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# CENTRAL RETAIL CORP

THAILAND / COMMERCE

# **CRC TB**

# Long-term outlook remains resilient

- ผันผวนระยะสั้น แต่ระยะยาวยังเป็นบวก
- ปรับลดคาดการณ์กำไรปี 2025-27E ราว 8.2% คาดกำไรปกติ 2025 ลดลง 9.5% y-y
   แต่จะกลับมาเติบโต 6.4% y-y ในปี 2026
- คงคำแนะนำซื้อ ราคาเป้าหมายแบบ DCF ที่ 24.5 บาท

### กำไรระยะสั้นยังผันผวน

ประเมินโมเมนตัมระยะสั้น CRC จะยังคงเผชิญแรงกดดันต่อเนื่อง จาก SSS ที่อ่อนตัว และการ ขาดทุนจากธุรกิจ Go Wholesales ที่มากขึ้น โดย SSS ในช่วง ก.ค.–ส.ค. 2025 ยังลดลง 5% y-y (เทียบกับ -6% y-y ใน 2Q25) ทั้งนี้ หากไม่รวมผลกระทบ FX คาด SSSG จะลดลงราว 2-3% y-y โดยแรงกดดันหลักมาจากธุรกิจแฟชั่นและเครื่องใช้ไฟฟ้าที่ SSS ยังอ่อนตัว y-y เบื้องดันคาดกำไร 3Q25 จะยังคงลดลง y-y จากโมเมนตัม SSS ที่เป็นลบ

#### เชิงบวกต่อการพัฒนาธุรกิจในเวียดนาม

เรายังคงมุมมองบวกต่อการพัฒนาธุรกิจในระยะยาวของบริษัท ผู้บริหาร guide อยู่ระหว่าง เตรียมแผนขยาย 3 ปี เราคาดว่าจะเห็นการเร่งขยายสาขามากขึ้น โดยเฉพาะในเวียดนาม ขณะที่อีกพัฒนาการเชิงบวก คือ CRC มีการขยายร้านในรูปแบบใหม่มากขึ้นในเวียดนาม เช่น HOKA และ Dyson ภายใต้ CMG Vietnam ซึ่งน่าจะช่วยเสริม market experience ที่มากขึ้น Looking forward ปัจจัยหนุนสำคัญของการขยายระยะยาวมาจากการปฏิรูปประเทศเวียดนาม เช่น การลดจังหวัดจาก 63 เหลือ 34 จังหวัด ซึ่งน่าจะช่วยหนุน room ในการเพิ่ม urbanization rate สูงขึ้นในระยะยาว ปัจจุบันเวียดนามมี urbanization rate อยู่ที่ 40.2% ซึ่งยังมีช่องว่าง ตามหลังไทยที่ 54.3% ในปี 2024

#### ปรับลดคาดการณ์กำไรปี 2025-27E ราว 8.2%

จากกำไร 1H25 ที่ลดลง 7.8% และ SSS ใน 3Q25 ยังอ่อนตัว y-y เราจึงมีการปรับลด ประมาณการกำไรปี 2025–27E ลง 7.1%, 8.6% และ 8.9% ตามลำดับ เพื่อสะท้อน SSS ที่ อ่อนตัวกว่าคาด โดยประเมินกำไรปี 2025 จะลดลง 9.5% y-y แต่จะกลับมาเดิบโต 6.4% y-y ในปี 2026 จากการฟื้นตัวของ SSS และผลขาดทุนส่วนเพิ่มจาก Go Wholesales ที่จะเข้ามา ช้าลง

## คงคำแนะนำซื้อ CRC เพื่อโอกาสผลตอบแทนระยะยาว

แม้ประเมิน CRC จะยังเผชิญแรงกดดันระยะสั้นจากเศรษฐกิจชะลอตัว และผลกระทบจากการ ขยายธุรกิจใหม่ แต่เรายังคงมุมมองบวกต่อศักยภาพระยะยาวของบริษัท ราคาเป้าหมายใหม่อิง DCF (WACC 7.2%, terminal growth 2.0%) อยู่ที่ 24.5 ลดลงจากเดิมที่ 26 คงคำแนะนำซื้อ

