salmon (NOK/kg)	84	108	110	78	82	5.1	(2.4)	95	94	(1.1)

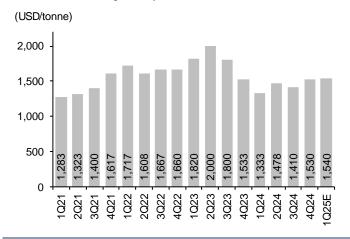
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Exhibit 2: Quarterly total revenue and growth



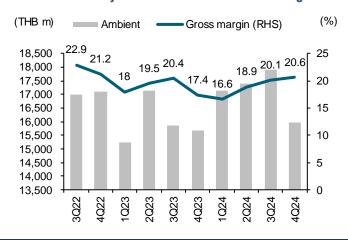
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Exhibit 3: Quarterly tuna prices



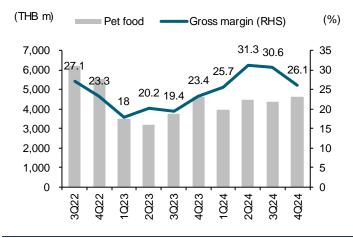
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Exhibit 4: Quarterly revenue from ambient and margin



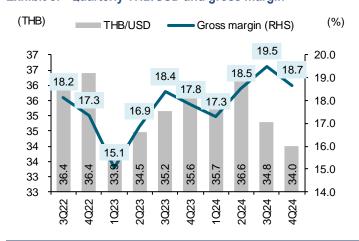
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Exhibit 6: Quarterly revenue from pet food and margin



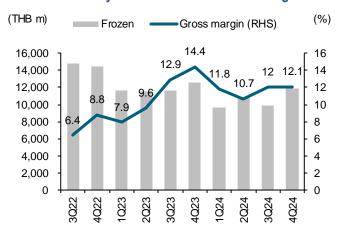
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Exhibit 8: Quarterly THB/USD and gross margin



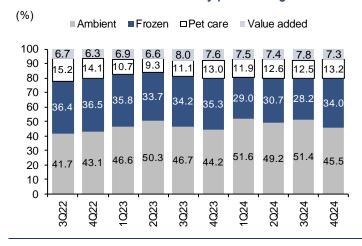
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Exhibit 5: Quarterly revenue from frozen and margin



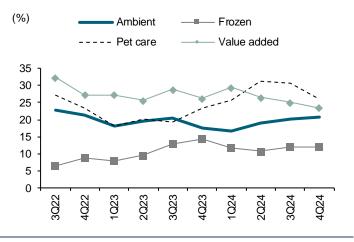
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Exhibit 7: Revenue contribution by product segment



Sources: TU, FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 9: Quarterly gross margin by product segment



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#### Exhibit 10: Quarterly SG&A and SG&A to sales

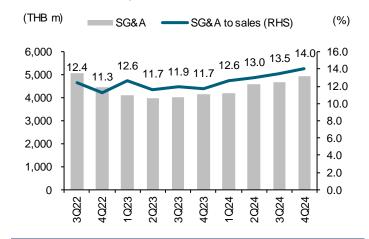
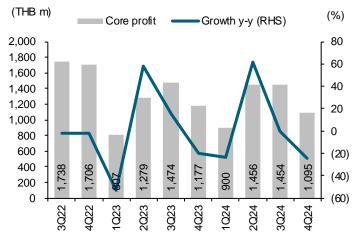


Exhibit 11: Quarterly core profit and growth



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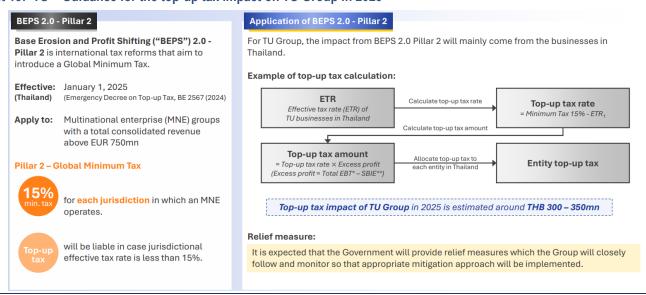
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Exhibit 12: TU – 2025 financial targets

