

# BERLI JUCKER BJC TB

THAILAND / COMMERCE

## BUY

UNCHANGED

TARGET PRICE	THB23.00
CLOSE	THB19.70
UP/DOWNSIDE	+16.8%
PRIOR TP	THB24.00
CHANGE IN TP	-4.2%
TP vs CONSENSUS	-7.0%

## Bumpy recovery, undemanding P/E

- 2Q25 earnings pressured by revenue and margin declines.
- We cut 2025-27E earnings by c5.8%. We still expect NPAT for 2025 to grow 5% y-y.
- Maintain BUY at our DCF-based TP of THB23.

### Expect 2Q25 core profit to drop 8.8% y-y

We estimate BJC's 2Q25 net profit at THB977m, down 20.4% y-y and 10.5% q-q. Excluding a THB125m forex loss (mainly from medical imports), normalized profit would be THB1,102m, down 8.8% y-y and 12.6% q-q. The expected declines are driven by weaker revenues and softer profitability. Total revenue is expected to fall 2.5% y-y, dragged by three segments: 1) modern trade sales, which could decline due to a SSSG of -3.2% y-y, 2) packaging revenue, which is expected to drop 8.5% y-y from both volume and pricing pressure in the glass and can businesses, and 3) healthcare & technical revenue, which should decline following the Thai-Scandic Steel business (TSS) divestment in 1Q25. These would be partially offset by a 5% y-y growth in the consumer supply chain, led by non-food categories.

### Profitability should weaken following competition in modern trade

GPM in 2Q25 is expected at 20.2%, slightly down from 20.3% in 2Q24, pressured by weakened softline and tourist product sales in modern trade, as well as increased price investment. These factors would offset the positive GPM impact from the Healthcare divestment. GPM in the packaging and consumer segments is anticipated to remain flat y-y. Meanwhile, SG&A-to-sales could rise to 20.8% in 2Q25 from 20.3% in 2Q24. The effective tax rate is projected to remain steady y-y.

### Revise down 2025-27E by c5.8%, NPAT for 2025 to grow 5% y-y.

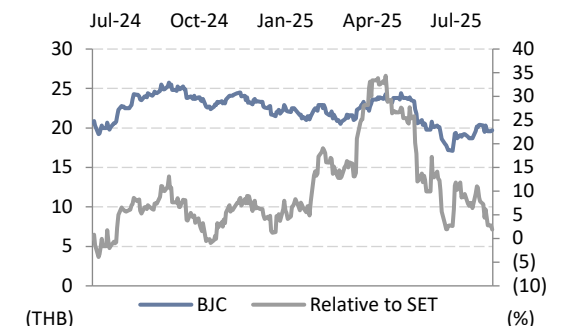
Normalized profit in 1H25E accounts for only 46% of our earnings forecast for 2025, below the 48–50% seen in 1H22–24. MTD SSSG in July is still negative at -1.5% y-y, and we see rising risk from price investment in modern trade during 2H25 amid a softer economy. As a result, we revise down our 2025–27E profit by 5.8%, reflecting lower SSSG and GPM assumptions. We now expect 2025 normalized profit of THB4.8b, up 5% y-y, mainly supported by lower interest expenses.

### Valuations remain intact despite short-term uncertainty

Despite a more cautious outlook for 2H25, valuations remain undemanding at 16x 2025E P/E, in line with the sector's average, and the stock offers a 4.2% yield. As we expect slightly improving 2025 NPAT, we still believe the company will benefit from a sector P/E re-rating. Therefore, we maintain our BUY with a revised DCF-based TP of THB23 (from THB24).

### KEY STOCK DATA

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	170,814	169,369	175,182	180,683
Net profit	4,001	4,585	5,123	5,443
EPS (THB)	1.00	1.14	1.28	1.36
vs Consensus (%)	-	(10.4)	(7.4)	(7.3)
EBITDA	22,292	22,470	23,553	24,796
Recurring net profit	4,610	4,879	5,123	5,443
Core EPS (THB)	1.15	1.22	1.28	1.36
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(5.0)	(4.4)	(4.4)
EPS growth (%)	(2.1)	5.9	5.0	6.2
Core P/E (x)	17.1	16.2	15.4	14.5
Dividend yield (%)	3.6	4.1	4.6	4.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.8	10.6	10.4	10.1
Price/book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Net debt/Equity (%)	123.8	119.3	121.3	122.6
ROE (%)	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.4



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	5.3	(15.1)	(5.3)
Relative to country (%)	(7.0)	(17.6)	0.4
Mkt cap (USD m)	2,432		
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)	2.3		
Free float (%)	25		
Major shareholder	TCC Corporation (74%)		
12m high/low (THB)	25.75/16.50		
Issued shares (m)	4,007.80		

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates


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## Investment thesis

BJC has a good diversified business portfolio ranging from can and glass manufacturing to consumer products. Additionally, the company is the second-largest hypermarket operator in Thailand.

In our opinion, we foresee challenging competition with CPAXT and other retailers amid the slowdown in economic expansion. In addition, the long-term synergy and restructuring (MM Mega Market acquisition and Big C IPO) remain uncertain. Despite a more cautious outlook for 2H25, valuations remain undemanding at 16x 2025E P/E, in line with the sector's average, and the stock offers a 4.2% yield. As we expect slightly improving 2025 NPAT, we still believe the company will benefit from a sector P/E re-rating.

