

BUY (Unchanged)

Change in Numbers

TP: Bt 54.00

(From: Bt 52.00)

2 SEPTEMBER 2021**Upside : 18.0%**

B.Grimm Power Pcl (BGRIM TB)

Sizable growth potential

BGRIM is one of our top picks in the sector due to its highest growth potential among peers. On top of our estimated 23% p.a. EPS growth in 2022-23F is the company's target to double capacity in three years, which should extend its strong growth outlook going forward.

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One of top sector picks

Along with Energy Absolute Pcl (EA, BUY, Bt65.00), BGRIM is one of our top picks in Thai utility sector. *First*, we expect BGRIM to offer the highest growth potential among peers with a target to secure 2.7GW of new capacity (vs. 2.0GW of existing capacity) in three years. *Second*, we project 25% and 21% earnings growth in 2022-23F from growing sales volume to industrial users (IUs) and new capacity. Note that we include only 400MW of potential projects (out of 2.7GW target) in our earnings forecasts. *Third*, its 16% YTD share price fall looks to have reflected short-term weak SPP margins, while we see its growth story as intact. Our 5% p.a. 2021-22F earnings hikes reflect stronger-than-expected IU volume growth, outweighing the rising gas cost hit. We lift our DCF-derived SOTP-based TP (2022F base year) to Bt54.

Ambitious capacity growth

BGRIM has a Bt250bn-300bn budget to grow its portfolio to 10GW of installed capacity by 2030 from 3.1GW now. The short-term target is to secure 2.7GW of new capacity from either M&As or greenfield projects, in three years (Exhibit 1). We already include these potential projects at Bt10.1/share in our TP, but only part of them in our earnings forecasts due to their uncertain timeline. BGRIM doesn't expect a cash call for these as they are not likely to materialize in one go, so internal cash generation and debt headroom would be enough for funding. There is also an option to spin off its Vietnam power plants via a local listing.

Strong recovery in power demand

We expect a key driver for our projected 25% and 21% earnings growth for BGRIM in 2022-23F to be 15% p.a. growth in sales volume to IUs (14% in 2021F), driven by an industrial sector power demand, a growing customer base, and projects under development starting up. We estimate this strong volume to more than offset the impact from rising gas price into 1H22F. We also expect cost-savings benefits from its self-imported LNG to start being reflected in its earnings from 2H22F onward.

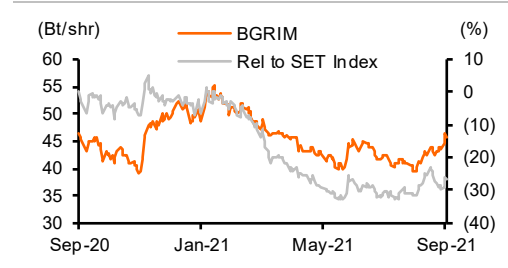
LNG imports unlock capacity growth

BGRIM has been granted a quota to import 1.2m tpa of LNG, equivalent to 25% of total gas used in its power plants. Low imports at this stage are because BGRIM still has legacy long-term gas purchase contracts with PTT Group. We expect the imports to start in 1H22F and gradually rise in volume. Using self-imported LNG not only reduces gas costs for BGRIM's existing plants, but also makes it feasible to develop captive power plants for corporate clients (Independent Power Supply, IPS). That is, with lower gas costs, BGRIM can sell electricity from IPS plants at cheaper prices than the national grid. BGRIM targets to develop 500-1,000MW of IPS plants by 2030.