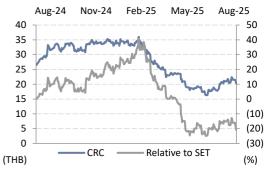
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UNCHANGE

TARGET PRICE THB24.50
CLOSE THB20.40
UP/DOWNSIDE +20.1%
PRIOR TP THB26.00
CHANGE IN TP -5.8%
TP vs CONSENSUS +8.6%

### **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	262,542	262,571	274,016	286,282
Net profit	8,136	7,582	8,423	9,397
EPS (THB)	1.35	1.26	1.40	1.56
vs Consensus (%)	-	(10.8)	(10.3)	(8.6)
EBITDA	34,506	32,794	33,506	34,932
Recurring net profit	8,742	7,915	8,423	9,397
Core EPS (THB)	1.45	1.31	1.40	1.56
Chg. In EPS est. (%)	-	(7.1)	(8.6)	(8.9)
EPS growth (%)	11.1	(9.5)	6.4	11.6
Core P/E (x)	14.1	15.5	14.6	13.1
Dividend yield (%)	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.0
Price/book (x)	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
Net debt/Equity (%)	182.1	159.4	144.5	130.9
ROE (%)	12.9	11.1	11.1	11.6



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	9.7	4.1	(21.5)
Relative to country (%)	0.5	(1.8)	(20.1)
Mkt cap (USD m)			3,799
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			16.2
Free float (%)			58
Major shareholder	Ch	nirathivat fa	mily (67%)
12m high/low (THB)		3	6.00/15.80
Issued shares (m)			6,031.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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#### Investment thesis

CRC is a leading multi-category (fashion/hardline/food) and well-diversified retail empire in Thailand, Italy, and Vietnam. The online sales channel accounted for 20% of total sales in 2024, up from 3% in 2019, reflecting CRC's successful integration into customers' shopping behavior.

We foresee challenges for CRC from online players, especially through price competition in hardline (Thai Watsadu and TWD) and softline products (Robinson and RBS). However, both formats have their strengths. Although the hardline market is more competitive, we believe TWD will continue to benefit from the expansion of the modern trade sector. RBS also maintains a strong competitive moat through its leased retail areas, supporting sustained foot traffic. Undeniably, CRC's existing presence in the Vietnamese market presents tremendous opportunities for long-term growth.

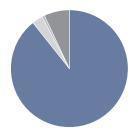
## Company profile

Established in 1947 by the Chirathivat family, CRC is a multi-category retailer. It operates multi-store formats in Thailand, Italy, and Vietnam. Also, it is an omnichannel pioneer in Thailand, which helps strengthen its retail store network in offering products and services to consumers.

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## Principal activities (revenue, 2024)

- Sales of goods 89.3 %
- Rental services 3.0 %
- Rendering services 0.7 %
- Other income 7.0 %

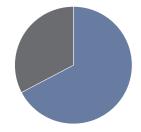


Source: Central Retail Corp

## **Major shareholders**

Chirathivat family - 67.3 %

■ Others - 32.7 %



Source: Central Retail Corp

### **Catalysts**

Key growth catalysts for CRC in 2025-27 include: 1) better consumer confidence among middle- to high-income groups; 2) a rise in international tourist arrivals and a recovery in Chinese visitors; 3) government economic stimulus packages; and 4) improvement in the Go Wholesale business.

#### 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) an absence of the government's stimulus, and 4) a slower-than-expected economic growth in Vietnam and Thailand.

#### **Event calendar**

Date	Event
Nov 2025	3Q25 earnings release

## **Key assumptions**

	Actual	Current					
	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E			
Revenue (THB m)	262,542	262,571	274,016	286,282			
SSSG Fashion (%)	1.0	(4.4)	1.5	1.5			
SSSG Hardline (%)	(7.0)	(5.6)	3.0	3.0			
SSSG Food (%)	0.0	(2.5)	3.3	3.5			
Gross margin (%)	26.5	25.5	25.4	25.4			
SG&A to sales (%)	27.4	27.2	27.0	26.8			
Net profit (THB m)	8,742	7,915	8,423	9,397			
Core EPS	1.45	1.31	1.40	1.56			

Source: FSSIA estimates \*We made adjustment to CRC's 2025 GPM and SG&A where CRC reclassified shrinkage from admin expenses to COGS since 1Q25 by -0.5% each.