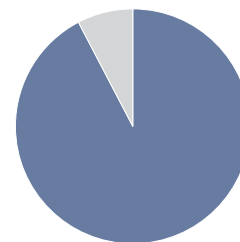
## Company profile

BJC is a fully integrated consumer company with a presence in Thailand and ASEAN. It is part of the TCC group, the largest beverage company in Thailand. Its 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, 2024)

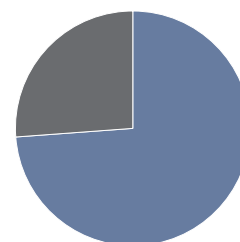
- Sales of goods/services - 92.3 %
- Other income - 7.7 %



Source: Berli Jucker

## Major shareholders

- TCC Corporation - 73.8 %
- Others - 26.2 %



Source: Berli Jucker

## Catalysts

Key potential growth catalysts for BJC in 2025-27 include: 1) better consumer confidence in the nationwide market; 2) a rise in international tourist arrivals; 3) government economic stimulus packages; and 4) a substantial decline in BJC's production costs, such as aluminum, soda ash, cullet, and natural gas.

## Risks to our call

Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a decline in domestic purchasing power; 2) lower-than-expected tourist arrivals; 3) the absence of the government stimulus; 4) higher raw material costs; and 5) intensifying competition pressuring the retail business.

## Event calendar

Date	Event
Aug 2025	2Q25 earnings release

## Key assumptions

	Actual	Current	
	2024	2025E	2026E
Revenue growth (%)	1.7	(0.8)	3.4
- Packaging (%)	1.4	(7.5)	5.5
- Consumer (%)	1.3	4.5	3.0
- Healthcare (%)	2.2	(3.2)	2.5
- Modern retailing (Big C) (%)	2.4	0.3	3.4
Gross margin (%)	20.3	20.3	20.4
- Packaging (%)	21.6	22.3	22.3
- Consumer (%)	19.6	19.5	19.6
- Healthcare (%)	31.2	34.2	34.3
- Modern retailing (Big C) (%)	18.5	18.2	18.3
SG&A to sales (%)	20.4	20.3	20.2

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 2.5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A to revenue, we estimate 2025 EPS would fall 2.5%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 1: BJC – 2Q25 earnings preview

YE Dec 31	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25E	Change	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>41,868</b>	<b>43,044</b>	<b>41,757</b>	<b>44,145</b>	<b>41,595</b>	<b>41,954</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>(2.5)</b>
Sales revenue	38,633	39,739	38,534	40,821	38,500	38,749	0.6	(2.5)
Cost of sales	(30,924)	(31,679)	(30,923)	(32,237)	(30,659)	(30,934)	0.9	(2.4)
Gross profit from sales	7,710	8,060	7,610	8,584	7,841	7,816	(0.3)	(3.0)
Other income	3,235	3,305	3,223	3,324	3,095	3,205	3.6	(3.0)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>10,944</b>	<b>11,365</b>	<b>10,833</b>	<b>11,907</b>	<b>10,936</b>	<b>11,021</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>(3.0)</b>
Operating costs	(7,817)	(8,070)	(8,029)	(8,157)	(7,730)	(8,044)	4.1	(0.3)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>3,751</b>	<b>3,206</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>(7.1)</b>	<b>(9.7)</b>
interest income	11	15	18	23	14	14	0.0	(8.4)
Interest expense	(1,427)	(1,433)	(1,419)	(1,391)	(1,336)	(1,336)	0.0	(6.7)
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>(12.1)</b>	<b>(11.9)</b>
Tax	(439)	(411)	(315)	(527)	(417)	(372)	(10.7)	(9.5)
Equity income	(45)	18	2	(59)	2	28	1,223.8	56.6
Minority interests	(221)	(276)	(208)	(284)	(208)	(208)	0.0	(24.6)
Non-recurring items	(578)	20	(181)	131	(169)	(125)	(26.2)	(726.8)
<b>Reported net profit</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>(10.5)</b>	<b>(20.4)</b>
<b>Recurring profit</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>(12.6)</b>	<b>(8.8)</b>
EPS (THB)	0.11	0.31	0.17	0.41	0.27	0.24	(10.5)	(20.4)
Recurring EPS (THB)	0.25	0.30	0.22	0.38	0.31	0.27	(12.6)	(8.8)
<b>Key Ratios</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>	<b>(ppt)</b>
Gross margin from sales	20.0	20.3	19.7	21.0	20.4	20.2	(0.2)	(0.1)
Operating margin	8.1	8.3	7.3	9.2	8.3	7.7	(0.6)	(0.6)
Net margin	1.1	3.1	1.8	4.0	2.8	2.5	(0.3)	(0.6)
Recurring net margin	2.6	3.0	2.3	3.7	3.3	2.8	(0.4)	(0.2)
SG&A / Sales	20.2	20.3	20.8	20.0	20.1	20.8	0.7	0.4
Effective tax rate	25.7	21.9	22.4	22.1	22.1	22.5	0.4	0.6
SSSG (%)	0.1	(1.9)	0.03	2.2	2.1	(3.2)		

Sources: BJC, FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 2: Earnings revision for 2025-27E

	Current			Previous			% Change		
	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Revenue growth	(0.8)	3.4	3.1	0.6	3.4	3.1	(1.4)	(0.0)	(0.0)
- Packaging	(7.5)	5.5	3.0	(5.0)	5.5	3.0	(2.5)	0.0	0.0
- Consumer	4.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
- Healthcare	(3.2)	2.5	3.0	(3.2)	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Modern retailing (Big C)	0.3	3.4	3.3	2.4	3.4	3.3	(2.0)	0.0	(0.0)
Gross margin	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.6	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
- Packaging	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Consumer	19.5	19.6	19.7	19.7	19.8	19.9	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
- Healthcare	34.2	34.3	34.4	34.2	34.3	34.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Modern retailing (Big C)	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.5	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
SG&A to sales	20.3	20.2	20.2	20.2	20.1	20.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Earnings (THB m)	4,585	5,123	5,443	4,968	5,358	5,691	(7.7)	(4.4)	(4.4)
Core earnings (THB m)	4,879	5,123	5,443	5,137	5,358	5,691	(5.0)	(4.4)	(4.4)

