

BUY (Unchanged)

Change in Numbers

TP: Bt 150.00 (From: Bt167.00)**Upside : 26.1%****5 OCTOBER 2021**

Carabao Group Pcl (CBG TB)

Earnings preview

The COVID-19 hit in Thailand and CBG's key export markets seems to be larger than we'd expected earlier and we estimate a 27% y-y earnings drop in 3Q21F. However, as the share price has already fallen by 23% from this year's peak, we maintain BUY.

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Likely a weak 3Q21F

We estimate CBG's 3Q21F earnings at Bt670m, down 27% y-y and 30% q-q. This is weaker than our earlier expectation and we cut our earnings estimates by 22/16/12% in 2021-23F and our DCF-based 12-month TP, using a 2022F base year, to Bt150 (from Bt167). CBG's key markets had simultaneous lockdowns, i.e. Thailand (50% of 2021F sales), Cambodia (28%) and Myanmar (9%). Sales in China (8%) also softened in 3Q21F from 2Q21F as some areas were locked down. We also expect gross margin to fall to 38.4% in 3Q21F from 41.6% in 3Q20 due to a 55% y-y aluminum price jump (7% of COGS).

Expecting improvement in 4Q21F

Now that lockdown restrictions have started to ease in most key markets, we expect to see the beginning of a turnaround in product orders. We estimate 4Q21F earnings to improve to Bt890m, up 2% y-y and 33% q-q. This would be a strong bounce despite not yet being back to 2Q21's peak of Bt967m. We expect the turnaround to come from demand resuming post lockdown and inventory restocking after inventory depletion in 3Q21. We still expect aluminum prices to continue to pressure costs but rising sales volume and lower costs due to the sugar tax reformulation from 3Q21 should still help improve margin.

Room to gain more market share

CBG's major shareholder is expanding the retail business comprising CJ Express (mini marts) and Tookdee shops (semi-traditional, low-priced convenience stores). Shop expansions should benefit CBG, allowing it to sell more of its products, especially energy drinks, to those shops. CJ Express has 600-plus branches and is being aggressive in expansion. Tookdee (meaning "very cheap" in Thai) is franchising convenience stores in provincial areas. Tookdee has 1000-plus outlets and has plans to expand to reach the 10,000 level over the next few years.

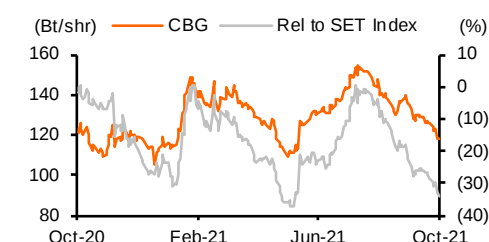
Still a growth stock longer term

We maintain BUY on CBG. Despite the hiccups in 2H21F, we still see CBG as a growth stock being driven by growth in its export markets, rising sales of the C-Lock vitamin drink introduced two years ago, new product expansions, market share gains from growing outlets of its family business, and lower costs from the sugar reformulation from 3Q21. We estimate -9/44/25% EPS growth in 2021-23F. CBG is also an efficient and highly profitable beverage company with a 31% ROE in 2021F. After its 23% share price drop from this year's peak, we see CBG as inexpensive trading at a 26x 2022F PE multiple vs. its 34x average since listing.

COMPANY VALUATION

Y/E Dec (Bt m)	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Sales	17,231	16,922	20,766	23,230
Net profit	3,525	3,216	4,626	5,779
Consensus NP	—	3,544	4,363	4,907
Diff frm cons (%)	—	(9.2)	6.0	17.8
Norm profit	3,525	3,216	4,626	5,779
Prev. Norm profit	—	4,122	5,488	6,531
Chg frm prev (%)	—	(22.0)	(15.7)	(11.5)
Norm EPS (Bt)	3.5	3.2	4.6	5.8
Norm EPS grw (%)	40.0	(8.8)	43.8	24.9
Norm PE (x)	33.8	37.0	25.7	20.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	25.3	27.1	19.4	15.6
P/BV (x)	12.0	10.9	9.3	8.0
Div yield (%)	2.0	1.8	2.6	3.6
ROE (%)	38.1	30.9	39.0	41.7
Net D/E (%)	34.9	20.8	2.7	(12.9)