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in SSSG, we estimate 2025 EPS would rise 1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in GPM, we estimate 2025 EPS would rise 2.1%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 0.1% increase in SG&A to revenue, we estimate 2025 EPS would fall 2.4%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 1: Key changes in assumptions

	Actual	Current				Previous		Change		
	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue (THB m)	262,542	262,571	274,016	286,282	265,252	276,835	289,253	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)
SSSG Fashion (%)	1.0	(4.4)	1.5	1.5	(3.5)	1.5	1.5	(0.9)	0.0	0.0
SSSG Hardline (%)	(7.0)	(5.6)	3.0	3.0	(5.1)	3.0	3.0	(0.5)	0.0	0.0
SSSG Food (%)	0.0	(2.5)	3.3	3.5	(0.7)	3.3	3.5	(1.7)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Gross margin (%)	26.5	25.5	25.4	25.4	25.6	25.5	25.4	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
SG&A to sales (%)	27.4	27.2	27.0	26.8	26.8	26.6	26.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Core profit (THB m)	8,742	7,915	8,423	9,397	8,518	9,217	10,316	(7.1)	(8.6)	(8.9)
Core EPS	1.45	1.31	1.40	1.56	1.41	1.53	1.71	(7.1)	(8.6)	(8.9)

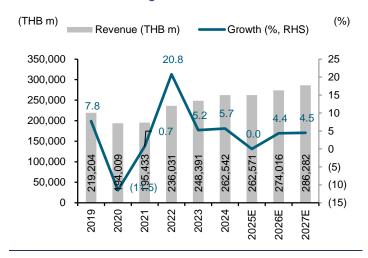
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Exhibit 2: CRC - 2Q25 quarterly results

	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	Chang	ge
Year to Dec 31	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)					
Retail sales	60,347	56,242	55,935	61,946	62,097	55,856	(10)	(1)
Rental and rendering services	2,416	2,476	2,404	2,434	2,404	2,424	1	(2)
Other income	4,440	4,194	4,381	5,083	4,737	4,265	(10)	2
Total revenue	67,203	62,912	62,720	69,462	69,239	62,545	(10)	(1)
Cost of retail sales	(44,849)	(41,284)	(41,227)	(44,991)	(46,781)	(41,490)	(11)	0
Cost of rental and rendering services	(611)	(596)	(608)	(593)	(600)	(579)	(3)	(3)
Gross profit	21,743	21,032	20,886	23,878	21,858	20,476	(6)	(3)
Investment income	52	90	48	72	41	100	141	11
Operating costs	(17,530)	(17,695)	(17,588)	(18,990)	(17,538)	(17,563)	0	(1)
Operating profit	4,266	3,427	3,345	4,961	4,361	3,012	(31)	(12)
Interest expense	(1,140)	(1,303)	(1,307)	(1,245)	(1,116)	(1,083)	(3)	(17)
Profit before tax	3,125	2,124	2,038	3,716	3,246	1,929	(41)	(9)
Tax	(760)	(555)	(436)	(882)	(787)	(589)	(25)	6
Associates	306	164	151	252	143	103	(28)	(37)
Minority interests	(147)	(121)	(117)	(115)	(138)	(94)	(32)	(22)
Non recurring items	(353)	47	494	(794)	(127)	(206)	63	(538)
Reported net profit	2,171	1,660	2,129	2,176	2,337	1,143	(51)	(31)
Normalized profit	2,524	1,613	1,635	2,970	2,464	1,349	(45)	(16)
EPS (THB)	0.36	0.28	0.35	0.36	0.39	0.19	(51)	(31)
Normalized EPS (THB)	0.42	0.27	0.27	0.49	0.41	0.22	(45)	(16)
Key Ratios	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(ppt)	(ppt)
Retail sales margin	25.7	26.6	26.3	27.4	24.7	25.7	1.1	(0.9)
Rental and rendering services margin	74.7	75.9	74.7	75.6	75.1	76.1	1.1	0.2
Gross margin from sales	25.1	26.1	25.7	27.0	24.7	25.7	1.0	(0.4)
EBIT margin	6.3	5.4	5.3	7.1	6.3	4.8	(1.5)	(0.6)
Recurring net margin	3.8	2.7	2.7	4.4	3.8	2.3	(1.5)	(0.4)
SG&A / revenue	26.2	27.7	26.9	27.0	25.5	28.0	2.5	0.3
Effective tax rate	24.3	26.1	21.4	23.7	24.2	30.5	6.3	4.4
Operational statistics	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)		
Total SSSG	1.0	(1.0)	(3.0)	(1.0)	(4.0)	(6.0)		
Fashion	2.0	3.0	(2.0)	1.0	(4.0)	(6.0)		
Hardline	(5.0)	(8.0)	(9.0)	(5.0)	(7.0)	(8.0)		
Food	4.0	(1.0)	(1.0)	(2.0)	(3.0)	(4.0)		
SSSG by country								
Thailand	0.0	(2.0)	(2.0)	1.0	(2.5)	(4.0)		
Vietnam	2.0	(4.0)	(6.0)	(9.0)	(7.0)	(13.0)		
Italy	9.0	6.0	(4.0)	(4.0)	(10.0)	(9.0)		

