EQUITY RESEARCH – ANALYST MEETING

NSL FOODS NSL TB

THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE





TARGET PRICE THB43.00
CLOSE THB27.75
UP/DOWNSIDE +55.0%
TP vs CONSENSUS +9.6%

Key takeaways from analyst meeting

Highlights

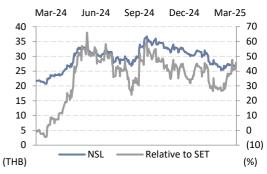
- Management targets 2025 revenue growth of 16-17% y-y to THB6.8b. In the short term, 2MTD total revenue is still growing in line with the target. They also aim to maintain the gross margin and net profit margin at levels not lower than in 2024, which were 20.7% and 9.3%, respectively.
- Key growth drivers should come from 1) the expansion of 7-Eleven outlets; 2) new product launches under customer brands, the NSL brand, and BAW brand; and 3) the food service business, which recently began operating a new factory in Samut Prakan. This facility started producing new products like beef balls, tendon balls, and sundried beef for new customers, Nuatair, as well as other processed products expanding to new clients like Zen, MK, Eat Am Are, Sukishi, Salad Factory, Wine Connection, and various hotels. Currently, food service revenue accounts for 5.2% of total revenue, with significant growth expected this year.
- Inno Foods, a cheese production factory that started operating in 4Q24, reported a slight loss. However, management aims to break even and generate a profit this year, after launching new products for external customers and for NSL itself, which will be used to produce new NSL products. This is expected to increase from 2Q25 onward.
- As for the coconut water/fruit juice export segment, NSL will fully consolidate revenue for the whole year. Management mentioned that the focus will be on expanding export products and managing raw material costs. However, this segment still accounts for a small portion of total revenue, only 2-3%. Going forward, NSL's own products will be sold more through this channel. Recently, Rice Bar has been sent for sale in the UK market.

Comments

- We maintain our 2025E net profit of THB600m, with revenue growth at 14% y-y and a gross margin of 20.3%. Our assumptions are conservative compared to NSL's targets.
- If we follow management's targets, the net profit for 2025 would be cTHB632m (+17% y-y). Meanwhile, the share price is trading at a 2025E P/E ratio of only 14x.

KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	5,839	6,681	7,588	8,547
Net profit	541	600	680	730
EPS (THB)	1.80	2.00	2.27	2.43
vs Consensus (%)	-	15.2	12.1	6.7
EBITDA	825	930	1,059	1,141
Recurring net profit	541	600	680	730
Core EPS (THB)	1.80	2.00	2.27	2.43
EPS growth (%)	62.2	10.8	13.4	7.3
Core P/E (x)	15.4	13.9	12.2	11.4
Dividend yield (%)	3.2	4.1	4.7	5.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.0	8.8	7.6	6.8
Price/book (x)	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.0
Net debt/Equity (%)	(5.2)	(6.6)	(11.8)	(20.9)
ROE (%)	31.4	29.7	29.6	28.1



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	5.7	(11.2)	30.3
Relative to country (%)	12.7	6.7	46.7
Mkt cap (USD m)			247
3m avg. daily turnover (USD n	n)		0.8
Free float (%)			0
Major shareholder	Mr. Somcha	i Asavapiya	non (72%)
12m high/low (THB)		3	7.25/20.50
Issued shares (m)			300.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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Exhibit 1: New products for 7-Eleven in 1Q25

NEW CATEGORY

Drive trendy products to expand the new category base and increase sales opportunities among teenagers and consumers who enjoy new products.

- Chocolate Mochi Tart (30/01/25)
- Roti with Baked Corn and Cheese (06/02/25)





CO-BRANDING

Enhance sales potential through collaboration by expanding the customer base from partners' customers and adding uniqueness to the products.