PRICE PERFORMANCE

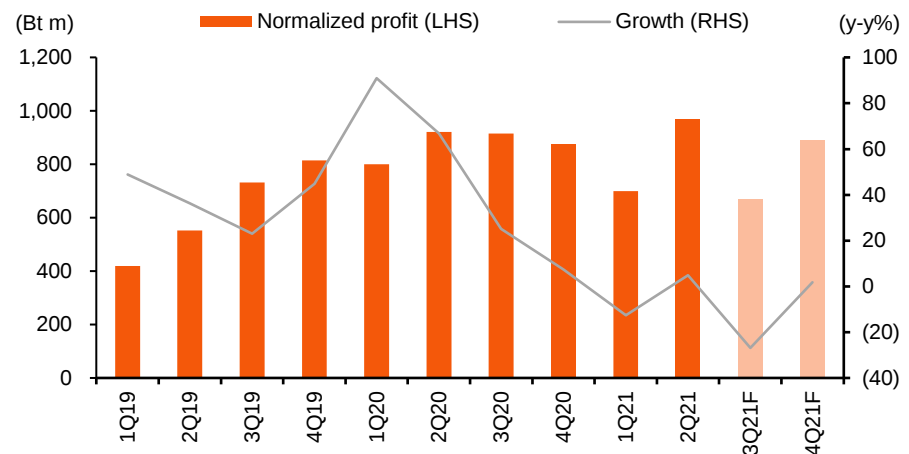


COMPANY INFORMATION

Price as of 05-Oct-21 (Bt)	119.00
Market Cap (US\$ m)	3,525.2
Listed Shares (m shares)	1,000.0
Free Float (%)	28.9
Avg Daily Turnover (US\$ m)	25.5
12M Price H/L (Bt)	154.50/105.00
Sector	FOOD
Major Shareholder	Sathientham Holding 25%

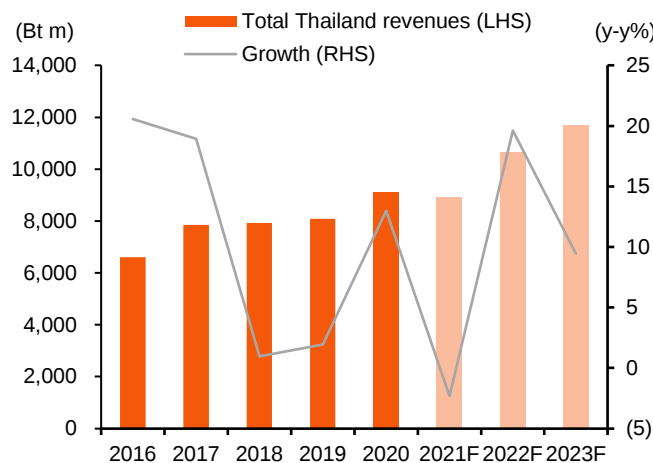
Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 1: Quarterly Earnings Momentum



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

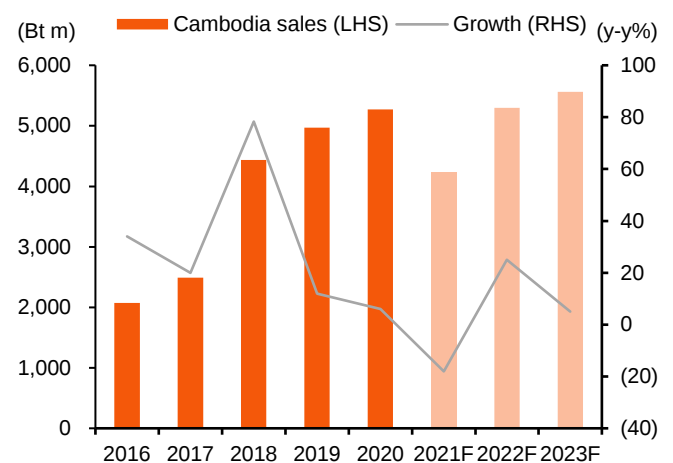
Ex 2: Business Outlook In Thailand...