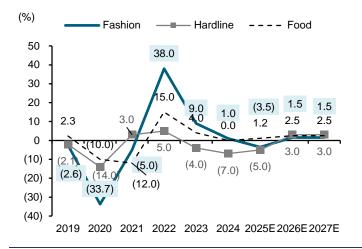
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### **Exhibit 3: Revenue and growth momentum**



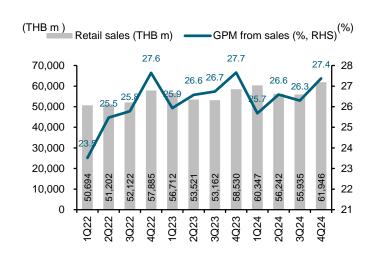
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**Exhibit 5: SSS momentum by business** 



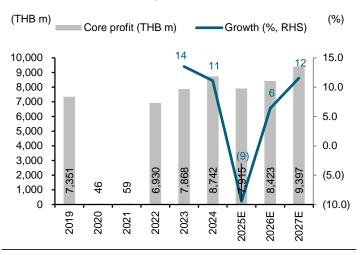
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Exhibit 7: Retail sales and GPM by quarter



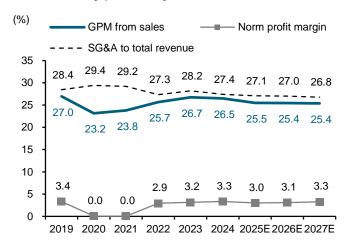
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Exhibit 4: Core profit and growth momentum



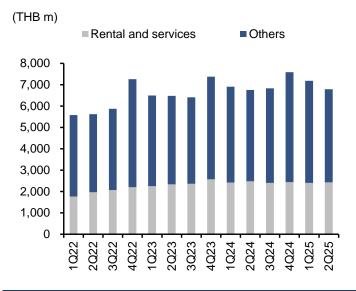
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**Exhibit 6: Yearly profitability momentum** 



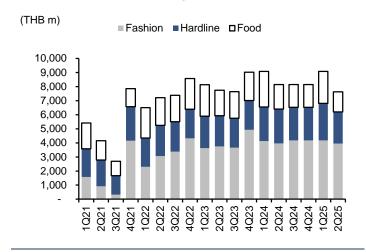
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Exhibit 8: Rental income momentum



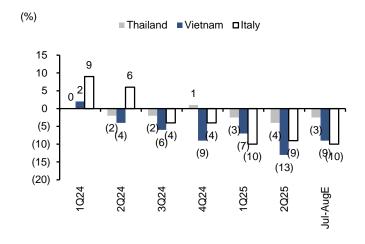
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## Exhibit 9: Sales momentum by business