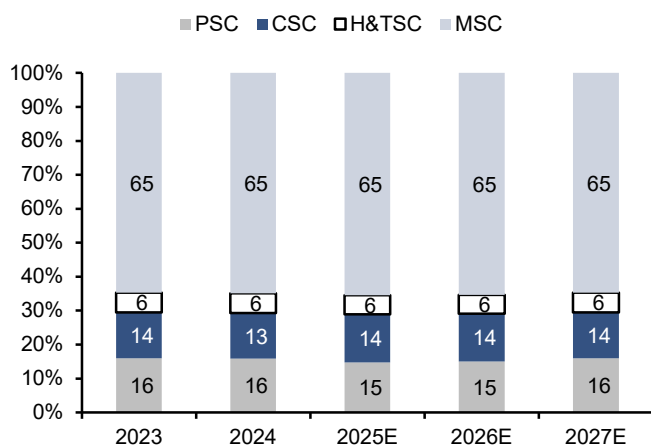
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## Exhibit 3: DCF-derived TP

DCF-derived TP	(%)	(THB b)
Discount rate (WACC)	7.8%	
Terminal growth	1.5%	
NPV		101
Add: terminal value		154
Sum of PV		254
Add: investment		0
Less: Net debt		153
Less: minorities		7
Residual ordinary equity		94
No. of shares (m)		4,008
<b>Residual ordinary equity (THB/share)</b>		<b>23.0</b>

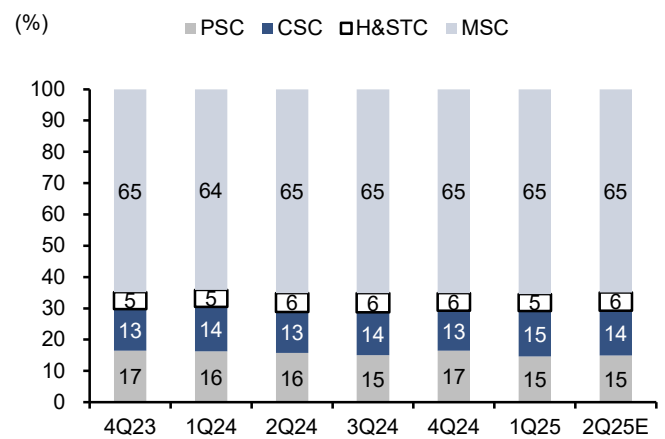
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## Exhibit 4: BJC's yearly sales breakdown



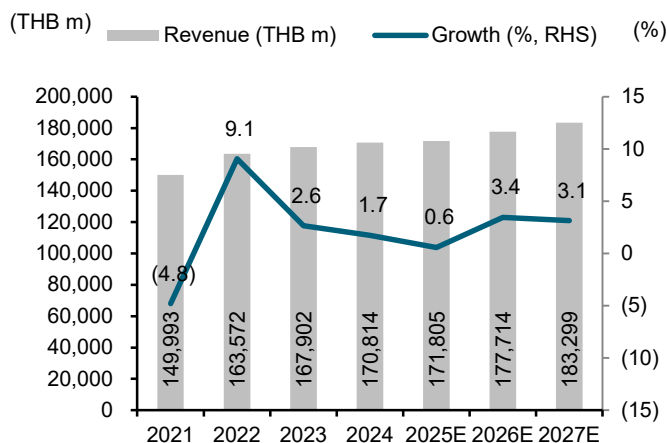
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## Exhibit 5: BJC's quarterly sales breakdown



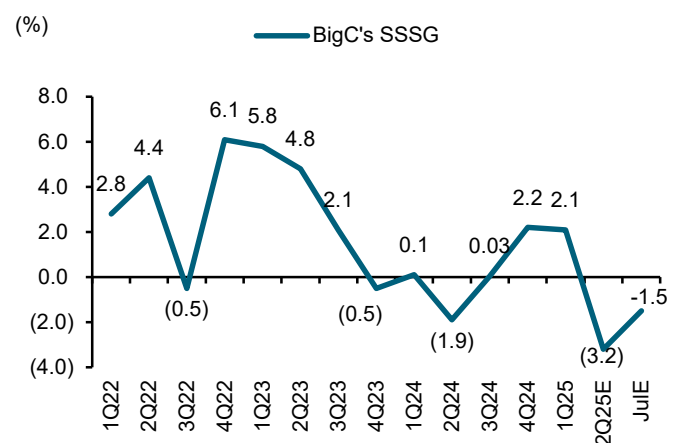
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## Exhibit 6: Revenue and growth



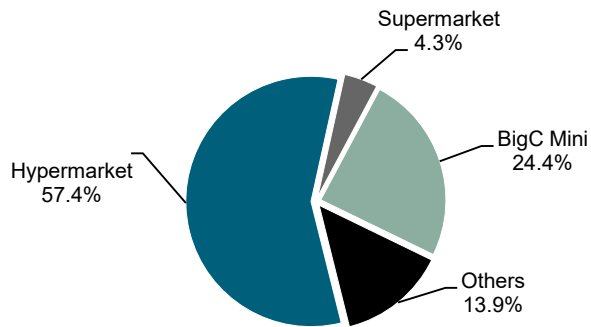
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## Exhibit 7: Big C's SSSG momentum