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

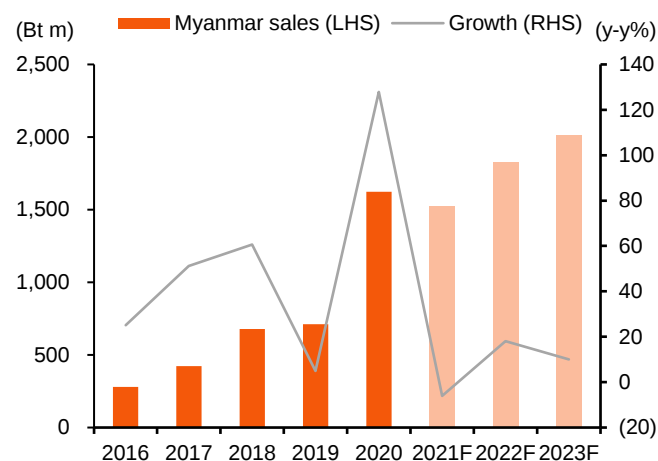
Note: Thailand's revenues include revenue from energy drinks, distribution of mainly spirit products and functional drinks.

Ex 3: ...In Cambodia...



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 4: ...In Myanmar...

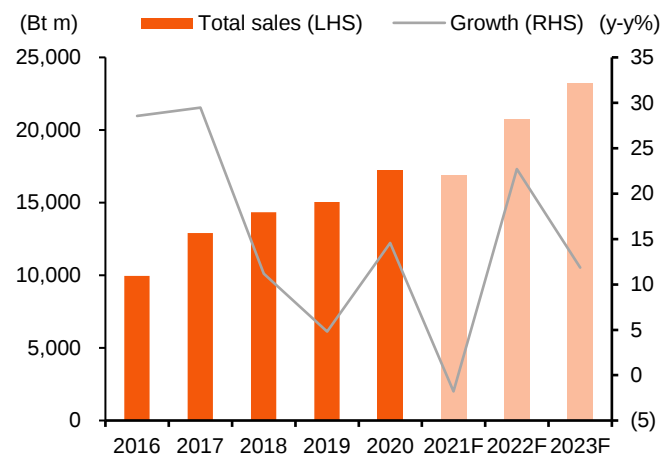


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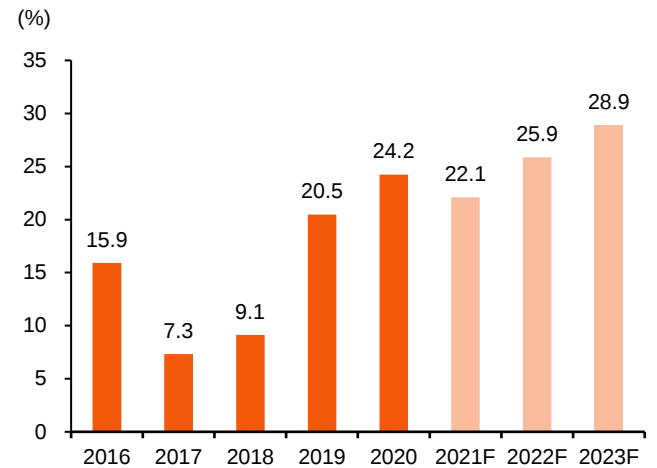
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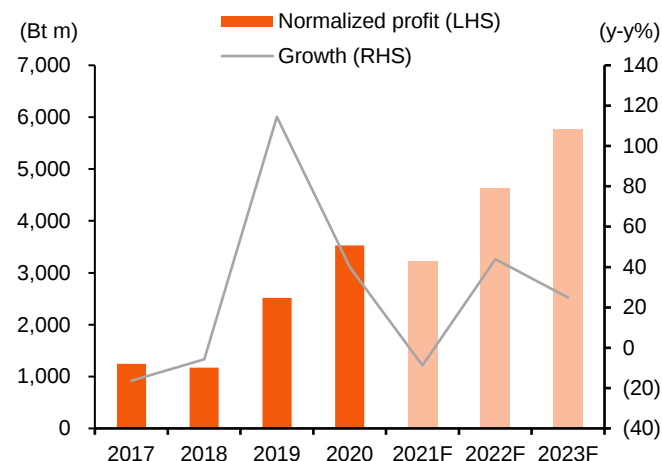
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Ex 6: Sales Momentum