Chocolate Sandwich Made with KitKat (13/02/25)





HALAL

Develop Halal NPD to expand accessibility for Muslim consumers and drive the communication plan through in-store and online channels to create awareness and boost product sales during the Hari Raya feetival

- Strawberry Cream Cheese Sandwich (24/01/25)
 Ebiko & Tamago Crab Stick with Mayonnaise Sandwich (30/01/25)
- Tuna Salad Bun (13/02/25)







Source: NSL's 2024 presentation

Exhibit 2: 2025 strategic plan for food service business



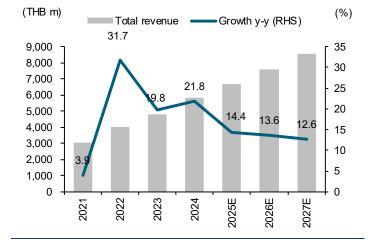
Source: NSL's 2024 presentation

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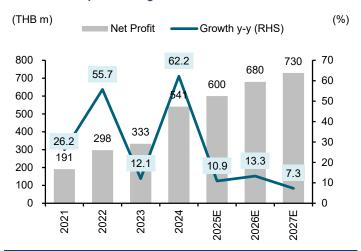
Source: NSL's 2024 presentation

Exhibit 4: Total revenue and growth



Sources: NSL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: Net profit and growth



Sources: NSL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 5: Gross margin and SG&A to sales



Sources: NSL; FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: Historical P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

NSL Foods

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	4,793	5,839	6,681	7,588	8,547
Cost of goods sold	(3,910)	(4,630)	(5,325)	(6,040)	(6,838)
Gross profit	883	1,209	1,356	1,548	1,709
Other operating income	17	26	20	20	21
Operating costs	(462)	(552)	(628)	(721)	(821)
Operating EBITDA	557	825	930	1,059	1,141
Depreciation	(120)	(141)	(181)	(211)	(231)
Goodwill amortisation	Ó	Ó	Ô	Ô	Ó
Operating EBIT	437	684	748	848	909
Net financing costs	(11)	(9)	(11)	(11)	(12)
Associates	-	-	-	-	` -
Recurring non-operating income	(9)	(4)	0	0	0
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before tax	418	671	738	836	897
Tax	(85)	(132)	(140)	(159)	(171)
Profit after tax	332	539	598	677	727
Minority interests	1	2	2	2	3
Preferred dividends	-	-	-	-	_
Other items	-	-	-	-	_
Reported net profit	333	541	600	680	730
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	0	0	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	333	541	600	680	730
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.11	1.80	2.00	2.27	2.43
Reported EPS	1.11	1.80	2.00	2.27	2.43
DPS	0.65	0.90	1.14	1.29	1.39
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	300	300	300	300	300
Growth					
Revenue (%)	19.8	21.8	14.4	13.6	12.6
Operating EBITDA (%)	15.1	48.2	12.6	13.9	7.7
Operating EBIT (%)	14.5	56.5	9.4	13.3	7.3
Recurring EPS (%)	12.1	62.2	10.8	13.4	7.3
Reported EPS (%)	12.1	62.2	10.8	13.4	7.3
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	18.4	20.7	20.3	20.4	20.0
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	20.9	23.1	23.0	23.2	22.7
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	11.6	14.1	13.9	14.0	13.3
Operating EBIT margin (%)	9.1	11.7	11.2	11.2	10.6
Net margin (%)	7.0	9.3	9.0	9.0	8.5
Effective tax rate (%)	20.4	19.6	19.0	19.0	19.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	58.5	49.9	57.0	57.0	57.0
Interest cover (X)	40.2	77.2	71.3	75.7	76.4
Inventory days	26.1	24.2	26.9	29.2	29.2
Debtor days	50.5	51.7	50.2	47.0	47.2
Creditor days	58.2	61.4	61.6	58.5	58.5
Operating ROIC (%)	27.2	38.8	36.3	35.8	36.7
ROIC (%)	21.3	30.8	30.2	31.3	32.2
ROE (%)	22.5	31.4	29.7	29.6	28.1
ROA (%)	14.2	19.6	19.1	19.7	18.7
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted	14.2	19.0	13.1	19.1	10.7
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Bakery and appetizers	4,282	5,035	5,790	6,589	7,420
Food Services	276	307	323	349	383
Snack (NSL brand and BAW)	163	445	512	589	677
OEM & bread wastes	68	39	43	48	52