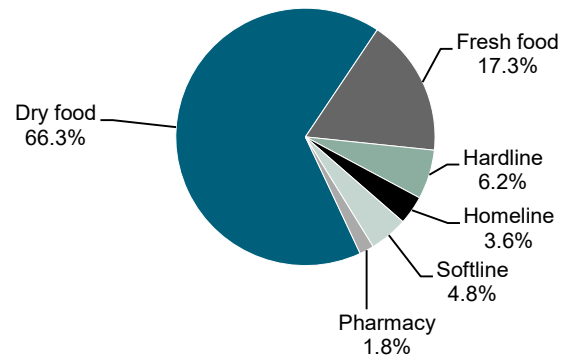
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Exhibit 8: Big C's sales breakdown by format



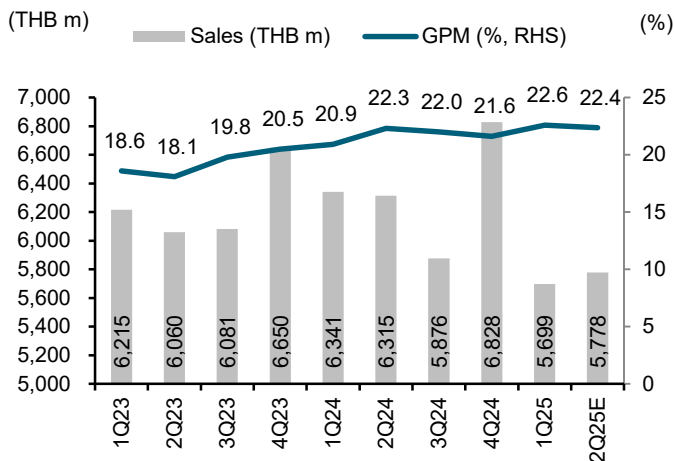
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Exhibit 9: Big C's sales breakdown by product



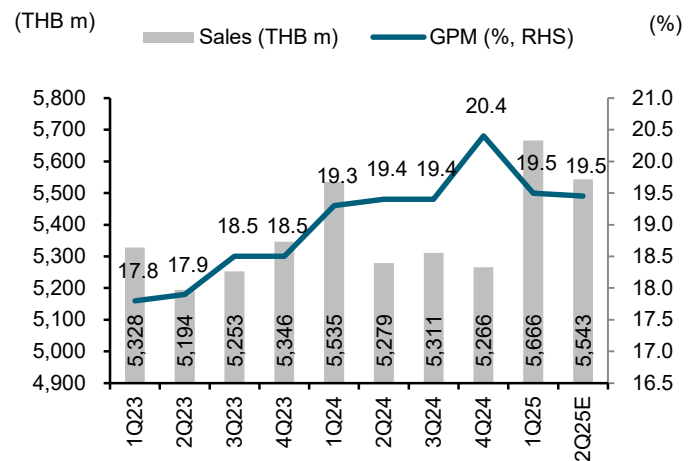
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Exhibit 10: Packaging business sales and GPM



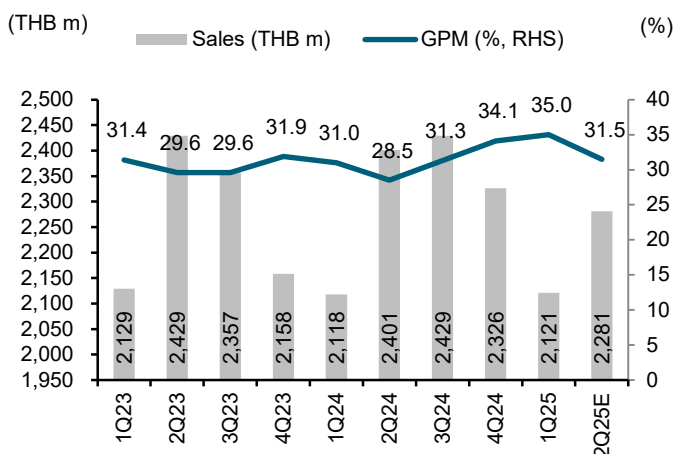
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Exhibit 11: Consumer business sales and GPM



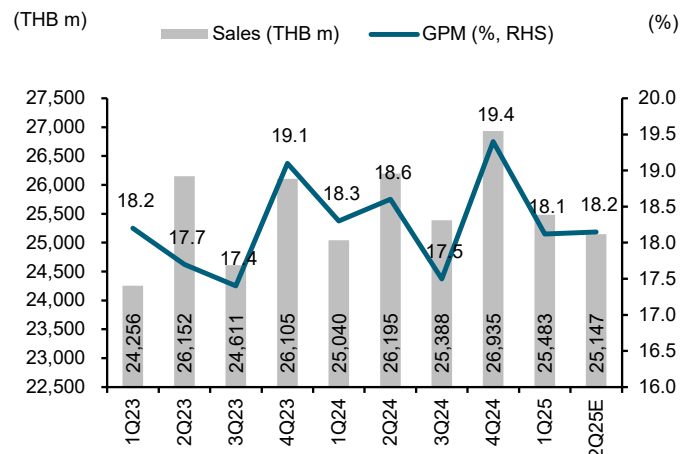
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Exhibit 12: Healthcare and technical business sales and GPM



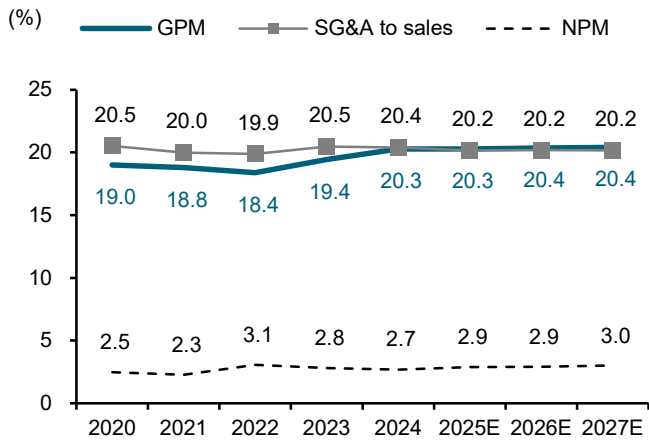
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Exhibit 13: Modern trade business sales and GPM