	2025 Guidance	Key drivers
Sales growth	<b>+ 3 - 4% YoY</b> (2024A: +1.7%)	<ul> <li>Strong organic growth of +6 – 7% across all categories</li> <li>Partially offset with ~3% negative FX impact.</li> </ul>
GPM	<b>~18.5 – 19.5%</b> (2024A: 18.5%)	Improvement of all categories, except PetCare, which is normalizing
SG&A to sales	<b>~13 - 13.5%</b> (2024A: 13.3%)	Transformation costs (0.7%) Marketing expenses to boost sales of branded products
Effective interest rate	No material change	Perpetual refinanced interest is now flowing into P&L and is being offset by the expected interest rate decrease.
CAPEX	~ THB 4.5 - 5.0bn (2024A: THB 3.5bn)	Expansion of Automated Storage Retrieval System (ASRS) warehouse of PetCare
Dividend policy	At least 50% divide	end payout ratio

Source: TU's 2024 presentation

Exhibit 13: TU – Guidance for the top-up tax impact on TU Group in 2025



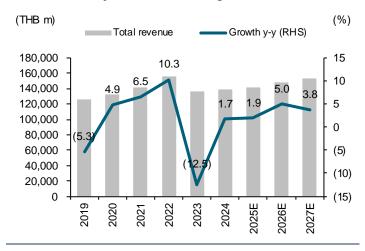
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Exhibit 14: Changes in key assumptions for TU

	Current				Previous		Change		
	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)				
Total revenue (USD m)	4,275	4,488	4,659	4,238	4,450	4,619	0.9	0.9	0.9
Fx rate (THB/USD)	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total sales value (THB m)	141,061	148,114	153,742	139,866	146,859	152,439	0.9	0.9	0.9
Costs	114,964	120,713	125,300	114,690	120,130	124,391	0.2	0.5	0.7
Gross profit	26,096	27,401	28,442	25,176	26,728	28,049	3.7	2.5	1.4
SG&A expenses	18,620	19,551	20,294	18,183	19,092	19,817	2.4	2.4	2.4
Interest expense	2,655	2,652	2,659	2,414	2,357	2,300	10.0	12.5	15.6
Profit sharing	886	975	1,072	863	932	1,053	2.7	4.6	1.8
Tax expense	714	766	806	855	968	1,073	(16.5)	(20.9)	(24.8)
Reported net profit	5,134	5,555	5,909	5,007	5,684	6,370	2.5	(2.3)	(7.2)
Core profit	5,134	5,555	5,909	5,007	5,684	6,370	2.5	(2.3)	(7.2)
Key ratios (%)									
Total revenue growth	1.9	5.0	3.8	1.0	5.0	3.8	0.9	0.0	0.0
Net profit growth	3.0	8.2	6.4	0.7	13.5	12.1	2.3	(5.3)	(5.7)
Core profit growth	0.3	8.2	6.4	(2.4)	13.5	12.1	2.7	(5.3)	(5.7)
Gross margin	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.0	18.2	18.4	0.5	0.3	0.1
SG&A to sales	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.0	13.0	13.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net margin	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.2	0.1	(0.1)	(0.3)
Norm margin	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.2	0.1	(0.1)	(0.3)
Effective tax rate	12.0	12.0	12.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)
Operating statistics (THB m)									
Ambient sales	68,770	71,615	73,504	67,759	70,553	72,401	1.5	1.5	1.5
Frozen, chilled sales	43,071	44,793	46,495	42,783	44,494	46,185	0.7	0.7	0.7
Pet care sales	18,606	20,560	22,040	18,576	20,527	22,005	0.2	0.2	0.2
Value added, others sales	10,614	11,145	11,702	10,747	11,284	11,848	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)

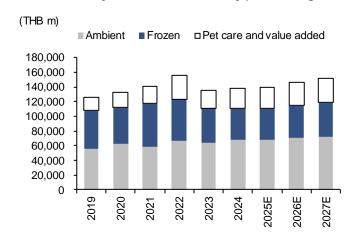
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 15: Yearly total revenue and growth



Sources: TU, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 16: Yearly revenue breakdown by product segment



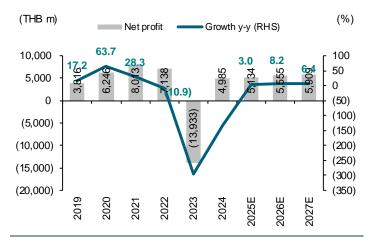
Sources: TU, FSSIA estimates

### Exhibit 17: Yearly gross margin and SG&A to sales



Sources: TU, FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 19: Yearly net profit and growth