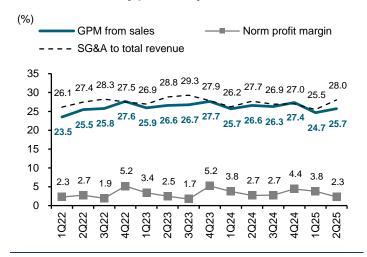
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#### Exhibit 11: SSS by country



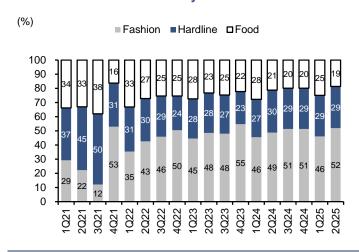
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#### Exhibit 13: Quarterly profitability



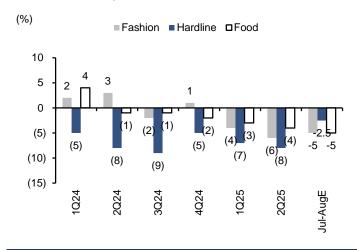
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Exhibit 10: Sales contribution by business



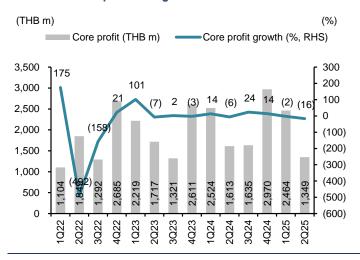
Sources: CRC; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 12: SSS by business



Sources: CRC; FSSIA's compilation

#### Exhibit 14: Core profit and growth momentum



Sources: CRC; FSSIA's compilation

## **Financial Statements**

Central Retail Corp

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	248,391	262,542	262,571	274,016	286,282
Cost of goods sold	(164,941)	(174,758)	(176,977)	(184,988)	(193,474)
Gross profit	83,449	87,784	85,594	89,028	92,808
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Operating costs	(70,171)	(71,378)	(71,105)	(74,058)	(76,657)
Operating EBITDA	31,000	34,506	32,794	33,506	34,932
Depreciation	(17,722)	(18,100)	(18,306)	(18,536)	(18,781)
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating EBIT	13,278	16,406	14,489	14,970	16,151
Net financing costs	(4,349)	(4,743)	(4,103)	(3,914)	(3,807)
Associates	990	215	500	510	520
Recurring non-operating income	995	226	500	510	520
Non-recurring items	148	(605)	(333)	0	0
Profit before tax	10,072	11,283	10,552	11,566	12,864
Tax	(1,550)	(2,646)	(2,544)	(2,709)	(3,024)
Profit after tax	8,523	8,637	8,008	8,857	9,839
Minority interests	(506)	(501)	(426)	(434)	(443)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	8,016	8,136	7,582	8,423	9,397
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	(148)	605	333	0	0
Recurring net profit	7,868	8,742	7,915	8,423	9,397
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	1.30	1.45	1.31	1.40	1.56
Reported EPS	1.33	1.35	1.26	1.40	1.56
DPS	0.55	0.60	0.56	0.62	0.69
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)  Growth	6,031	6,031	6,031	6,031	6,031
Revenue (%)	5.2	5.7	0.0	4.4	4.5
Operating EBITDA (%)	7.8	11.3	(5.0)	2.2	4.3
Operating EBIT (%)	14.5	23.6	(11.7)	3.3	7.9
Recurring EPS (%)	13.5	11.1	(9.5)	6.4	11.6
Reported EPS (%)	11.7	1.5	(6.8)	11.1	11.6
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	33.6	33.4	32.6	32.5	32.4
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	40.7	40.3	39.6	39.3	39.0
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	12.5	13.1	12.5	12.2	12.2
Operating EBIT margin (%)	5.3	6.2	5.5	5.5	5.6
Net margin (%)	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.3
Effective tax rate (%)	17.1	23.9	24.5	24.5	24.5
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	42.2	41.4	42.6	44.5	44.5
Interest cover (X)	3.3	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.4
Inventory days	111.7	109.4	109.3	106.1	104.7
Debtor days	8.1	7.4	7.1	7.0	7.0
Creditor days	101.2	97.1	96.7	96.0	96.7
Operating ROIC (%)	20.3	19.2	15.9	17.4	19.8
ROIC (%)	5.8	5.9	5.2	5.4	5.8
ROE (%)	12.2	12.9	11.1	11.1	11.6
ROA (%)	4.3	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.3
* Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales of goods	221,926	234,470	234,304	244,794	255,853
Rental services	7,785	7,889	7,980	8,150	8,405
Rendering services	1,727	1,841	1,781	1,861	1,945