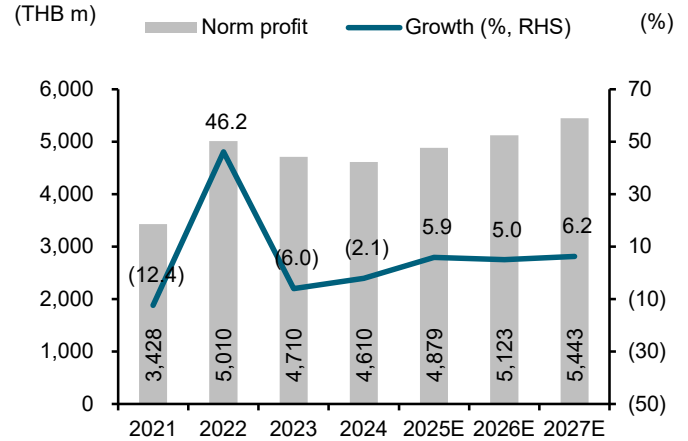
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Exhibit 14: BJC's operating margins



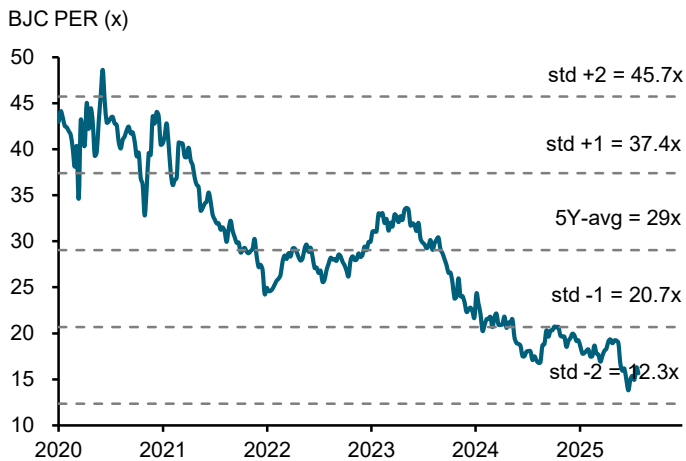
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Exhibit 15: BJC's norm profit and growth



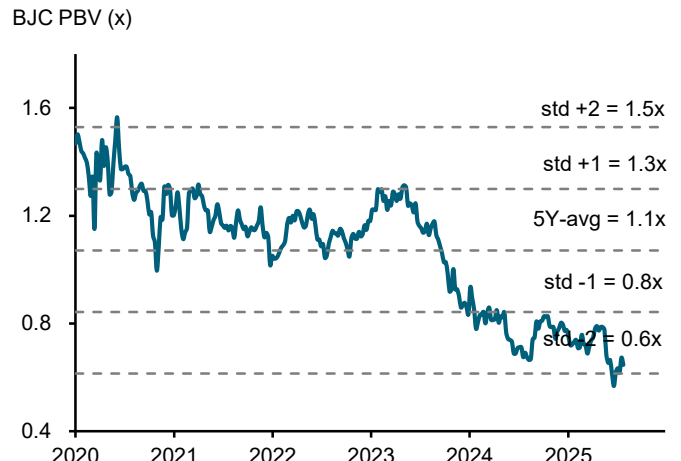
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Exhibit 16: Rolling one-year forward P/E band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 17: Rolling one-year forward P/BV band



Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 18: Peers' valuation as of 29 July 2025

Company	BBG	Rec	Share price			PE		ROE		PBV		EV/ EBITDA	
			Current	Target	Upside	25E	26E	25E	26E	25E	26E	25E	26E
			(LCY)	(LCY)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)
CP All	CPALL TB	BUY	47.25	65.00	38	14.9	13.7	21.2	20.8	3.2	2.9	15.5	14.9
CP Aextra	CPAXT TB	BUY	20.30	23.00	13	18.3	16.9	3.9	4.1	0.7	0.7	7.5	6.6
Berli Jucker	BJC TB	BUY	19.70	23.00	17	16.2	15.4	4.1	4.2	0.7	0.6	10.6	10.4
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	BUY	21.40	26.00	21	15.2	14.0	11.9	12.0	1.7	1.6	7.6	7.3
<b>Average</b>						<b>16.1</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>9.8</b>

