**EQUITY RESEARCH – ANALYST MEETING** 

# **R&B FOOD SUPPLY**

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THAILAND / FOOD & BEVERAGE





TARGET PRICE	THB4.80
CLOSE	THB3.78
UP/DOWNSIDE	+27.0%
TP vs CONSENSUS	+12.5%

# Key takeaways from analyst meeting

#### **Highlights and comments**

- ผู้บริหารปรับลดเป้ารายได้ปี 2025 เหลือโต 5% จาก 10-15% เพื่อสะท้อนภาพรายได้
   1H25 ที่ลดลงราว 3.8% y-y
- แนวโน้ม 3Q25 น่าจะฟื้นตัว q-q ได้ หนุนโดยต่างประเทศเป็นหลัก อินโดและเวียดนามมี คำสั่งซื้อเพิ่มขึ้น หลังเห็นความชัดเจน tariff แต่ในประเทศอาจค่อนไปในทางทรงตัว เพราะกำลังซื้อไม่สดใส อากาศเย็น เป็นลบต่อลูกค้าเครื่องดื่ม และมีลูกค้าบางรายถูก กระทบจากกัมพูชา
- ความคาดหวังยอดใหญ่จากรัสเซียในปีหน้าหายไป หลังเผชิญต้นทุนขนส่งที่สูงเกือบเท่า ราคาสินค้า และระยะเวลาขนส่งนาน ไม่สอดคล้องกับแผนการทำธุรกิจของลูกค้า QSR (ที่กำหนดเวลาทำโปรโมชั่น) ลูกค้าเสนอทางแก้คือ การจัดตั้งโรงงานผลิตในรัสเซีย แต่ ด้วยภาพเศรษฐกิจโลกที่ไม่สดใส RBF ยังไม่รีบลงทุน ขอพิจารณาดูสถานการณ์ก่อน
- แต่ล่าสุดกลับเข้าไปในจีน หลังได้ลูกค้ากลุ่ม Food coating หลายราย (โรงงานไก่, กุ้ง)
   คาดเห็นการเติบโตในจีนเพิ่มขึ้น จากปัจจุบันทำได้ไตรมาสละ 5-10 ลบ. แต่ขนาดรายได้ น่าจะเล็กกว่ารัสเซียพอควร
- อินเดียอยู่ระหว่างเริ่ม Operate โรงงานปลายเดือน ก.ย. นี้ คาดช่วยเพิ่มรายได้ราว 30-40% จากปัจจุบันที่ราว 100-110 ลบ./ปี ซึ่ง RBF ถือหุ้นอยู่ 51% จะเริ่ม Conso งบใน 4Q25 แต่ต้องเริ่มรับรู้ค่าเสื่อมราว 15-20 ลบ./ปี อาจยังไม่หนุนการโตของกำไรได้ทันที แต่มองบวกระยะถัดไป
- ส่วนโรงงานใหม่อยุธยาอยู่ระหว่างเริ่ม Operate ใน 4Q25 จะเริ่มรับรู้ค่าเสื่อมเช่นกัน แต่ ได้ BOI พอช่วยหักล้างได้
- สิ่งที่ดีคือ มีความเป็นไปได้ที่จะผ่านกำไรต่ำสุดปีนี้ใน 2Q25 แล้ว แต่การฟื้นตัวจะทยอย
   อย่างค่อยเป็นค่อยไป เพราะในประเทศยังไม่สดใส และยังอยู่ในช่วงลงทุน แต่จะเป็นบวก
   ต่อการโตในระยะยาว คงเป้าเดิมที่ 4.8 บาท