Sources: NSL Foods; FSSIA estimates

Financial Statements

NSL Foods

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring net profit	333	541	600	680	730
Depreciation	120	141	181	211	231
Associates & minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-cash items	26	19	(13)	0	0
Change in working capital	(36)	(18)	(101)	(57)	(58)
Cash flow from operations	443	683	667	835	904
Capex - maintenance	(200)	(280)	(400)	(300)	(200)
Capex - new investment Net acquisitions & disposals	-	-	-	-	
Other investments (net)	28	(106)	137	(9)	(10)
Cash flow from investing	(172)	(387)	(263)	(309)	(210)
Dividends paid	(180)	(212)	(342)	(387)	(416)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	(410)
Debt finance	(93)	(10)	(50)	5	5
Other financing cash flows	20	19	(7)	9	10
Cash flow from financing	(252)	(203)	(399)	(373)	(401)
Non-recurring cash flows			. ,		` .
Other adjustments	0	29	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	29	(29)	0	0
Movement in cash	19	123	(23)	152	293
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	281.68	305.57	414.87	536.86	705.94
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	198.69	334.18	318.66	539.73	708.63
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.94	1.02	1.38	1.79	2.35
FCFE per share	0.66	1.11	1.06	1.80	2.36
Recurring cash flow per share	1.60	2.34	2.56	2.97	3.20
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	1,896	2,073	2,394	2,562	2,615
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(846)	(914)	(987)	(1,066)	(1,151)
Tangible fixed assets (net)	1,050 47	1,160 44	1,407 44	1,496 44	1,464 44
Intangible fixed assets (net)	214	269	150	150	150
Long-term financial assets Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	6	269	6	6	150
Cash & equivalents	134	257	233	386	678
A/C receivable	732	922	915	1,039	1,172
Inventories	274	320	438	496	562
Other current assets	7	14	3	4	4
Current assets	1,147	1,513	1,590	1,925	2,417
Other assets	36	91	67	76	85
Total assets	2,500	3,077	3,264	3,698	4,167
Common equity	1,560	1,889	2,147	2,439	2,753
Minorities etc.	17	31	18	19	19
Total shareholders' equity	1,576	1,921	2,165	2,458	2,772
Long term debt	14	68	35	40	45
Other long-term liabilities	49	57	67	76	85
Long-term liabilities	64	125	102	116	130
A/C payable	650	861	875	993	1,124
Short term debt	141	89	55	55	55
Other current liabilities	68	82	67	76	85
Current liabilities	859	1,032	997	1,124	1,264
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	2,500	3,077	3,264	3,698	4,167
Net working capital	295	313	414	471	529
Invested capital	1,648	1,878	2,089	2,243	2,279
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being	g treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	5.20	6.30	7.16	8.13	9.18
Tangible book value per share	5.04	6.15	7.01	7.98	9.03
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	1.4	(5.2)	(6.6)	(11.8)	(20.9)
Net debt/total assets (%)	0.9	(3.2)	(4.4)	(7.9)	(13.9)
Current ratio (x)	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9
CF interest cover (x)	19.7	39.0	31.3	49.2	60.5
Valuation	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring P/E (x) *	25.0	15.4	13.9	12.2	11.4
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	38.7	23.8	21.5	19.0	17.7
Reported P/E (x)	25.0	15.4	13.9	12.2	11.4
	2.3	3.2	4.1	4.7	5.0
Dividend yield (%)		4.4	3.9	3.4	3.0
Price/book (x)	5.3				
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x)	5.5	4.5	4.0	3.5	
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x) EV/EBITDA (x) ***	5.5 15.0	10.0	8.8	7.6	6.8
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x)	5.5				3.1 6.8 10.8 3.4