COMPANY VALUATION

Y/E Dec (Bt m)	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Sales	44,087	45,635	52,003	57,188
Net profit	2,175	2,882	3,613	4,384
Consensus NP	—	3,083	3,540	4,524
Diff frm cons (%)	—	(6.5)	2.0	(3.1)
Norm profit	2,670	2,882	3,613	4,384
Prev. Norm profit	—	2,751	3,433	4,661
Chg frm prev (%)	—	4.8	5.3	(5.9)
Norm EPS (Bt)	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.7
Norm EPS grw (%)	29.7	8.0	25.3	21.4
Norm PE (x)	44.7	41.4	33.0	27.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.9	14.5	13.8	11.7
P/BV (x)	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.6
Div yield (%)	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.8
ROE (%)	9.6	10.2	12.0	13.6
Net D/E (%)	149.5	189.8	217.8	190.4

PRICE PERFORMANCE



COMPANY INFORMATION

Price as of 01-Sep-21 (Bt)	45.75
Market Cap (US\$ m)	3,686.0
Listed Shares (m shares)	2,606.9
Free Float (%)	36.0
Avg Daily Turnover (US\$ m)	11.4
12M Price H/L (Bt)	55.25/39.25
Sector	Utilities
Major Shareholder	B.Grimm Group 38.43%

Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates

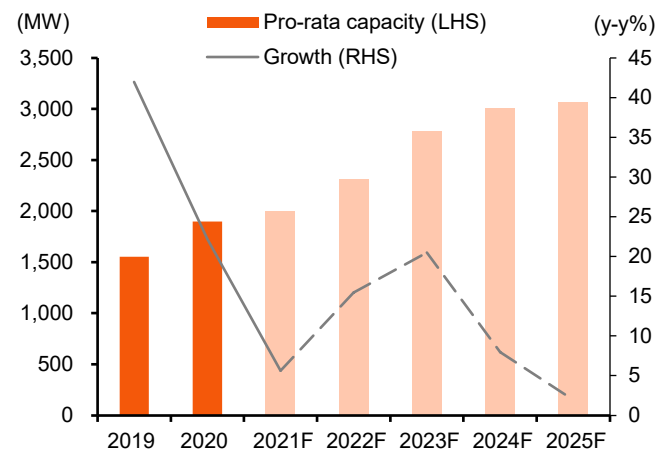


Ex 1: Targeted Projects Over The Next Three Years

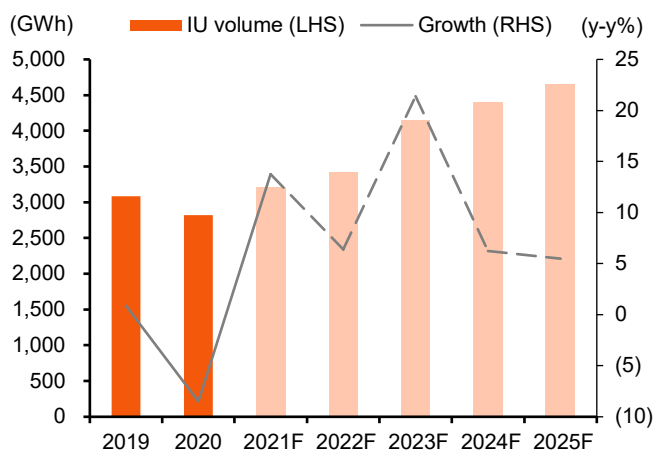
No.	Type	Country	Targeted equity capacity (MW) *
1 **	Gas-fired SPP	Thailand	180
2 **	Gas	Malaysia	220
3	Wind	Korea	100
4	Wind	Vietnam	200
5	LNG-to-power	Vietnam	2,000
Total			2,700

Source: Company data

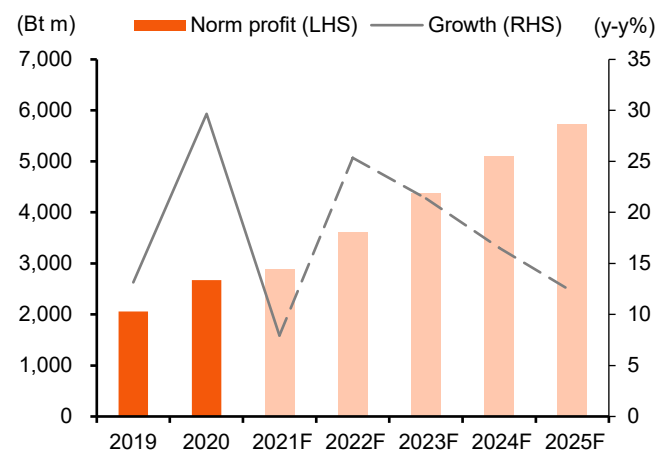
Note: * Thanachart estimates, ** Projects included in our earnings forecasts