# **KEY STOCK DATA**

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	4,391	4,569	5,048	5,525
Net profit	513	534	611	682
EPS (THB)	0.26	0.27	0.31	0.34
vs Consensus (%)	-	14.9	11.5	15.3
EBITDA	875	978	1,127	1,268
Recurring net profit	500	534	611	682
Core EPS (THB)	0.25	0.27	0.31	0.34
EPS growth (%)	(25.0)	6.9	14.3	11.7
Core P/E (x)	15.1	14.2	12.4	11.1
Dividend yield (%)	4.6	4.2	4.4	5.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.7
Price/book (x)	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3
Net debt/Equity (%)	(12.9)	(6.3)	(5.0)	(5.3)
ROE (%)	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.3



Share price performance	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month
Absolute (%)	3.8	(12.5)	(26.6)
Relative to country (%)	(4.8)	(17.5)	(25.3)
Mkt cap (USD m)			233
3m avg. daily turnover (USD m)			0.3
Free float (%)			28
Major shareholder	Ratanapoo	ompinyo Far	nilly (62%)
12m high/low (THB)			7.40/3.04
Issued shares (m)			2,000.00

Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates



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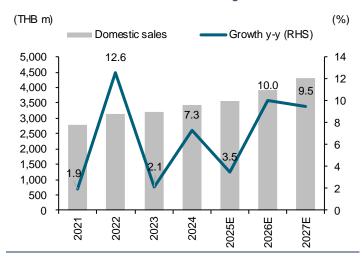
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**Exhibit 1: Key assumptions for RBF (maintained)** 

	Actu	al		Current			Growth		
	2023	2024	2025E	2025E 2026E 2027E			2026E	2027E	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Total revenue (THB m)	4,421	4,391	4,569	5,048	5,525	4.1	10.5	9.4	
Costs	2,760	2,844	2,970	3,261	3,558	4.4	9.8	9.1	
Gross profit	1,661	1,547	1,599	1,787	1,967	3.4	11.7	10.1	
SG&A expenses	842	949	960	1,060	1,160	1.1	10.5	9.4	
Interest expense	11	11	12	14	15	11.3	11.8	10.5	
Tax expense	157	107	117	134	150	9.9	14.3	11.7	
Reported net profit	649	513	534	611	682	4.2	14.3	11.7	
Core profit	666	500	534	611	682	6.9	14.3	11.7	
Key ratios (%)									
Total revenue growth	11.6	(0.7)	4.1	10.5	9.4				
Net profit growth	34.6	(21.0)	4.2	14.3	11.7				
Core profit growth	45.0	(25.0)	6.9	14.3	11.7				
Gross margin	37.6	35.2	35.0	35.4	35.6	(0.2)	0.4	0.2	
SG&A to sales	19.0	21.6	21.0	21.0	21.0	(0.6)	0.0	0.0	
Net margin	14.7	11.7	11.7	12.1	12.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	
Core margin	15.1	11.4	11.7	12.1	12.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	
Operating statistics (THB m)									
Domestic revenue	3,211	3,446	3,567	3,924	4,297	3.5	10.0	9.5	
Overseas revenue	1,210	945	1,002	1,124	1,228	6.1	12.1	9.3	
Domestic revenue proportion (%)	72.6	78.5	78.1	77.7	77.8	(0.4)	(0.3)	0.0	
Overseas revenue proportion (%)	27.4	21.5	21.9	22.3	22.2	0.4	0.3	(0.0)	

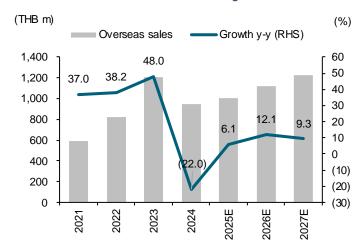
Source: FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 2: Revenue from domestic and growth



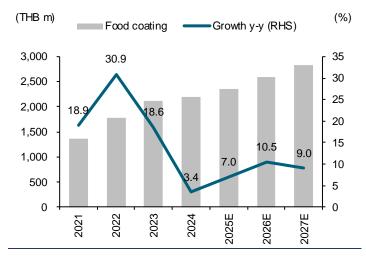
Sources: RBF, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 3: Revenue from overseas and growth