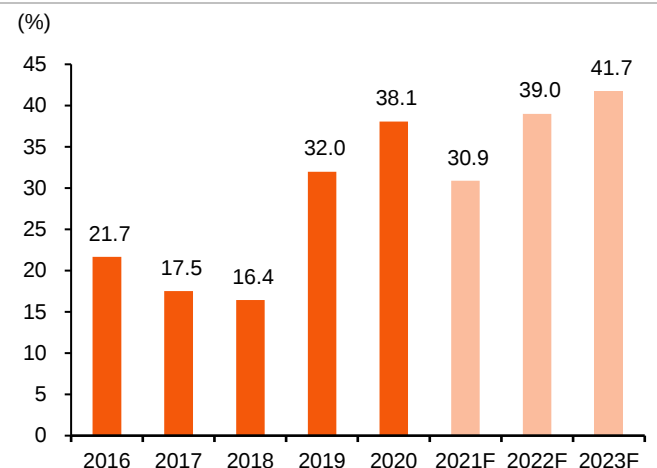
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Ex 7: EBIT Margin

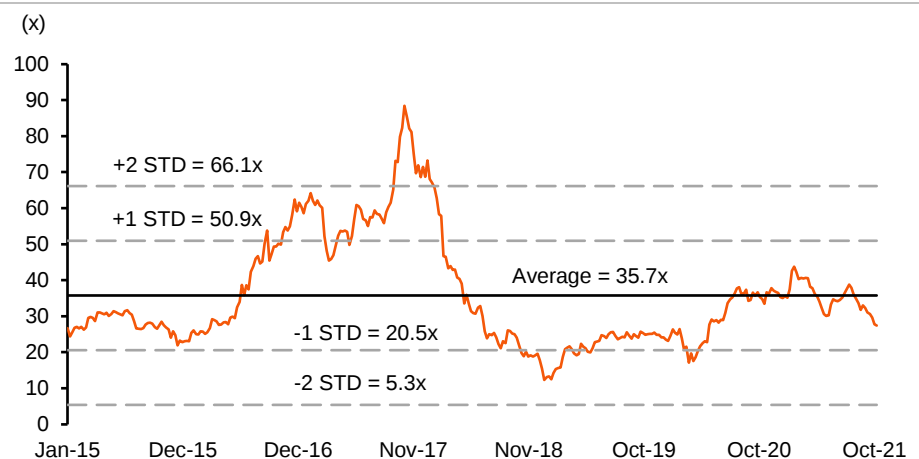
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Ex 8: Annual Earnings Trend

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 9: High ROE

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 10: PE Has Been De-rated

Sources: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates

Ex 11: Earnings Revisions

	2019	2020	2021F	2022F	2023F
Sales (Bt m)					
New	14,933	17,231	16,922	20,766	23,230
Old			19,144	22,514	24,822
Change (%)			(11.6)	(7.8)	(6.4)
Gross margin (%)					
New	38.9	41.0	38.6	40.4	41.6
Old			42.3	43.1	43.7
Change (pp)			(3.7)	(2.8)	(2.0)
SG&A to sales (%)					
New	18.4	16.7	16.5	14.5	12.8
Old			16.6	14.3	12.8
Change (pp)			(0.1)	0.2	(0.0)
Normalized profits (Bt m)					
New	2,518	3,525	3,216	4,626	5,779
Old			4,122	5,488	6,531
Change (%)			(22.0)	(15.7)	(11.5)

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 12: 12-month DCF-based TP Calculation Using A Base Year Of 2022F