Sources: Central Retail Corp; FSSIA estimates

## **Financial Statements**

Central Retail Corp

Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring net profit	7,868	8,742	7,915	8,423	9,397
Depreciation	17,722	18,100	18,306	18,536	18,781
Associates & minorities	(68)	(298)	0	0	0
Other non-cash items	539	850	398	490	480
Change in working capital	274	(1,681)	896	1,420	1,545
Cash flow from operations	26,337	25,712	27,515	28,869	30,202
Capex - maintenance	(26,174)	(27,796)	(15,000)	(16,500)	(17,325)
Capex - new investment	(070)	-	(500)	- (E 04E)	/F FO 4\
Vet acquisitions & disposals	(372)	1,264	(580)	(5,215)	(5,564)
Other investments (net)	(26 546)	0 (26 <b>522</b> )	0 (45 590)	0 (24.745)	(22.990)
Cash flow from investing	(26,546)	<b>(26,532)</b> (3,619)	(15,580)	(21,715)	<b>(22,889)</b> (4,179)
Dividends paid Equity finance	(3,317) 237	. , ,	(3,372) 302	(3,746) 302	(4,179)
Debt finance	2,486	(2,600) 2,002	(7,687)	(3,418)	(3,135)
Other financing cash flows	0	0	0	(5,416)	(3,133)
Cash flow from financing	(594)	(4,217)	(10,757)	(6,862)	(7,012)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	(.,,	(.0,.0.)	(0,002)	(.,
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	(333)	0	0
Movement in cash	(803)	(5,036)	845	292	301
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	4,432.31	4,175.30	16,300.31	11,341.45	11,406.24
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	2,276.66	1,182.62	3,915.14	3,736.59	4,178.27
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.73	0.69	2.70	1.88	1.89
FCFE per share	0.73	0.20	0.65	0.62	0.69
Recurring cash flow per share	4.32	4.54	4.41	4.55	4.75
Salance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Fangible fixed assets (gross) Less: Accumulated depreciation	128,631 (71,134)	140,550 (73,357)	155,550 (91,663)	172,050 (110,199)	189,375 (128,980)
Fangible fixed assets (net)	57,497	67,193	63,887	61,851	60,395
ntangible fixed assets (net)	0	07,193	03,007	01,031	00,333
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0	0	0
nvest. in associates & subsidiaries	26,190	27,233	27,801	28,387	28,990
Cash & equivalents	14,814	9,777	10,622	10,914	11,215
A/C receivable	18,238	18,262	18,263	18,487	18,727
nventories	46,413	47,462	47,580	49,227	50,955
Other current assets	492	538	538	562	587
Current assets	79,956	76,041	77,003	79,190	81,484
Other assets	123,455	120,583	120,596	125,852	131,486
Total assets	287,097	291,049	289,287	295,280	302,354
Common equity	67,060	68,977	73,489	78,468	83,987
Minorities etc.	3,201	3,404	3,829	4,263	4,706
Total shareholders' equity	70,260	72,381	77,318	82,731	88,693
Long term debt	84,662	73,296	63,920	65,643	65,929
Other long-term liabilities	13,669	14,389	14,390	15,018	15,690
Long-term liabilities	98,331	87,685	78,311	80,660	81,619
A/C payable	41,831	41,544	42,556	44,989	47,583
Short term debt	54,895	68,264	69,952	64,812	61,391
Other current liabilities	21,779	21,176	21,150	22,087	23,068
Current liabilities	118,505	130,984	133,659	131,888	132,042
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	287,097	291,049	289,287	295,280	302,354
Net working capital	1,532	3,543	2,675	1,199	(382)
nvested capital Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bei	208,673 ng treated as debt	218,552	214,959	217,289	220,488
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Per share (THB)	44.40	44.4	40.42	40.01	
Book value per share Fangible book value per share	11.12	11.44	12.19	13.01	13.93
angible book value per snare Financial strength	11.12	11.44	12.19	13.01	13.93
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Net debt/equity (%)	177.5 43.5	182.1 45.3	159.4	144.5 40.5	130.9
Net debt/total assets (%)	43.5 0.7	45.3	42.6	40.5	38.4
Current ratio (x) CF interest cover (x)	0. <i>7</i> 1.5	0.6 1.2	0.6 2.0	0.6 2.0	0.6 2.1
/aluation	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring P/E (x) *	15.6	14.1	15.5	14.6	13.1
Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	18.8	16.9	18.7	17.5	15.7
Reported P/E (x)	15.3	15.1	16.2	14.6	13.1
Dividend yield (%)	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.4
Price/book (x)	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
Price/tangible book (x)	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
EV/EBITDA @ torget price (x) **	8.1	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.0
EV/EBITDA @ target price (x) **	8.9	8.2	8.4	8.1	7.7
EV/invested capital (x)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1