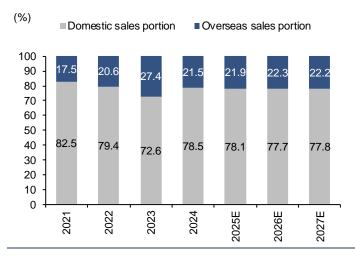
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Exhibit 4: Revenue from food coating and growth



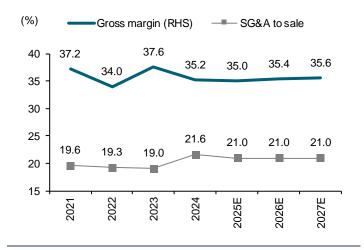
Sources: RBF, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 6: Revenue contribution by destination



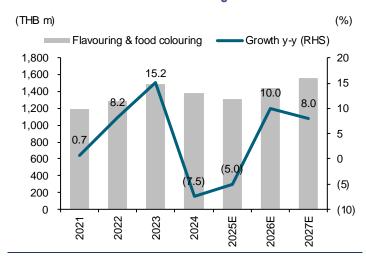
Sources: RBF, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 8: Gross margin and SG&A to sales



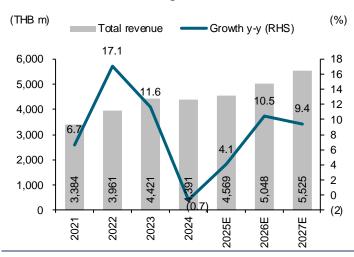
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Exhibit 5: Revenue from flavour and growth



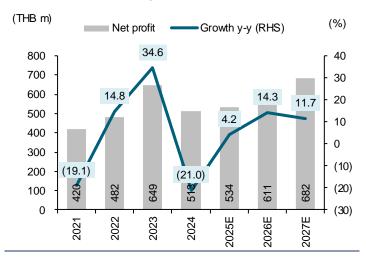
Sources: RBF, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 7: Total revenue and growth



Sources: RBF, FSSIA estimates

Exhibit 9: Net profit and growth



Sources: RBF, FSSIA estimates

# **Financial Statements**

R&B Food Supply

Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	4,421	4,391	4,569	5,048	5,525
Cost of goods sold	(2,760)	(2,844)	(2,970)	(3,261)	(3,558)
Gross profit	1,661	1,547	1,599	1,787	1,967
Other operating income	8	15	16	18	19
Operating costs	(842)	(949)	(960)	(1,060)	(1,160)
Operating EBITDA	1,068	875	978	1,127	1,268
Depreciation	(240)	(262)	(322)	(382)	(442)
Goodwill amortisation	Ó	Ò	Ò	Ó	Ò
Operating EBIT	827	613	656	745	826
Net financing costs	(11)	(11)	(12)	(14)	(15)
Associates	7	5	9	15	22
Recurring non-operating income	7	5	9	15	22
Non-recurring items	(17)	13	0	0	0
Profit before tax	806	620	653	746	833
Tax	(157)	(107)	(117)	(134)	(150)
Profit after tax	649	513	535	612	683
Minority interests	0	0	(1)	(1)	(1)
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
Reported net profit	649	513	534	611	682
Non-recurring items & goodwill (net)	17	(13)	0	0	0
Recurring net profit	666	500	534	611	682
Per share (THB)					
Recurring EPS *	0.33	0.25	0.27	0.31	0.34
Reported EPS	0.32	0.26	0.27	0.31	0.34
DPS	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.19
Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Growth					
Revenue (%)	11.6	(0.7)	4.1	10.5	9.4
Operating EBITDA (%)	32.0	(18.0)	11.8	15.2	12.5
Operating EBIT (%)	40.2	(26.0)	7.0	13.5	10.9
Recurring EPS (%)	45.0	(25.0)	6.9	14.3	11.7
Reported EPS (%)	34.6	(21.0)	4.2	14.3	11.7
Operating performance					
Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)	37.6	35.2	35.0	35.4	35.6
Gross margin exc. depreciation (%)	43.0	41.2	42.1	43.0	43.6
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	24.1	19.9	21.4	22.3	23.0
Operating EBIT margin (%)	18.7	13.9	14.4	14.8	15.0
Net margin (%)	15.1	11.4	11.7	12.1	12.3
Effective tax rate (%)	19.5	17.3	18.0	18.0	18.0
Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)	52.6	70.0	60.0	55.0	55.0
Interest cover (X)	76.0	55.8	54.0	55.2	55.7
Inventory days	174.2	162.4	171.8	184.0	186.0
Debtor days	84.3	87.6	87.4	85.7	86.1
Creditor days	79.6	78.2	76.1	75.8	76.6
Operating ROIC (%)	17.4	12.3	(3.1)	(20.4)	(22.2)
ROIC (%)	16.4	11.5	(2.9)	(18.0)	(18.9)
ROE (%)	14.5	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.3
ROA (%)	12.3	8.8	9.0	9.6	10.1
* Pre exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted					
Revenue by Division (THB m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Domestic	3,211	3,446	3,567	3,924	4,297
Overseas	1,210	945	1,002	1,124	1,228
Sources: R&B Food Supply: FSSIA estimates	1,210	0-10	.,002	.,	1,220