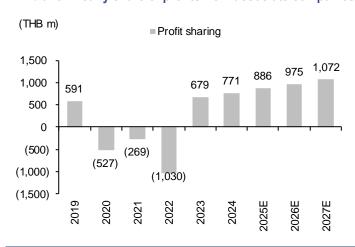
Sources: TU, FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 21: Historical P/E band



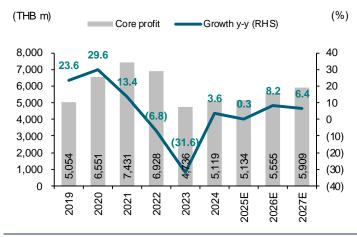
Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 18: Yearly share of profits from associate companies



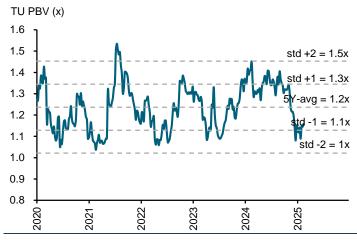
Sources: TU, FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 20: Yearly core profit and growth



Sources: TU, FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 22: Historical P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 23: Peers comparison as of 17 Feb 2025

Company	BBG	Rec	S	hare price	·	Market	PI	Ē	RO	E	PB	V	- 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	21.80	28.00	28	5,333	11.4	13.1	6.6	5.6	0.7	0.7	11.8	12.2
Thai Union Group	TU TB	BUY	11.90	15.00	26	1,465	10.4	10.3	9.5	10.4	1.1	1.1	9.5	8.8
Betagro	BTG TB	BUY	17.90	24.00	34	1,028	15.2	12.9	9.1	10.1	1.3	1.2	6.0	5.5
Thaifoods Group	TFG TB	BUY	3.26	4.10	26	547	5.6	6.8	24.3	19.1	1.3	1.2	4.5	4.5
GFPT	GFPT TB	BUY	9.30	12.50	34	346	5.8	7.5	11.0	7.9	0.6	0.6	4.7	4.7
Asian Sea*	ASIAN TB	n/a	7.45	n/a	n/a	180	6.8	7.0	13.5	12.6	0.9	0.9	4.0	4.0
Average						8,898	9.2	9.6	12.3	10.9	1.0	0.9	6.8	6.6

Sources: \*Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

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Thai Union Group

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	136,153	138,433	141,061	148,114	153,742
Cost of goods sold	(112,928)	(112,809)	(114,964)	(120,713)	(125,300)
Gross profit	23,225	25,624	26,096	27,401	28,442
Other operating income	1,060	1,137	1,128	1,185	1,230
Operating costs	(16,313)	(18,401)	(18,620)	(19,551)	(20,294)
Operating EBITDA	12,163	12,725	13,220	13,925	14,568
Depreciation	(4,191)	(4,365)	(4,615)	(4,890)	(5,190)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	7,972	8,360	8,605	9,035	9,378
Net financing costs	(2,302)	(2,492)	(2,655)	(2,652)	(2,659)
Associates	679	771	886	975	1,072
Recurring non-operating income	(19,490)	771	886	975	1,072
Non-recurring items	0	(134)	0	0	0
Profit before tax	(13,820)	6,504	6,836	7,357	7,792
Tax	620	(430)	(714)	(766)	(806)
Profit after tax	(13,200)	6,074	6,122	6,591	6,986
Minority interests	(733)	(1,089)	(987)	(1,037)	(1,076)
Preferred dividends	· · ·	-	•	· · · · ·	-
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	(13,933)	4,985	5,134	5,555	5,909
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	Ò	134	. 0	0	. 0
Recurring net profit	(13,933)	5,119	5,134	5,555	5,909
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	(2.99)	1.15	1.15	1.25	1.33
Reported EPS	(2.99)	1.12	1.15	1.25	1.33
DPS	0.53	0.70	0.69	0.72	0.77
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	4,655	4,455	4,455	4,455	4,455
Growth					
Revenue (%)	(12.5)	1.7	1.9	5.0	3.8
Operating EBITDA (%)	(8.9)	4.6	3.9	5.3	4.6
Operating EBIT (%)	(11.7)	4.9	2.9	5.0	3.8
Recurring EPS (%)	nm	nm	0.3	8.2	6.4
Reported EPS (%)	nm	nm	3.0	8.2	6.4
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	17.1	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	20.1	21.7	21.8	21.8	21.9
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	8.9	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.5
Operating EBIT margin (%)	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1
Net margin (%)	(10.2)	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8
Effective tax rate (%)	4.5	6.6	10.4	10.4	10.3
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	(17.7)	60.7	60.0	58.0	58.0
Interest cover (X)	(5.0)	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9
Inventory days	173.0	158.4	147.7	147.5	148.5
Debtor days	45.0	43.4	41.7	38.9	39.1
Creditor days	68.5	62.8	64.5	66.1	66.6
Operating ROIC (%)	7.9	8.2	8.5	8.8	8.8
ROIC (%)	(6.7)	5.7	6.1	6.4	6.5
ROE (%)	(20.0)	9.5	10.4	10.8	11.0
ROA (%)	(6.5)	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.7
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	()				
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Ambient seafood	63,904	68,412	68,770	71,615	73,504
Frozen & chilled seafood	47,295	42,226	43,071	44,793	46,495
Pet food & others	24,954	27,795	29,220	31,705	33,742
Sources: Thai Union Group: ESSIA estimates	2.,00.	,		- 1,1.00	-0,