Ex 2: Assumed Capacity In Our Earnings Forecasts

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 3: Strong IU Volume Growth

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 4: Short-Term Margin Hiccup In 2021F

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 5: Our DCF-derived Sum-Of-The-Parts (SOTP) 12-month TP Calculation

	Valuation method	WACC (%)	Value per BGRIM's share (Baht)
Operating gas-fired SPP plants (ABP, ABPR, BPLC, BPWHA, BIP, BPAM, ATP)	DCF	5.2 - 6.4%	15.6
SPP Replacement projects (ABP1, ABP2, BPLC1, BPAM1, BPAM2)	DCF	5.9%	7.0
Projects under development (BGPR, U-Tapao airport, other IPS projects)	DCF	5.5 - 6.5%	6.5
Renewable projects			6.4
Solar – Thailand	DCF	6.0%	1.23
Solar – Vietnam	DCF	6.7%	2.53
Solar – Cambodia	DCF	7.1%	0.47
Wind – Thailand	DCF	6.0%	0.49
Hydro – Laos	DCF	6.7%	1.64
Cash on hand			8.4
Potential projects			10.1
- Korea wind farms	DCF	10.0%	1.23
- Vietnam wind farms	DCF	10.0%	1.31
- Vietnam LNG-to-Power	DCF	10.0%	4.10
- Thailand SPP (M&A)	DCF	7.2%	2.31
- Malaysia gas/solar power plants (M&A)	DCF	7.0%	1.11
Grand total			54.0

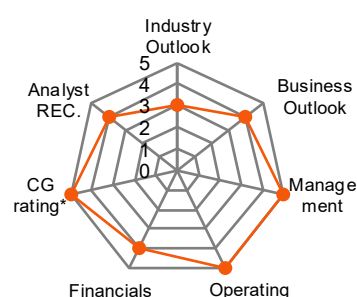
Source: Thanachart estimates

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Established in 1993, BGRIM, a power arm of B.Grimm Group which has been operating businesses in Thailand for over 140 years, is one of the largest power producers in Thailand under the Small Power Producer (SPP) scheme. BGRIM provides electricity and steam for the national power grid as well as nearly 200 large manufacturers in many industrial estates and has also expanded its power business into Vietnam and Laos. The company now operates 2.0GW (net equity owned) capacity, with a target to expand into 5.0GW by 2025.

Source: Thanachart

COMPANY RATING



Rating Scale

Excellent	5
Good	4
Fair	3
Weak	2
Very Weak	1
None	0

Source: Thanachart; * CG rating

THANACHART'S SWOT ANALYSIS

S — Strength

- Good engineering team with strong expertise in developing and operating gas-fired power plants for over 20 years.
- Benefits from relationships with B.Grimm Group and other key strategic partners.

O — Opportunity

- Expansion of power business in neighbouring countries and the rest of Asia.
- Increasing power industry liberalization opens room for new business areas, i.e., smart grid and peer-to-peer trading.

W — Weakness

- Financial gearing looks a bit high compared with peers', but is still well below its threshold.

T — Threat

- Regulatory risks from business overseas.

CONSENSUS COMPARISON

	Consensus	Thanachart	Diff
Target price (Bt)	55.35	54.00	-2%
Net profit 21F (Bt m)	3,083	2,882	-7%
Net profit 22F (Bt m)	3,540	3,613	2%
Consensus REC	BUY: 17	HOLD: 2	SELL: 0

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?

- We believe our 7% lower earnings estimate in 2021F than the Bloomberg consensus number is because we factor in a higher impact from a rise in gas costs.
- Our TP is therefore also slightly lower.

RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE

- Lower-than-expected capacity growth, from M&As and greenfield projects, than we currently expect would represent the key downside risk to our earnings and valuation.
- Slower-than-expected recovery of manufacturing activity, and thus electricity and steam demand from industrial users (IU), represents another downside risk to our projections.
- Adverse fluctuations of gas prices from our assumptions or lower-than-expected benefit from self-imported LNG are also downside risks to our earnings forecasts and target price.

Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart estimates

Source: Thanachart

INCOME STATEMENT

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Sales	44,132	44,087	45,635	52,003	57,188
Cost of sales	35,953	34,848	35,456	40,055	43,701
Gross profit	8,179	9,239	10,178	11,948	13,487
% gross margin	18.5%	21.0%	22.3%	23.0%	23.6%
Selling & administration expenses	1,740	2,008	1,778	2,029	2,180
Operating profit	6,439	7,231	8,401	9,920	11,307
% operating margin	14.6%	16.4%	18.4%	19.1%	19.8%
Depreciation & amortization	4,701	5,616	5,366	6,039	7,185
EBITDA	11,140	12,847	13,767	15,959	18,493
% EBITDA margin	25.2%	29.1%	30.2%	30.7%	32.3%
Non-operating income	289	251	183	208	229
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Interest expense	(3,001)	(3,056)	(3,442)	(4,053)	(4,354)
Pre-tax profit	3,728	4,426	5,141	6,075	7,182
Income tax	235	233	514	607	718
After-tax profit	3,493	4,193	4,627	5,467	6,464
% net margin	7.9%	9.5%	10.1%	10.5%	11.3%
Shares in affiliates' Earnings	101	58	42	27	27
Minority interests	(1,535)	(1,581)	(1,786)	(1,881)	(2,107)
Extraordinary items	271	(495)	0	0	0
NET PROFIT	2,331	2,175	2,882	3,613	4,384
Normalized profit	2,059	2,670	2,882	3,613	4,384
EPS (Bt)	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.7
Normalized EPS (Bt)	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.7

Expanding capacity from
M&As is a key earnings
growth driver

BALANCE SHEET

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
ASSETS:					
Current assets:	33,493	29,879	26,445	22,765	18,843
Cash & cash equivalent	23,663	20,389	16,305	11,331	6,357
Account receivables	7,156	6,818	7,502	8,548	9,401
Inventories	969	1,033	971	1,097	1,197
Others	1,706	1,638	1,668	1,789	1,887
Investments & loans	1,667	1,086	935	783	632
Net fixed assets	72,132	80,300	105,611	129,921	130,160
Other assets	14,401	19,431	19,860	20,277	20,633
Total assets	121,693	130,696	152,852	173,746	170,268
LIABILITIES:					
Current liabilities:	25,832	26,993	17,258	19,786	19,398
Account payables	18,254	5,641	5,828	6,584	7,184
Bank overdraft & ST loans	3,036	15,080	4,865	5,635	5,175
Current LT debt	4,139	5,705	6,008	6,959	6,391
Others current liabilities	403	567	556	609	649
Total LT debt	55,596	58,361	86,429	100,098	91,929
Others LT liabilities	1,588	6,038	6,499	7,326	7,913
Total liabilities	83,016	91,392	110,186	127,210	119,239
Minority interest	10,533	11,834	13,620	15,502	17,609
Preferreds shares	0	0	0	0	0
Paid-up capital	5,214	5,214	5,214	5,214	5,214
Share premium	9,644	9,644	9,644	9,644	9,644
Warrants	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus	6,959	5,544	5,544	5,544	5,544
Retained earnings	6,328	7,068	8,644	10,633	13,018
Shareholders' equity	28,144	27,470	29,046	31,035	33,419
Liabilities & equity	121,693	130,696	152,852	173,746	170,268