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# **Financial Statements**

R&B Food Supply

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Cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring net profit	666	500	534	611	682
Depreciation	240	262	322	382	442
Associates & minorities	(7)	(5)	(9)	(15) 2	(22)
Other non-cash items	(6)	(1)	9 (201)		(100)
Change in working capital  Cash flow from operations	25 <b>918</b>	26 <b>782</b>	(301) <b>556</b>	(196) <b>784</b>	(198) <b>906</b>
Cash now from operations  Capex - maintenance	910	702	556	704	900
Capex - new investment	(459)	(458)	(332)	(300)	(300)
Net acquisitions & disposals	(400)	(430)	(552)	(500)	(500)
Other investments (net)	(34)	(58)	(223)	(208)	(208)
Cash flow from investing	(493)	(515)	(555)	(508)	(508)
Dividends paid	(200)	(350)	(321)	(336)	(375)
Equity finance	0	0	0	0	0
Debt finance	24	1	(23)	(11)	(12)
Other financing cash flows	4	0	6	7	7
Cash flow from financing	(171)	(350)	(337)	(340)	(379)
Non-recurring cash flows	-	. ,	. ,	. ,	` -
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Net other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in cash	254	(83)	(336)	(64)	19
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	435.73	277.82	13.36	289.72	413.98
Free cash flow to equity (FCFE)	453.51	267.19	(15.88)	272.12	394.42
Per share (THB)					
FCFF per share	0.22	0.14	0.01	0.14	0.21
FCFE per share	0.23	0.13	(0.01)	0.14	0.20
Recurring cash flow per share	0.45	0.38	0.43	0.49	0.55
Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Tangible fixed assets (gross) Less: Accumulated depreciation	3,525	3,919	4,219 (1,821)	4,519	4,819 (2,646)
•	(1,269)	(1,499)	(1,821)	(2,204)	
Tangible fixed assets (net)	2,256 5	2,420 7	2,398 11	2,315 11	2,173 11
Intangible fixed assets (net) Long-term financial assets	<b>3</b>	,	- 11	- 11	- 11
Invest. in associates & subsidiaries	214	282	492	707	929
Cash & equivalents	921	838	502	438	458
A/C receivable	1,045	1,062	1,127	1,245	1,362
Inventories	1,188	1,110	1,383	1,519	1,657
Other current assets	64	37	50	56	61
Current assets	3,219	3,046	3,062	3,257	3,538
Other assets	55	54	73	81	88
Total assets	5,750	5,810	6,036	6,371	6,739
Common equity	4,819	4,950	5,132	5,407	5,714
Minorities etc.	17	16	26	27	29
Total shareholders' equity	4,836	4,967	5,158	5,434	5,743
Long term debt	185	176	165	153	141
Other long-term liabilities	63	63	69	76	83
Long-term liabilities	247	239	233	229	224
A/C payable	571	534	570	625	682
Short term debt	21	23	11	12	12
Other current liabilities	74	47	64	71	77
Current liabilities	666	605	645	708	772
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	5,750	5,810	6,036	6,371	6,739
Net working capital	1,652	1,626	1,927	2,123	2,320
Invested capital	4,183	4,390	4,900	5,237	5,522
Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is bein	g treated as debt				
Per share (THB)					
Book value per share	2.41	2.48	2.57	2.70	2.86
Tangible book value per share	2.41	2.47	2.56	2.70	2.85
Financial strength					
Net debt/equity (%)	(14.8)	(12.9)	(6.3)	(5.0)	(5.3)
Net debt/total assets (%)	(12.4)	(11.0)	(5.4)	(4.3)	(4.5)
Current ratio (x)	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.6
CF interest cover (x)	84.1	66.4	26.7	42.5	46.6
Valuation	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Recurring P/E (x) *	11.4	15.1	14.2	12.4	11.1
Recurring P/E (x) * Recurring P/E @ target price (x) *	11.4	19.2	14.2	12.4	11.1
Reported P/E (x)	11.6	14.7	14.2	12.4	11.1
Dividend yield (%)	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.4	5.0
		1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3
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Price/book (x)	1.6 1.6		1 5	1 /	4 2
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x)	1.6	1.5	1.5 7.4	1.4 6.5	1.3 5.7
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x) EV/EBITDA (x) **	1.6 6.4	1.5 7.9	7.4	6.5	5.7
Price/book (x) Price/tangible book (x)	1.6	1.5			