Sources: Thai Union Group; FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

Thai Union Group

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring net profit	(13,933)	5,119	5,134	5,555	5,909
Depreciation	4,191	4,365	4,615	4,890	5,190
ssociates & minorities	679	771	886	975	1,072
ther non-cash items	(20,169)	(268)	0	0	(
hange in working capital	2,378	4,068	1,629	(2,092)	(1,670
ash flow from operations	(26,854)	14,054	12,264	9,327	10,502
Capex - maintenance	(5,557)	(3,605)	(5,000)	(5,500)	(6,000
capex - new investment  let acquisitions & disposals	34,495	(13,143)	(1,960)	(587)	(763
Other investments (net)	(851)	2,133	2,774	(1,622)	(1,295
Cash flow from investing	28,087	(14,615)	(4,187)	(7,709)	(8,057
Dividends paid	(6,811)	(5,774)	(3,081)	(3,222)	(3,427
Equity finance	(29)	(50)	(5,561)	(3,222)	(3,427
Debt finance	7,631	523	(5,291)	(68)	14
Other financing cash flows	223	(295)	(249)	458	36
cash flow from financing	1,015	(5,596)	(8,620)	(2,830)	(2,913
lon-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	• •
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	
let other adjustments	0	0	0	0	(
Novement in cash	2,248	(6,156)	(542)	(1,212)	(468
ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)	3,535.97	1,931.67	10,733.00	4,270.25	5,103.2
ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)	9,088.36	(332.11)	2,537.78	2,008.30	2,958.4
Per share (THB)					
CFF per share	0.79	0.43	2.41	0.96	1.1
FCFE per share	2.04	(0.07)	0.57	0.45	0.6
Recurring cash flow per share	(6.28)	2.24	2.39	2.56	2.73
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027
Tangible fixed assets (gross) Less: Accumulated depreciation	64,122 (32,736)	65,367 (34,742)	70,617 (39,606)	76,392 (44,771)	82,69 (50,261
Tangible fixed assets (net)	31,385	30,626	31,011	31,621	32,43
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	0	0	0	32,43
ong-term financial assets	-	-	-	-	
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	10,885	9,420	9,420	9,420	9,42
Cash & equivalents	14,490	8,333	7,792	6,579	6,11
VC receivable	16,031	16,876	15,381	16,150	16,76
nventories	50,482	43,626	45,671	47,954	49,77
Other current assets	4,827	10,813	11,668	11,851	11,99
Current assets	85,829	79,649	80,511	82,535	84,64
Other assets	37,351	35,218	32,444	34,066	35,36
otal assets	165,450	154,912	153,386	157,642	161,86
Common equity	58,628	48,635	50,368	52,702	55,18
finorities etc.	7,389	7,678	7,758	8,146	8,45
otal shareholders' equity	66,017	56,313	58,126	60,848	63,64
ong term debt	39,248	38,594	37,844	37,094	36,34
Other long-term liabilities	9,712	9,418	9,169	9,627	9,99
ong-term liabilities	48,960	48,012	47,013	46,722	46,33
/C payable Short term debt	18,798 28,740	18,522	20,473 25,376	21,497 26,058	22,31
Other current liabilities	2,935	29,917 2,149	2,398	26,056	26,95 2,61
Current liabilities	50,473	50,588	48,247	50,073	51,88
otal liabilities and shareholders' equity	165,450	154,912	153,386	157,642	161,86
let working capital	49,607	50,645	49,849	51,941	53,61
nvested capital	129,228	125,909	122,724	127,048	130,82
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be		-,	,	,-	,-
er share (THB)					
Rook value per share	12.59	10.92	11.31	11.83	12.3
angible book value per share	12.59	10.92	11.31	11.83	12.3
inancial strength	12.00	10.32	11.01	11.03	12.3
let debt/equity (%)	81.0	106.9	95.4	93.0	89.
let debt/total assets (%)	32.3	38.8	36.1	35.9	35.
Current ratio (x)	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.
F interest cover (x)	4.9	0.9	2.0	1.8	2.
aluation	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027
ecurring P/E (x) *	(4.0) (5.0)	10.4 13.1	10.3 13.0	9.5 12.0	9. 11
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	<b>(5.0)</b>	<b>13.1</b> 10.6	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.0</b> 9.5	<b>11</b> .
eported P/E (x) vividend yield (%)	(4.0) 4.4	5.9	10.3 5.8	9.5 6.1	6
rice/book (x)	4.4 0.9	5.9 1.1	5.8 1.1	1.0	1
rice/book (x)	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	1
V/EBITDA (x) **	9.6	9.5	8.8	8.5	8
V/EBITDA (x) V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	10.7	10.6	9.8	9.4	9
V/invested capital (x)	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0
.,	0.0	1.0	5.5	0.0	U