Sources: Central Retail Corp; FSSIA estimates

# **Central Retail Corporation PCL (CRC TB)**

FSSIA ESG rating

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## Exhibit 15: FSSIA ESG score implication

74.92 /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 16: ESG – peer comparison

	FSSIA		Domestic ratings						Global ratings					Bloomberg	
	ESG score	DJSI	SET ESG	SET ESG Rating	CG score	AGM level	Thai CAC	Morningstar ESG risk	ESG Book	MSCI	Moody's	Refinitiv	S&P Global	ESG score	Disclosure score
SET100	69.20	5.34	4.40	4.40	4.76	4.65	3.84	Medium	51.76	BBB	20.87	58.72	63.91	3.72	28.17
Coverage	67.12	5.11	4.15	4.17	4.83	4.71	3.53	Medium	52.04	BB	16.97	56.85	62.09	3.40	31.94
BJC	79.24	Υ	Υ	AA	5.00	4.00		Medium	72.74	AA		59.67	92.00	4.32	61.31
CPALL	75.48	Υ	Y	AAA	5.00	4.00	Certified	Medium	67.76	Α	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; FSSIA's compilation

## Exhibit 17: ESG score by Bloomberg

FY ending Dec 31	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
ESG financial materiality scores - ESG score	1.77	2.38	2.17	5.19	5.15
BESG environmental pillar score	1.58	1.37	1.29	6.27	6.35
BESG social pillar score	0.78	2.04	2.18	5.69	5.54
BESG governance pillar score	3.20	3.99	3.16	3.77	3.70
ESG disclosure score	37.16	43.07	43.18	57.05	58.56
Environmental disclosure score	16.25	15.37	15.71	36.91	34.37
Social disclosure score	25.82	32.62	32.62	53.05	53.84
Governance disclosure score	69.30	81.10	81.10	81.10	87.36
Environmental					
Emissions reduction initiatives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change policy	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate change opportunities discussed	No	No	No	No	No
Risks of climate change discussed	No	No	No	No	No
GHG scope 1	47	7	40	46	48
GHG scope 2 location-based	469	518	385	321	335
GHG Scope 3	71	112	37	82	485
Carbon per unit of production	_	_	_	_	_
Biodiversity policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Energy efficiency policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total energy consumption	1,046	_	_	757	776
Renewable energy use	_	_	_	_	_
Electricity used	946	1,081	1,250	702	670
Fuel used - natural gas	_	_	_	_	_