Sources: Bloomberg, FSSIA estimates

## Financial Statements

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Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	167,902	170,814	169,369	175,182	180,683
Cost of goods sold	(124,628)	(125,764)	(125,044)	(129,368)	(133,448)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>43,274</b>	<b>45,050</b>	<b>44,325</b>	<b>45,814</b>	<b>47,236</b>
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Operating costs	(31,650)	(32,146)	(31,611)	(32,810)	(33,822)
<b>Operating EBITDA</b>	<b>20,608</b>	<b>22,292</b>	<b>22,470</b>	<b>23,553</b>	<b>24,796</b>
Depreciation	(8,984)	(9,389)	(9,756)	(10,549)	(11,383)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Operating EBIT</b>	<b>11,624</b>	<b>12,904</b>	<b>12,714</b>	<b>13,003</b>	<b>13,413</b>
Net financing costs	(5,295)	(5,603)	(5,203)	(5,177)	(5,208)
Associates	(200)	(84)	(21)	(11)	0
Recurring non-operating income	(200)	(84)	(21)	(11)	0
Non-recurring items	85	(608)	(294)	0	0
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>6,214</b>	<b>6,609</b>	<b>7,195</b>	<b>7,816</b>	<b>8,205</b>
Tax	(503)	(1,618)	(1,592)	(1,644)	(1,682)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>4,990</b>	<b>5,604</b>	<b>6,172</b>	<b>6,523</b>
Minority interests	(917)	(989)	(1,018)	(1,049)	(1,080)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Reported net profit</b>	<b>4,795</b>	<b>4,001</b>	<b>4,585</b>	<b>5,123</b>	<b>5,443</b>
<b>Non-recurring items &amp; goodwill (net)</b>	<b>(85)</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Recurring net profit</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>4,879</b>	<b>5,123</b>	<b>5,443</b>
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Recurring EPS *	1.18	1.15	1.22	1.28	1.36
Reported EPS	1.20	1.00	1.14	1.28	1.36
DPS	0.80	0.71	0.81	0.91	0.97
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	4,008	4,008	4,008	4,008	4,008
<b>Growth</b>					
Revenue (%)	2.6	1.7	(0.8)	3.4	3.1
Operating EBITDA (%)	3.1	8.2	0.8	4.8	5.3
Operating EBIT (%)	5.9	11.0	(1.5)	2.3	3.2
Recurring EPS (%)	(6.0)	(2.1)	5.9	5.0	6.2
Reported EPS (%)	(4.3)	(16.5)	14.6	11.7	6.2
<b>Operating performance</b>					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	25.8	26.4	26.2	26.2	26.1
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	31.1	31.9	31.9	32.2	32.4
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.3	13.1	13.3	13.4	13.7
Operating EBIT margin (%)	6.9	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.4
Net margin (%)	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.0
Effective tax rate (%)	7.9	22.2	21.5	21.0	20.5
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	68.1	61.7	66.8	71.1	71.1
Interest cover (X)	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6
Inventory days	73.7	69.1	68.5	67.4	67.8
Debtor days	41.3	41.5	41.8	41.0	41.0
Creditor days	105.0	104.7	106.7	105.1	105.6
Operating ROIC (%)	15.1	14.2	14.2	14.6	15.2
ROIC (%)	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5
ROE (%)	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.4
ROA (%)	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1

\* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted

Revenue by Division (THB m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales of goods/services	154,672	157,727	156,837	162,437	167,664
Other income	13,230	13,086	12,532	12,744	13,019

Sources: Berli Jucker; FSSIA estimates



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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring net profit	4,710	4,610	4,879	5,123	5,443
Depreciation	8,984	9,389	9,756	10,549	11,383
Associates & minorities	(544)	(1,016)	0	0	0
Other non-cash items	1,144	1,232	796	1,122	1,078
Change in working capital	1,559	1,420	126	(246)	(208)
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>15,853</b>	<b>15,634</b>	<b>15,557</b>	<b>16,549</b>	<b>17,695</b>
Capex - maintenance	(10,683)	(10,430)	(9,713)	(10,198)	(10,708)
Capex - new investment	0	0	0	0	0
Net acquisitions & disposals	(2,694)	4,009	1,292	(7,377)	(7,001)
Other investments (net)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cash flow from investing</b>	<b>(13,377)</b>	<b>(6,421)</b>	<b>(8,421)</b>	<b>(17,575)</b>	<b>(17,709)</b>
Dividends paid	(3,206)	(2,846)	(3,261)	(3,643)	(3,871)
Equity finance	(215)	(822)	(452)	(452)	(452)
Debt finance	1,639	(5,258)	(3,423)	5,121	4,336
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cash flow from financing</b>	<b>(1,782)</b>	<b>(8,926)</b>	<b>(7,136)</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>14</b>
Non-recurring cash flows	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net other adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Movement in cash</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	7,814.37	14,882.22	12,416.64	4,202.84	5,245.73
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	4,115.69	3,954.43	3,712.72	4,095.28	4,322.49
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
FCFF per share	1.95	3.71	3.10	1.05	1.31
FCFE per share	1.03	0.99	0.93	1.02	1.08
Recurring cash flow per share	3.57	3.55	3.85	4.19	4.47
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Tangible fixed assets (gross)	111,435	116,368	126,081	136,279	146,987
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(48,581)	(52,332)	(61,942)	(72,341)	(83,570)
<b>Tangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>62,854</b>	<b>64,037</b>	<b>64,139</b>	<b>63,937</b>	<b>63,417</b>
<b>Intangible fixed assets (net)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	0
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	2,774	2,630	2,730	2,830	2,930
Cash & equivalents	4,857	5,144	5,144	5,144	5,144
A/C receivable	19,377	19,490	19,325	19,989	20,616
Inventories	22,338	21,701	21,577	22,323	23,027
Other current assets	843	759	755	771	787
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>47,416</b>	<b>47,094</b>	<b>46,801</b>	<b>48,226</b>	<b>49,574</b>
Other assets	225,926	223,252	221,364	228,961	236,151
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>338,970</b>	<b>337,012</b>	<b>335,034</b>	<b>343,955</b>	<b>352,072</b>
Common equity	119,665	119,999	120,872	121,900	123,020
Minorities etc.	6,230	6,203	7,221	8,270	9,350
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>125,896</b>	<b>126,202</b>	<b>128,093</b>	<b>130,170</b>	<b>132,371</b>
Long term debt	129,749	128,320	121,101	130,259	135,123
Other long-term liabilities	11,880	13,856	13,681	14,151	14,595
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>141,629</b>	<b>142,176</b>	<b>134,782</b>	<b>144,410</b>	<b>149,718</b>
A/C payable	32,947	33,810	33,616	34,779	35,876
Short term debt	36,870	33,042	36,837	32,800	32,272
Other current liabilities	1,628	1,783	1,705	1,796	1,835
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>71,445</b>	<b>68,634</b>	<b>72,158</b>	<b>69,375</b>	<b>69,984</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>338,970</b>	<b>337,012</b>	<b>335,034</b>	<b>343,955</b>	<b>352,072</b>
Net working capital	7,984	6,357	6,336	6,508	6,719
Invested capital	299,538	296,276	294,569	302,236	309,217
* Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is being treated as debt					
<b>Per share (THB)</b>					
Book value per share	29.86	29.94	30.16	30.42	30.70
Tangible book value per share	29.86	29.94	30.16	30.42	30.70
<b>Financial strength</b>					
Net debt/equity (%)	128.5	123.8	119.3	121.3	122.6
Net debt/total assets (%)	47.7	46.4	45.6	45.9	46.1
Current ratio (x)	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
CF interest cover (x)	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8
Valuation	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
<b>Recurring P/E (x) *</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b>Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>16.9</b>
Reported P/E (x)	16.5	19.7	17.2	15.4	14.5
Dividend yield (%)	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.6	4.9
Price/book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Price/tangible book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA (x) **	12.0	10.8	10.6	10.4	10.1
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	12.6	11.4	11.2	11.0	10.6
EV/invested capital (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	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