Sources: Thai Union Group; FSSIA estimates

# **Thai Union Group PCL (TU TB)**

FSSIA ESG rating

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# Exhibit 24: FSSIA ESG score implication

68.12 /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 25: 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
BTG	8.00						Declared								
CPF	78.94	Υ	Υ	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	High	50.25	BBB	43.00	70.21	85.00	4.08	62.09
GFPT	53.67		Υ	Y	5.00	5.00	Certified	High	56.79			61.87	19.00		55.41
TU	68.12	Υ			5.00	5.00	Certified	High	44.49	Α	35.00	66.15	87.00	2.99	
TFG	33.01			Y	4.00	5.00	Certified	High				42.11			
RBF	34.45				5.00	4.00	Declared	High	51.04			30.50		2.34	

 $Sources: \underline{SETTRADE.com}; FSSIA's compilation$ 

# Exhibit 26: 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	2.37	2.62	2.56	2.86	2.84	3.00	3.01	2.99
BESG environmental pillar score	2.52	2.49	2.51	3.33	3.36	3.58	3.54	_
BESG social pillar score	0.95	1.32	1.28	1.41	1.36	1.53	1.53	_
BESG governance pillar score	3.94	4.42	4.21	3.95	3.89	3.93	4.02	_
ESG disclosure score	50.93	56.98	56.98	60.30	60.75	63.74	64.21	_
Environmental disclosure score	38.75	44.64	44.64	48.32	48.66	48.66	50.08	_
Social disclosure score	35.34	42.59	42.59	42.59	43.62	52.60	52.60	_
Governance disclosure score	78.60	83.59	83.59	89.86	89.86	89.86	89.86	_
Environmental								
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	No						
Climate change policy	Yes							
Climate change opportunities discussed	No							
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	385	423	367	370	337	311	323	_
GHG scope 2 location-based	161	176	179	170	173	183	188	_
GHG Scope 3	_	_	_	_	_	_	3,786	_
Carbon per unit of production	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	_
Biodiversity policy	Yes							
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	No						
Total energy consumption	1,129	1,328	1,251	1,196	1,097	1,181	1,209	_
Renewable energy use	25	54	48	40	53	75	122	_
Electricity used	310	360	369	350	354	379	384	_
Fuel used - natural gas	4,142	8,254	7,918	7,030	3,052	7,182	8,309	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