Sources: NSL Foods; FSSIA estimates

NSL FOODS PCL (NSL TB)

FSSIA ESG rating

n/a

Exhibit 8: 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 9: 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	67.71	5.69	4.38	4.05	4.77	4.43	4.02	Medium	57.34	BBB	22.70	60.82	67.31	1.19	35.34
Coverage	66.17	5.16	4.33	3.94	4.81	4.43	3.83	Medium	56.41	BBB	18.92	59.20	65.82	1.38	35.46
ITC	19.10				5.00	4.00	Declared			-					41.92
NSL	n/a														
RBF	43.18			BBB	5.00	4.00	Certified	High	54.77	-		48.11		-	51.39
SNNP	28.89				5.00	5.00	Declared	High		BBB				-	

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

Exhibit 10: ESG disclosure from company's one report

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2023	FY ending Dec 31	FY 2023
Environmental		Governance	
Climate change policy	Yes	Board size / Independent directors (ID) / Female	8/4/2
Climate change opportunities discussed		No. of board meetings for the year / % attendance	6 /100
GHG scope 2 location-based policy	Yes	Company conducts board evaluations	Yes
Biodiversity policy		Number of non-executive directors on board	6
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Director share ownership guidelines	No
Electricity used	Yes	Board age limit	No
Fuel used - crude oil/diesel	Yes	Age of the youngest / oldest director	39 / 71
Waste reduction policy	Yes	Number of executives / female	6 / 1
Water policy	Yes	Executive share ownership guidelines	No
Water consumption	Yes	Size of audit committee / ID	3/3
ocial		Audit committee meetings	5
Human rights policy	Yes	Audit committee meeting attendance (%)	100
Policy against child labor	Yes	Size of compensation committee / ID	/
Quality assurance and recall policy	Yes	Number of compensation committee meetings	
Consumer data protection policy	Yes	Compensation committee meeting attendance (%)	
Equal opportunity policy	Yes	Size of nomination committee / ID	/
Gender pay gap breakout		Number of nomination committee meetings	
Pct women in workforce	53.65	Nomination committee meeting attendance (%)	
Business ethics policy	Yes	Board compensation (THB m)	2.48
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Executive compensation (THB m)	26.6
Health and safety policy	Yes	Auditor fee (THB m)	2.1
Lost time incident rate - employees		(Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Jaiyos Co., Ltd.)	
Training policy	Yes	Total employee (no.)	2,781
Fair remuneration policy	Yes	Employee compensation (THB m)	572.3
Number of employees - CSR	Yes		
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	16,315		
Social supply chain management	Yes		

Source: FSSIA's compilation

Disclaimer for ESG scoring

ESG score	Methodology				Rating				
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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 transpa just pass the preer r trading of the boa shareholders, and me key disqualifyi lendent directors a elated to CG, socia	arency in Governance mptive criteria, with the ard members and exthe combined holding mageriteria include: 1 and free float violational & environmental ir		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.				
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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
18-Jan-2023	BUY	26.00	05-Feb-2024	BUY	26.00	26-Apr-2024	BUY	36.00
18-Oct-2023	BUY	24.00	02-Apr-2024	BUY	30.00	09-Sep-2024	BUY	43.00

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
NSL Foods	NSL TB	THB 27.75	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a slower-than-expected consumption recovery; 2) high volatility in raw material prices; 3) the failure of new products; and 4) changing consumer demand and lifestyles.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE

Stock ratings

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

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

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.

Industry Recommendations

Overweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be positive over the next 12 months.

Neutral. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be maintained over the next 12 months.

Underweight. The analyst expects the fundamental conditions of the sector to be negative over the next 12 months.

Country (Strategy) Recommendations

Overweight (O). Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

Neutral (N). Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on one 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.

Underweight (U). Over the next 12 months, the analyst does not expect the market to score positively on any 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.