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## FSSIA ESG rating



### Exhibit 19: FSSIA ESG score implication

**79.24 /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 20: 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	79.24	Y	Y	AA	5.00	4.00	--	Medium	72.74	AA	--	59.67	92.00	4.32	61.31
CPALL	75.48	Y	Y	AAA	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	67.76	A	34.00	64.69	88.00	--	--
CPAXT	53.49	--	Y	AA	5.00	5.00	Certified	--	--	BBB	--	--	84.00	3.90	67.20
CRC	74.92	--	Y	AA	5.00	5.00	Certified	Low	67.96	BBB	--	65.58	84.00	5.15	58.56

 Sources: [SETTRADE.com](https://www.settrade.com); FSSIA's compilation

### Exhibit 21: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>2.64</b>	<b>2.59</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>4.32</b>
BESG environmental pillar score	0.69	0.76	0.73	0.77	2.37	2.05	1.88	1.42
BESG social pillar score	0.16	1.08	1.11	1.25	2.34	2.34	2.71	6.99
BESG governance pillar score	3.19	3.48	3.54	3.42	3.48	3.62	3.61	3.81
<b>ESG disclosure score</b>	<b>30.47</b>	<b>43.34</b>	<b>48.52</b>	<b>50.41</b>	<b>62.23</b>	<b>61.10</b>	<b>59.71</b>	<b>61.31</b>
Environmental disclosure score	0.91	9.15	24.71	30.38	50.20	44.85	44.85	44.85
Social disclosure score	9.22	33.34	33.34	33.34	42.74	44.71	40.54	45.34
Governance disclosure score	81.10	87.36	87.36	87.36	93.62	93.62	93.62	93.62
<b>Environmental</b>								
Emissions reduction initiatives	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHG scope 1	—	357	466	483	417	503	660	623
GHG scope 2 location-based	—	699	699	715	603	616	617	607
GHG Scope 3	—	—	—	—	—	292	6,837	7,735
Carbon per unit of production	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Biodiversity policy	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	—	—	2,978	3,108	3,303	2,903	1,273	1,228
Renewable energy use	—	0	2	24	42	53	58	68
Electricity used	—	—	1,423	1,485	1,207	1,322	1,273	1,228
Fuel used - natural gas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

**Exhibit 22: ESG score by Bloomberg (cont.)**

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
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	76
Waste recycled	—	—	37	37	33	20	28	28
Waste sent to landfills	—	—	—	94	39	74	54	42
Environmental supply chain management	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water consumption	—	—	2,380	3,106	4,550	3,840	4,150	4,250
<b>Social</b>								
Human rights policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Policy against child labor	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality assurance and recall policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Consumer data protection policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equal opportunity policy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender pay gap breakout	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pct women in workforce	—	56	57	59	60	61	60	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	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	Yes
Number of employees – CSR	10,597	37,954	40,294	40,491	35,400	37,980	42,405	45,373
Employee turnover pct	—	66	73	69	62	48	45	31
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	4,264,250
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Governance</b>								
<b>Board size</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>No. of independent directors (ID)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
No. of women on board	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4
No. of non-executive directors on board	12	13	13	13	13	14	14	13
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No. of board meetings for the year	30	6	6	5	6	6	4	5
Board meeting attendance pct	89	93	96	97	99	99	99	98
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	39	41	42	43	45	46	46	47
Age of the oldest director	74	74	76	77	78	79	79	80
<b>No. of executives / company managers</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
No. of female executives	2	1	1	1	1	5	5	4
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Size of audit committee</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Audit committee meetings	8	7	5	5	5	8	6	6
Audit meeting attendance %	95	100	93	100	100	90	100	100
<b>Size of compensation committee</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
No. of ID on compensation committee	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
No. of compensation committee meetings	5	4	2	3	3	3	3	3
Compensation meeting attendance %	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Size of nomination committee</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
No. of nomination committee meetings	5	4	2	3	3	3	3	3
Nomination meeting attendance %	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Sustainability governance</b>								
Verification type	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