Sources: R&B Food Supply; FSSIA estimates

# **Disclaimer for ESG scoring**

ESG score	Methodolog	IY			Rating				
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	BBB	4.286-5.713	3 Average:	a mixed or unexception industry peers	ai track record of ma	naging the mos	signilicant ESG fi	sks and opportur	nues relative to
	ВВ	2.857-4.285	5						
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			of Pillar Scores, where	tne weights are determin	ied by the pillar pi	lority ranking.	values range ir	om 0 to 10; 10	is the best.

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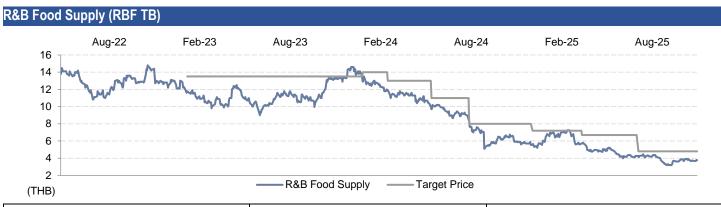
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Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price	Date	Rating	Target price
20-Mar-2023	BUY	13.50	19-Mar-2024	BUY	13.00	01-Nov-2024	BUY	7.20
16-Jan-2024	HOLD	14.00	13-May-2024	HOLD	11.00	27-Jan-2025	BUY	6.70
28-Feb-2024	HOLD	13.00	17-Jul-2024	HOLD	8.00	02-May-2025	HOLD	4.80

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Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

Company	Ticker	Price	Rating	Valuation & Risks
R&B Food Supply	RBF TB	THB 3.78	HOLD	Downside and upside risks to our P/E-based TP include 1) a slower or faster-than- expected consumption recovery; 2) higher and lower raw material costs; 3) baht strength or weakness; and 4) a slower or faster-than-expected India expansion and new customers recognition.

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.

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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.

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# **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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