(Bt m)	2022F	2023F	2024F	2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F	2031F	2032F	Terminal Value
EBITDA	6,105	7,453	8,140	8,981	9,878	11,254	12,054	12,902	13,801	14,754	15,765	—
Free cash flow	4,767	6,138	5,748	7,728	8,514	9,714	10,459	11,203	11,992	12,828	13,713	220,239
PV of free cash flow	4,754	5,249	4,544	5,648	5,788	6,113	6,091	6,040	5,985	5,926	5,673	91,105
Risk-free rate (%)	2.5											
Market risk premium (%)	8.0											
Beta	1.0											
WACC (%)	8.2											
Terminal growth (%)	2.0											
Enterprise value - add investments	152,914											
Net debt (2021F)	2,305											
Minority interest	182											
Equity value	150,427											
# of shares (m)	1,000											
Equity value/share (Bt)	150.00											

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Valuation Comparison

Ex 13: Valuation Comparison With Regional Peers

Name	BBG code	Country	EPS growth		— PE —		— P/BV —		EV/EBITDA		— Div yield—	
			21F (%)	22F (%)	21F (x)	22F (x)	21F (x)	22F (x)	21F (x)	22F (x)	21F (%)	22F (%)
Yakult Honsha	2267 JP	Japan	5.3	5.8	22.1	20.9	2.1	1.9	12.3	11.6	1.1	1.1
Coca-Cola	KO US	US	15.5	8.2	23.5	21.8	10.3	10.4	20.7	19.0	3.2	3.3
PepsiCo	PEP US	US	12.9	7.6	24.1	22.4	11.9	10.7	16.8	15.7	2.8	3.0
Monster Beverage	MNST US	US	12.1	13.6	33.3	29.3	7.9	7.1	23.1	20.6	0.0	0.0
Sappe PCL	SAPPE TB	Thailand	16.9	10.9	17.0	15.3	2.5	2.3	8.8	8.2	2.5	3.0
Carabao Group PCL*	CBG TB	Thailand	(8.8)	43.8	37.0	25.7	10.9	9.3	27.1	19.4	1.8	2.6
Osotspa PCL*	OSP TB	Thailand	4.3	10.0	27.7	25.2	5.2	5.1	20.8	18.7	3.4	4.0
Average			8.8	14.3	26.4	22.9	7.3	6.7	18.5	16.2	2.1	2.4

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Note: * Thanachart estimates, using normalized EPS.

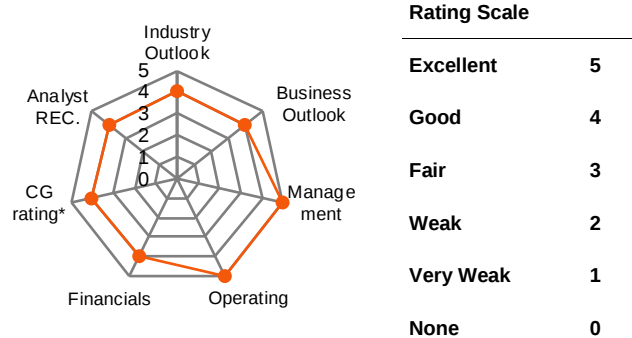
Based on 5-Oct-21 closing prices

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Carabao Group Pcl (CBG) is Thailand's second-largest energy drinks producer with a 22% market share. The company holds 100% stakes in three subsidiaries: CBD (energy drinks manufacturing company), APG (glass bottle production and procurement company), and DCM (distribution company). CBG started producing energy drinks in 2002 and now sells its products both domestically and abroad.

Source: Thanachart

COMPANY RATING



Source: Thanachart; *CG Rating

THANACHART'S SWOT ANALYSIS

S — Strength

- Strong presence in the domestic beverage market.
- Robust balance sheet and net-cash company.
- Proactive management team.

O — Opportunity

- Expansions abroad.
- Mergers and acquisitions.

W — Weakness

- Only organic growth in a mature beverage market.
- Lack of pricing power.
- Heavily reliant on brand ambassador.

T — Threat

- Domestic consumption and economic conditions.
- New competition in the beverage segment.
- Natural disasters.

CONSENSUS COMPARISON

	Consensus	Thanachart	Diff
Target price (Bt)	149.47	150.00	0%
Net profit 21F (Bt m)	3,544	3,216	-9%
Net profit 22F (Bt m)	4,363	4,626	6%
Consensus REC	BUY: 11	HOLD: 3	SELL: 1

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?