## Disclaimer for ESG scoring

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 <b>SETESG inclusion</b> , 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. <b>SETESG Index</b> 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&amp;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.																				
Morningstar Sustainalytics	The Sustainalytics' ESG risk rating provides an overall company score based on an assessment of how much of a company's exposure to ESG risk is unmanaged. <i>Sources to be reviewed include corporate publications and regulatory filings, news and other media, NGO reports/websites, multi-sector information, company feedback, ESG controversies, issuer feedback on draft ESG reports, and quality &amp; peer reviews.</i>	A company's ESG risk rating score is the sum of unmanaged risk. The more risk is unmanaged, the higher ESG risk is scored. <table><tr><th>NEGL</th><th>Low</th><th>Medium</th><th>High</th><th>Severe</th></tr><tr><td>0-10</td><td>10-20</td><td>20-30</td><td>30-40</td><td>40+</td></tr></table>	NEGL	Low	Medium	High	Severe	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+										
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ESG Book	The ESG score identifies sustainable companies that are better positioned to outperform over the long term. The methodology considers the principle of financial materiality including information that significantly helps explain future risk-adjusted performance. Materiality is applied by over-weighting features with higher materiality and rebalancing these weights on a rolling quarterly basis.	The total ESG score is calculated as a weighted sum of the features scores using materiality-based weights. The score is scaled between 0 and 100 with higher scores indicating better performance.																				
MSCI	MSCI ESG ratings aim to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. It uses a rules-based methodology to identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers. <table><tr><td>AAA</td><td>8.571-10.000</td><td rowspan="3">Leader:</td><td rowspan="3">leading its industry in managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities</td></tr><tr><td>AA</td><td>7.143-8.570</td></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>5.714-7.142</td></tr><tr><td>BBB</td><td>4.286-5.713</td><td rowspan="3">Average:</td><td rowspan="3">a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers</td></tr><tr><td>BB</td><td>2.857-4.285</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>1.429-2.856</td></tr><tr><td>CCC</td><td>0.000-1.428</td><td>Laggard:</td><td>lagging its industry based on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks</td></tr></table>		AAA	8.571-10.000	Leader:	leading its industry in managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities	AA	7.143-8.570	A	5.714-7.142	BBB	4.286-5.713	Average:	a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers	BB	2.857-4.285	B	1.429-2.856	CCC	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry based on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks
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BBB	4.286-5.713	Average:	a mixed or unexceptional track record of managing the most significant ESG risks and opportunities relative to industry peers																			
BB	2.857-4.285																					
B	1.429-2.856																					
CCC	0.000-1.428	Laggard:	lagging its industry based on its high exposure and failure to manage significant ESG risks																			
Moody's ESG solutions	Moody's assesses the degree to which companies take into account ESG objectives in the definition and implementation of their strategy policies. It believes that a company integrating ESG factors into its business model and relatively outperforming its peers is better positioned to mitigate risks and create sustainable value for shareholders over the medium to long term.																					
Refinitiv ESG rating	Designed to transparently and objectively measure a company's relative ESG performance, commitment and effectiveness across 10 main themes, based on publicly available and auditable data. The score ranges from 0 to 100 on relative ESG performance and insufficient degree of transparency in reporting material ESG data publicly. <i>(Score ratings are 0 to 25 = poor; &gt;25 to 50 = satisfactory; &gt;50 to 75 = good; and &gt;75 to 100 = excellent.)</i>																					
S&P Global	The S&P Global ESG Score is a relative score measuring a company's performance on and management of ESG risks, opportunities, and impacts compared to its peers within the same industry classification. The score ranges from 0 to 100.																					
Bloomberg	ESG Score	Bloomberg score evaluating the company's aggregated Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance. The score is based on Bloomberg's view of ESG financial materiality. The score is a weighted generalized mean (power mean) of Pillar Scores, where the weights are determined by the pillar priority ranking. Values range from 0 to 10; 10 is the best.																				
Bloomberg	ESG Disclosure Score	Disclosure of a company's ESG used for Bloomberg ESG score. The score ranges from 0 for none to 100 for disclosure of every data point, measuring the amount of ESG data reported publicly, and not the performance on any data point.																				

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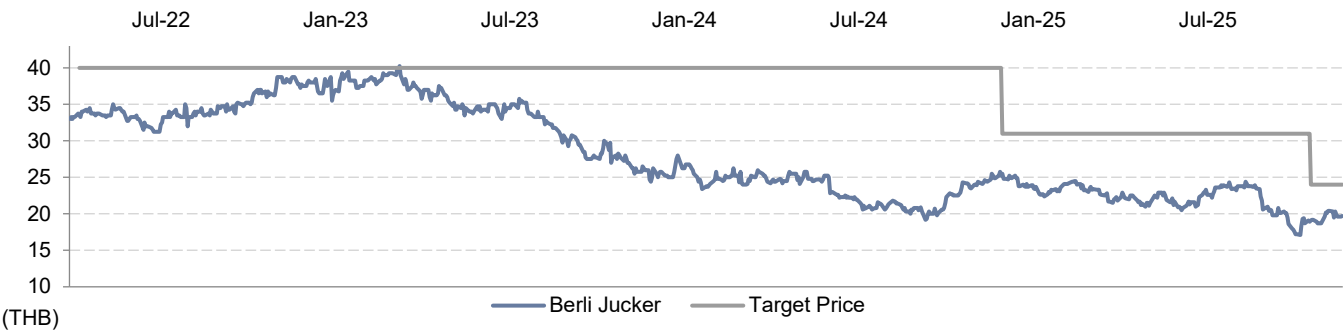
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History of change in investment rating and/or target price

Berli Jucker (BJC TB)



Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
08-Aug-2022	BUY	40.00	09-Oct-2024	BUY	31.00	01-Jul-2025	BUY	24.00

Kampon Akaravarinchai started covering this stock from 01-Jul-2025

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Berli Jucker	BJC TB	THB 19.70	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a decline in domestic purchasing power; 2) lower-than-expected tourist arrivals; 3) the absence of the government stimulus; 4) higher raw material costs; and 5) intensifying competition pressuring the retail business.

Source: FSSIA estimates

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## RECOMMENDATION STRUCTURE

### Stock ratings

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

**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.