

AP(Thailand) Pcl (AP TB) - BUY, Price Bt10.30, TP Bt13.50**Results Comment**

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Strong 2Q22, beat us

- AP reported strong 2Q22 net profit of Bt1,574m, up 41% y-y but down 9% q-q from record quarterly profit in 1Q22.
- Due to its continued market share gain in low-rise housing segment and its solid low-rise housing presales growth of 25% y-y to Bt20.6bn in 1H22, 2Q22 profit was the second-best quarter ever.
- Key drivers were 1) property sales revenues growth of 23% y-y to Bt9.6bn (low-rise housing sales increased by 22% y-y to Bt9.1bn, condo revenues grew by 50% y-y to Bt481m), 2) improving property gross margin by 200bp y-y and 13bp q-q to 32.4%, 3) higher equity income from JV condos.
- Equity income from JV condos grew by 108% y-y and 53% q-q to Bt378m, despite no new projects completed, from a good transfer of ready-to-move-in projects; Life Asoke-Hype, Life Asoke-Rama 9 and Life Ladprao Valley.
- 1H22 net profit already reached 69% of our full-year forecast. Though we see upside to our 2022F earnings, we expect 2H22F profit to be softer h-h as many finished units were transferred in 1H22.
- Maintain BUY. We expect AP to deliver a record profit again this year and EPS growth will be higher than our 6% current forecast.

Income Statement						Income Statement					
(consolidated)						6M as					
Yr-end Dec (Bt m)	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	(Bt m)	q-q%	y-y%	% 2022F	2022F	2023F
Revenue	8,035	7,152	7,501	10,849	9,862	Revenue	(9)	23	56	36,847	41,329
Gross profit	2,542	2,292	2,511	3,616	3,313	Gross profit	(8)	30	58	11,927	13,435
SG&A	1,392	1,430	1,581	1,709	1,715	SG&A	0	23	48	7,185	7,646
Operating profit	1,149	862	930	1,907	1,598	Operating profit	(16)	39	74	4,741	5,789
EBITDA	1,218	933	1,001	1,978	1,671	EBITDA	(16)	37	72	5,061	6,099
Other income	28	18	20	9	18	Other income	96	(36)	13	211	235
Other expense	1	0	(1)	5	95	Other expense	1,651	9,753	na	0	0
Interest expense	79	48	25	28	14	Interest expense	(51)	(83)	13	312	386
Profit before tax	1,097	831	926	1,883	1,508	Profit before tax	(20)	37	73	4,640	5,638
Income tax	163	167	210	400	312	Income tax	(22)	91	77	928	1,128
Equity & invest. income	181	366	277	247	378	Equity & invest. income	53	108	57	1,099	1,171
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	Minority interests	(65)	(55)	na	0	0
Extraordinary items	0	0	1	0	0	Extraordinary items			na	0	0
Net profit	1,115	1,031	994	1,730	1,574	Net profit	(9)	41	69	4,811	5,681
Normalized profit	1,115	1,031	993	1,730	1,574	Normalized profit	(9)	41	69	4,811	5,681
EPS (Bt)	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.55	0.50	EPS (Bt)	(9)	41	69	1.53	1.81
Normalized EPS (Bt)	0.35	0.33	0.32	0.55	0.50	Normalized EPS (Bt)	(9)	41	69	1.53	1.81

Balance Sheet						Financial Ratios					
(consolidated)						2021					
Yr-end Dec (Bt m)	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	(%)	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22
Cash & ST investment	2,948	3,455	2,070	2,848	2,841	Sales growth	3.1	(21.8)	(0.6)	19.1	22.7
A/C receivable	92	117	118	86	128	Operating profit growth	45.6	(9.5)	14.3	23.7	39.1
Inventory	45,124	44,081	47,379	47,145	48,985	EBITDA growth	42.5	(8.5)	13.2	22.8	37.1
Other current assets	941	1,580	1,386	1,157	1,003	Norm profit growth	(8.3)	(28.9)	5.4	23.3	41.2
Investment	6,142	6,507	6,644	6,799	6,670	Norm EPS growth	(8.2)	(28.9)	5.4	23.3	41.2
Fixed assets	376	367	367	249	364	Gross margin	31.6	32.0	33.5	33.3	33.6
Other assets	2,476	2,464	2,446	2,588	2,478	Operating margin	14.3	12.1	12.4	17.6	16.2
Total assets	58,099	58,571	60,409	60,873	62,469	EBITDA margin	15.2	13.0	13.3	18.2	16.9
S-T debt	5,100	5,500	6,227	2,500	6,361	Norm net margin	13.9	14.4	13.2	15.9	16.0
A/C payable	2,312	2,455	2,449	2,937	3,371	D/E (x)	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other current liabilities	3,339	3,308	3,763	3,697	4,062	Net D/E (x)	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
L-T debt	16,017	14,997	14,720	16,720	13,641	Interest coverage (x)	15.4	19.4	39.8	71.6	123.0
Other liabilities	934	882	826	866	878	Interest rate	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.3
Minority interest	(18)	(18)	(18)	(18)	(18)	Effective tax rate	14.9	20.0	22.7	21.3	20.7
Shareholders' equity	30,416	31,448	32,442	34,172	34,174	ROA	7.6	7.1	6.7	11.4	10.2
Working capital	42,905	41,743	45,048	44,295	45,742	ROE	14.6	13.3	12.4	20.8	18.4
Total debt	21,116	20,497	20,947	19,220	20,002						
Net debt	18,169	17,043	18,877	16,372	17,162						

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

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