- Our 2022F earnings and is ahead of the Bloomberg consensus numbers, which we attribute to us having a more aggressive view on its growth in China and a decent recovery in the Cambodia and Myanmar markets.

Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart estimates

RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE

- Lower-than-expected growth in domestic sales and exports would represent the key downside risks to our earnings forecasts and TP.
- Lower-than-expected sales growth in the Myanmar and Vietnam markets would pose a secondary downside risk to our earnings forecasts.

Source: Thanachart

INCOME STATEMENT

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Sales	14,933	17,231	16,922	20,766	23,230
Cost of sales	9,123	10,173	10,386	12,381	13,559
Gross profit	5,810	7,058	6,536	8,385	9,671
% gross margin	38.9%	41.0%	38.6%	40.4%	41.6%
Selling & administration expenses	2,753	2,880	2,795	3,014	2,969
Operating profit	3,058	4,178	3,740	5,371	6,702
% operating margin	20.5%	24.2%	22.1%	25.9%	28.9%
Depreciation & amortization	534	668	743	771	790
EBITDA	3,592	4,846	4,483	6,142	7,493
% EBITDA margin	24.1%	28.1%	26.5%	29.6%	32.3%
Non-operating income	119	156	149	182	204
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Interest expense	(133)	(107)	(87)	(76)	(58)
Pre-tax profit	3,044	4,227	3,802	5,478	6,849
Income tax	564	667	604	871	1,089
After-tax profit	2,480	3,559	3,197	4,607	5,760
% net margin	16.6%	20.7%	18.9%	22.2%	24.8%
Shares in affiliates' Earnings	0	0	0	0	0
Minority interests	38	(34)	19	19	19
Extraordinary items	(12)	0	0	0	0
NET PROFIT	2,506	3,525	3,216	4,626	5,779
Normalized profit	2,518	3,525	3,216	4,626	5,779
EPS (Bt)	2.5	3.5	3.2	4.6	5.8
Normalized EPS (Bt)	2.5	3.5	3.2	4.6	5.8

We project gross margin to rise over 2022-23F

We expect 44% EPS growth in 2022F

BALANCE SHEET

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
ASSETS:					
Current assets:	3,197	3,992	4,049	4,854	7,009
Cash & cash equivalent	962	947	1,000	1,200	3,000
Account receivables	1,140	1,420	1,395	1,712	1,915
Inventories	992	1,489	1,521	1,779	1,911
Others	104	136	134	164	183
Investments & loans	103	107	107	107	107
Net fixed assets	10,872	12,032	11,717	11,384	10,933
Other assets	607	956	1,246	1,404	1,507
Total assets	14,780	17,087	17,119	17,749	19,556
LIABILITIES:					
Current liabilities:	3,777	5,655	4,652	3,647	3,499
Account payables	1,447	1,573	1,606	1,914	2,096
Bank overdraft & ST loans	298	2,504	1,844	864	596
Current LT debt	1,699	1,090	802	376	259
Others current liabilities	333	488	399	493	547
Total LT debt	2,131	894	658	308	213
Others LT liabilities	153	380	749	797	829
Total liabilities	6,062	6,929	6,059	4,752	4,541
Minority interest	153	201	182	163	144
Preferreds shares	0	0	0	0	0
Paid-up capital	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Share premium	0	0	0	0	0
Warrants	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus	3,929	3,905	3,905	3,905	3,905
Retained earnings	3,637	5,051	5,972	7,928	9,965
Shareholders' equity	8,566	9,956	10,877	12,834	14,871
Liabilities & equity	14,780	17,087	17,119	17,749	19,556