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

**Exhibit 18: ESG score by Bloomberg** (cont.)

Fuel used - crude oil/diesel  Waste reduction policy  Hazardous waste  Total waste  Waste recycled  Waste sent to landfills  Environmental supply chain management  Water policy  Water consumption  Social  Human rights policy  Policy against child labor  Quality assurance and recall policy  Consumer data protection policy  Equal opportunity policy  Gender pay gap breakout  Pct women in workforce	No Yes 0 6 No No No 6,869  No No No No	No Yes 0 72 No No 6,731  Yes Yes No Yes	No Yes 0 68 No No 6,623  Yes Yes No	No Yes 0 0 10 Yes No Yes Yes	No Yei ( 33' - Yei Yei Yei Yei Yei Yei
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Water policy Water consumption  Social Human rights policy Policy against child labor Quality assurance and recall policy Consumer data protection policy Equal opportunity policy Gender pay gap breakout	No 6,869 No No No Yes	No 6,731 Yes Yes No	No 6,623 Yes Yes	No — Yes	Yes — Yes
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Human rights policy Policy against child labor Quality assurance and recall policy Consumer data protection policy Equal opportunity policy Gender pay gap breakout	No No Yes	Yes No	Yes		
Policy against child labor Quality assurance and recall policy Consumer data protection policy Equal opportunity policy Gender pay gap breakout	No No Yes	Yes No	Yes		
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Equal opportunity policy Gender pay gap breakout		Yes		No	N
Gender pay gap breakout	No		Yes	Yes	Ye
		Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Pct women in workforce	No	No	No	Yes	Ye
1 of women in worklord	_	63	62	62	6
Pct disabled in workforce	1	1	1	0	
Business ethics policy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Anti-bribery ethics policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Υe
Health and safety policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Lost time incident rate - employees	0	0	0	0	
Total recordable incident rate - employees	_	_	_	_	
Training policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
Fair remuneration policy	No	No	No	Yes	Ye
Number of employees – CSR	58,425	58,610	53,143	61,334	60,50
Employee turnover pct	50	48	31	42	20,00
Total hours spent by firm - employee training	391,448	527,020	739,473	913,877	1,131,48
Social supply chain management	No	No	No	No	Ye
Governance					
Board size	15	15	14	15	1
lo. of independent directors (ID)	5	5	4	5	
No. of women on board	4	4	3	3	
No. of non-executive directors on board	14	13	12	14	
Company conducts board evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye
No. of board meetings for the year	13	11	10	9	
Board meeting attendance pct	89	96	100	99	ç
Board duration (years)	3	3	3	3	
Director share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	١
Age of the youngest director	52	53	54	55	
age of the oldest director	79	80	79	80	
lo. of executives / company managers	6	7	79	<b>6</b>	•
No. of female executives	0	1	1	0	
Executive share ownership guidelines	No	No	No	No	١
Size of audit committee	3	3	3	3	
No. of ID on audit committee	3	3	3	3	
Audit committee meetings	10	13	13	12	
Audit meeting attendance %	97	100	100	100	10
Size of compensation committee	4	3	3	4	
No. of ID on compensation committee	2	2	1	2	
No. of compensation committee meetings	_	5	4	4	
Compensation meeting attendance %	_	100	100	100	10
Size of nomination committee	4	3	3	4	
No. of nomination committee meetings	_	5	4	4	
Nomination meeting attendance %		100	100	100	10
Sustainability governance					

Sources: Bloomberg; FSSIA's compilation

# **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	V			Rating					
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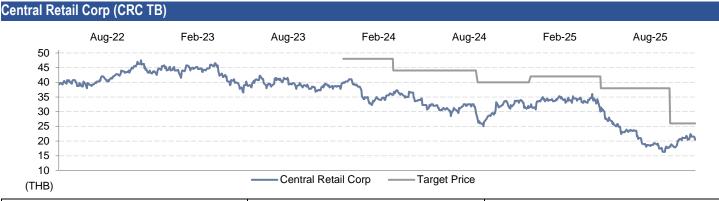
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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
15-Dec-2023	BUY	48.00	02-Aug-2024	BUY	40.00	04-Mar-2025	BUY	38.00
12-Mar-2024	BUY	44.00	01-Nov-2024	BUY	42.00	01-Jul-2025	BUY	26.00

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
Central Retail Corp	CRC TB	THB 20.40	BUY	Downside risks to our DCF-based TP include 1) a decline in domestic purchasing power, 2) lower-than-expected tourist arrivals, 3) an absence of the government's stimulus, and 4) a slower-than-expected economic growth in Vietnam and Thailand.

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%.

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#### **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.

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