Manageable balance
sheet to continue
growing capacity

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Earnings before tax	3,728	4,426	5,141	6,075	7,182
Tax paid	(235)	(233)	(514)	(607)	(718)
Depreciation & amortization	4,701	5,616	5,366	6,039	7,185
Chg In working capital	11,649	(12,339)	(435)	(417)	(353)
Chg In other CA & CL / minorities	2,746	(78)	2	(42)	(31)
Cash flow from operations	22,588	(2,609)	9,560	11,048	13,265
Capex	(14,441)	(13,663)	(30,500)	(30,151)	(7,209)
Right of use	0	(1,256)	(200)	(200)	(150)
ST loans & investments	(700)	(16)	0	0	0
LT loans & investments	340	581	151	151	151
Adj for asset revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
Chg In other assets & liabilities	(6,506)	498	54	413	165
Cash flow from investments	(21,307)	(13,856)	(30,495)	(29,787)	(7,042)
Debt financing	1,177	16,040	18,157	15,389	(9,197)
Capital increase	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	(834)	(965)	(1,307)	(1,624)	(1,999)
Warrants & other surplus	7,395	(1,884)	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	7,738	13,192	16,849	13,765	(11,196)
Free cash flow	8,147	(16,272)	(20,940)	(19,104)	6,056

Big investment in 2021-22F for SPP replacement projects and M&As

VALUATION

FY ending Dec	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Normalized PE (x)	57.9	44.7	41.4	33.0	27.2
Normalized PE - at target price (x)	68.4	52.7	48.8	39.0	32.1
PE (x)	51.2	54.8	41.4	33.0	27.2
PE - at target price (x)	60.4	64.7	48.8	39.0	32.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.2	13.9	14.5	13.8	11.7
EV/EBITDA - at target price (x)	16.1	15.5	16.1	15.2	12.9
P/BV (x)	4.2	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.6
P/BV - at target price (x)	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.2
P/CFO (x)	5.3	(45.7)	12.5	10.8	9.0
Price/sales (x)	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.1
Dividend yield (%)	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.8
FCF Yield (%)	6.8	(13.6)	(17.6)	(16.0)	5.1
(Bt)					
Normalized EPS	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.7
EPS	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.7
DPS	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
BV/share	10.8	10.5	11.1	11.9	12.8
CFO/share	8.7	(1.0)	3.7	4.2	5.1
FCF/share	3.1	(6.2)	(8.0)	(7.3)	2.3

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

FINANCIAL RATIOS

FY ending Dec	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Growth Rate					
Sales (%)	20.6	(0.1)	3.5	14.0	10.0
Net profit (%)	22.0	(6.7)	32.5	25.3	21.4
EPS (%)	22.0	(6.7)	32.5	25.3	21.4
Normalized profit (%)	13.1	29.7	8.0	25.3	21.4
Normalized EPS (%)	13.1	29.7	8.0	25.3	21.4
Dividend payout ratio (%)	41.4	53.9	50.0	50.0	50.0
Operating performance					
Gross margin (%)	18.5	21.0	22.3	23.0	23.6
Operating margin (%)	14.6	16.4	18.4	19.1	19.8
EBITDA margin (%)	25.2	29.1	30.2	30.7	32.3
Net margin (%)	7.9	9.5	10.1	10.5	11.3
D/E (incl. minor) (x)	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.0
Net D/E (incl. minor) (x)	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.2	1.9
Interest coverage - EBIT (x)	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6
Interest coverage - EBITDA (x)	3.7	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.2
ROA - using norm profit (%)	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.5
ROE - using norm profit (%)	8.7	9.6	10.2	12.0	13.6
DuPont					
ROE - using after tax profit (%)	14.7	15.1	16.4	18.2	20.1
- asset turnover (x)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
- operating margin (%)	15.2	17.0	18.8	19.5	20.2
- leverage (x)	4.7	4.5	5.0	5.4	5.3
- interest burden (%)	55.4	59.2	59.9	60.0	62.3
- tax burden (%)	93.7	94.7	90.0	90.0	90.0
WACC (%)	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
ROIC (%)	9.1	10.2	8.8	8.1	7.7
NOPAT (Bt m)	6,033	6,850	7,561	8,928	10,177
invested capital (Bt m)	67,253	86,226	110,043	132,395	130,556

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

*BGRIM aims to maintain
its ROE above 10%*

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