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Earnings before tax	3,044	4,227	3,802	5,478	6,849
Tax paid	(509)	(592)	(624)	(778)	(1,038)
Depreciation & amortization	534	668	743	771	790
Chg In working capital	(701)	(652)	27	(267)	(153)
Chg In other CA & CL / minorities	451	40	(67)	(30)	(17)
Cash flow from operations	2,818	3,691	3,881	5,175	6,432
Capex	(316)	(1,828)	(400)	(400)	(300)
Right of use	0	(304)	(330)	(50)	(50)
ST loans & investments	0	0	0	0	0
LT loans & investments	(3)	(4)	0	0	0
Adj for asset revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
Chg In other assets & liabilities	67	205	380	(98)	(61)
Cash flow from investments	(252)	(1,930)	(350)	(548)	(411)
Debt financing	(624)	359	(1,183)	(1,757)	(479)
Capital increase	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	(1,100)	(2,100)	(2,295)	(2,670)	(3,742)
Warrants & other surplus	(17)	(35)	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(1,741)	(1,776)	(3,478)	(4,427)	(4,221)
Free cash flow	2,502	1,863	3,481	4,775	6,132

VALUATION

FY ending Dec	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Normalized PE (x)	47.3	33.8	37.0	25.7	20.6
Normalized PE - at target price (x)	59.6	42.6	46.6	32.4	26.0
PE (x)	47.5	33.8	37.0	25.7	20.6
PE - at target price (x)	59.8	42.6	46.6	32.4	26.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	34.0	25.3	27.1	19.4	15.6
EV/EBITDA - at target price (x)	42.6	31.7	34.0	24.5	19.8
P/BV (x)	13.9	12.0	10.9	9.3	8.0
P/BV - at target price (x)	17.5	15.1	13.8	11.7	10.1
P/CFO (x)	42.2	32.2	30.7	23.0	18.5
Price/sales (x)	8.0	6.9	7.0	5.7	5.1
Dividend yield (%)	1.4	2.0	1.8	2.6	3.6
FCF Yield (%)	2.1	1.6	2.9	4.0	5.2
(Bt)					
Normalized EPS	2.5	3.5	3.2	4.6	5.8
EPS	2.5	3.5	3.2	4.6	5.8
DPS	1.7	2.4	2.2	3.1	4.3
BV/share	8.6	10.0	10.9	12.8	14.9
CFO/share	2.8	3.7	3.9	5.2	6.4
FCF/share	2.5	1.9	3.5	4.8	6.1

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

FINANCIAL RATIOS

FY ending Dec	2019A	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Growth Rate					
Sales (%)	3.5	15.4	(1.8)	22.7	11.9
Net profit (%)	116.3	40.6	(8.8)	43.8	24.9
EPS (%)	116.3	40.6	(8.8)	43.8	24.9
Normalized profit (%)	114.4	40.0	(8.8)	43.8	24.9
Normalized EPS (%)	114.4	40.0	(8.8)	43.8	24.9
Dividend payout ratio (%)	67.8	68.1	68.1	68.1	75.0
Operating performance					
Gross margin (%)	38.9	41.0	38.6	40.4	41.6
Operating margin (%)	20.5	24.2	22.1	25.9	28.9
EBITDA margin (%)	24.1	28.1	26.5	29.6	32.3
Net margin (%)	16.6	20.7	18.9	22.2	24.8
D/E (incl. minor) (x)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
Net D/E (incl. minor) (x)	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	(0.1)
Interest coverage - EBIT (x)	23.0	39.1	43.0	70.7	115.7
Interest coverage - EBITDA (x)	27.1	45.4	51.5	80.9	129.3
ROA - using norm profit (%)	17.3	22.1	18.8	26.5	31.0
ROE - using norm profit (%)	32.0	38.1	30.9	39.0	41.7
DuPont					
ROE - using after tax profit (%)	31.5	38.4	30.7	38.9	41.6
- asset turnover (x)	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2
- operating margin (%)	21.3	25.1	23.0	26.7	29.7
- leverage (x)	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3
- interest burden (%)	95.8	97.5	97.8	98.6	99.2
- tax burden (%)	81.5	84.2	84.1	84.1	84.1
WACC (%)	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
ROIC (%)	21.1	30.0	23.3	34.3	42.8
NOPAT (Bt m)	2,491	3,518	3,146	4,517	5,637
invested capital (Bt m)	11,732	13,497	13,183	13,181	12,939

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

ROE looks attractive to us
at 39% in 2021F

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