Exhibit 27: 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						
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Yes						
Hazardous waste	_	0	0	1	1	1	3	_
Total waste	_	41	27	57	45	84	66	_
Waste recycled	_	_	_	27	26	51	32	_
Waste sent to landfills	_	41	27	22	14	14	14	_
Environmental supply chain management	Yes	Yes						
Water policy	Yes	Yes						
Water consumption	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Social								
Human rights policy	Yes	Yes						
Policy against child labor	Yes	Yes						
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Yes						
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Yes						
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Pct women in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	65
Pct disabled in workforce	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Business ethics policy	Yes	Yes						
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes						
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes						
Lost time incident rate - employees	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	_
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	_	_	_	1	1	_
Training policy	Yes	Yes						
Fair remuneration policy	Yes	Yes						
Number of employees – CSR	39,864	49,177	51,143	47,314	44,551	44,101	44,705	44,705
Employee turnover pct	15	14	15	13	16	17	13	_
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	305,452	885,186	767,145	264,958	209,390	260,196	299,524	168,216
Social supply chain management	Yes	Yes						
Governance								
Board size	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	11
No. of independent directors (ID)	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
No. of women on board	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
No. of non-executive directors on board	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes						
No. of board meetings for the year	8	8	6	5	6	7	5	8
Board meeting attendance pct	90	94	89	85	90	92	95	92
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No						
Age of the youngest director	41	42	42	43	44	45	46	47
Age of the oldest director	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	80
No. of executives / company managers	10	10	12	11	12	12	11	11
No. of female executives	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Executive share ownership guidelines	No No	No	No	No.	No.	No	No	No
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Audit committee meetings	23	23	21	14	21	12	5	13
Audit meeting attendance %	_	97	89	93	97	94	100	97
Size of compensation committee	2	2	2	2 2	2	2	2	2
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee	4	3	2	2	2	2	4	3
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Compensation meeting attendance %	100 <b>2</b>	100						
Size of nomination committee								2
No. of nomination committee meetings	4	3	2	100	100	2	4	100
Nomination meeting attendance %	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sustainability governance								

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

# **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodology	1			Rating					
The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ( <u>DJSI</u> ) By S&P Global	process base from the annu	d on the comp al S&P Globa	ransparent, rules-based o panies' Total Sustainabilit Il Corporate Sustainability nies within each industry	ty Scores resulting y Assessment (CSA).	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 bus Candidates m 1) no irregular float of >150 s up capital. So 70%; 2) indep wrongdoing re	siness with tra just pass the p r trading of the shareholders, me key disquipendent directed elated to CG,	asibility in Environmental as insparency in Governance or emptive criteria, with the board members and extended and combined holding malifying criteria include: 1) or and free float violation social & environmental internings in red for > 3 years	e, updated annually. wo crucial conditions: ecutives; and 2) free ust be >15% of paid- ) CG score of below n; 3) executives' npacts; 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 nstitute of Directors Association Thai IOD)	annually by th	ne Thai IOD, w Γ). The results	in sustainable developm with support from the Stoc s are from the perspective	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%).					
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Morningstar Sustainalytics	based on an a	assessment of aged. <i>Sourc</i> es	k rating provides an over f how much of a company to be reviewed include corpo	A company's ES more risk is unn				d risk. The		
	regulatory filings, news and other media, NGO reports/websites, multi-sector information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality & peer reviews.				<b>NEGL</b> 0-10	<b>Low</b> 10-20	Medium 20-30	<b>High</b> 30-40	Severe 40+	
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<u>MSCI</u>			neasure a company's mai						ethodology to	
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	A BBB BB	5.714-7.142 4.286-5.713 2.857-4.285	Average:	a mixed or unexception industry peers	nal track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to					
	B CCC	1.429-2.856 0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry base	ed on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks					
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Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Thai Union Group	TU TB	THB 11.90	BUY	Downside risks to our 2025 TP include 1) a slower-than-expected revenue recovery; 2) 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) a stronger baht than expected.
Charoen Pokphand Foods	CPF TB	THB 21.80	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.
Betagro	BTG TB	THB 17.90	BUY	Downside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected purchasing power recovery; 2) a slower-than-expected meat price increase; 3) a slower-than-expected decrease in feed costs; and 4) a stronger-than-expected THB.
Thai Foods Group	TFG TB	THB 3.26	BUY	Downside and upside risks to our P/E-based TP are 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.
GFPT	GFPT TB	THB 9.30	BUY	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.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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#### Stock ratings

Stock ratings are based on absolute upside or downside, which we define as (target price\* - current price) / current price.

BUY (B). The upside is 10% or more.

HOLD (H). The upside or downside is less than 10%.

REDUCE (R). The downside is 10% or more.

Unless otherwise specified, these recommendations are set with a 12-month horizon. Thus, it is possible that future price volatility may cause a temporary mismatch between upside/downside for a stock based on market price and the formal recommendation.

\* In most cases, the target price will equal the analyst's assessment of the current fair value of the stock. However, if the analyst doesn't think the market will reassess the stock over the specified time horizon due to a lack of events or catalysts, then the target price may differ from fair value. In most cases, therefore, our recommendation is an assessment of the mismatch between current market price and our assessment of current fair value.

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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.

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**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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