

BUY (Unchanged)

TP: Bt 75.00 (From: Bt 87.00)

20 AUGUST 2024

Change in Numbers

Upside : 29.3%

Central Pattana Pcl (CPN TB)

Dusit isn't a drag

Despite market concerns, the new Dusit Central Park project isn't a meaningful drag on CPN's earnings. The project's condo is already 80% presold, implying a 4% earnings boost for CPN in 2026F. We reaffirm our BUY on CPN, seeing its 15x 2025F PE as attractive.



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Earnings upgrades; reaffirming BUY

CPN's 2Q24 earnings, which were up 24% y-y and 10% q-q, were better than we'd expected, and we raise our estimates by 3-5% p.a. in 2024-26F. Our SOTP-derived 12-month TP, rolled over to a 2025F base year, applying a higher WACC of 8.3%, is Bt75 (from Bt87). We reaffirm our BUY on CPN. **First**, its core shopping mall rental business remains highly resilient, with a 93% occupancy rate and a new high gross margin of 57.5% in 2024F. **Second**, the low-risk, resilient core businesses (malls, offices, hotels) will likely continue to account for around 90% of its earnings in future years. **Third**, despite the market concerns, we do not see the new Dusit Central Park project due to open next month as much of an earnings drag with only a 1% impact on CPN's earnings in 2024F. **Lastly**, after the 23% fall in its share price from last year's peak, CPN looks attractive to us as a high-quality rental asset company trading at 15.2x 2025F PE.

The new Dusit Central Park

Dusit Central Park is a mixed-use project located in the Bangkok CBD on the corner of Silom Road comprising a shopping mall (85% owned by CPN, due to open in late 2025), offices (100% owned, due to open in 2H25), a hotel (30% owned via a JV, due to open on 27 September 2024) and a residential condo (30% owned via a JV, due to be completed in late 2025). In our previous report, we factored CPN's stakes in the mall and offices into our projection, but we have just started incorporating its stakes in the hotel and condominium parts in this report.

The project isn't a drag

We estimate Dusit Central Park's hotel and condo will contribute -0.5/0.2/3.7% in 2024-26F to CPN's core earnings. Therefore, we don't see the project dragging CPN's earnings. The jump in contribution in 2026F is due to major transfers of the condo project, which was 80% presold by 2Q24. Despite much lower transfers in 2027F, we do not expect CPN's earnings to contract and still grow 6%. We like CPN's exposure in the mall and office parts of the project as the location is prime. CPN targets the occupancy rate at the opening to reach the profit breakeven level of 80% for the mall and 40-50% for the offices. We estimate the hotel's loss sharing to CPN at Bt82/22m or a mere 0.5/0.1% of CPN's core profit in 2024-25F with a profit contribution in 2026F.

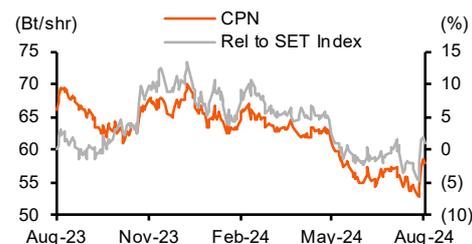
Still a high-quality asset play

CPN remains a high-quality, asset-based company despite now also selling some residential properties. We expect its highly resilient rental shopping mall, office building, and hotel businesses to continue contributing around 90% of core earnings in the future. We foresee its ROE stabilizing at around 16-17%.

COMPANY VALUATION

Y/E Dec (Bt m)	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Sales	45,613	49,952	51,901	56,256
Net profit	15,062	17,340	18,138	20,119
Consensus NP	—	16,313	17,656	18,696
Diff frm cons (%)	—	6.3	2.7	7.6
Norm profit	13,916	15,852	17,125	20,119
Prev. Norm profit	—	15,031	16,574	19,180
Chg frm prev (%)	—	5.5	3.3	4.9
Norm EPS (Bt)	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.5
Norm EPS grw (%)	38.7	13.9	8.0	17.5
Norm PE (x)	18.7	16.4	15.2	12.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.4	12.0	11.3	10.2
P/BV (x)	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2
Div yield (%)	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.9
ROE (%)	16.0	16.4	16.2	17.4
Net D/E (%)	73.1	70.9	67.5	65.3

PRICE PERFORMANCE



COMPANY INFORMATION

Price as of 20-Aug-24 (Bt)	58.00
Market Cap (US\$ m)	7,610.1
Listed Shares (m shares)	4,488.0
Free Float (%)	68.7
Avg Daily Turnover (US\$ m)	12.8
12M Price H/L (Bt)	70.00/52.75
Sector	PROP
Major Shareholder	Central Holding Co., Ltd 26.21%

Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates



Earnings upgrades; reaffirming BUY

Earnings raised on higher mall margin and Dusit Central Park contribution

Following Central Pattana Pcl's (CPN) all-time-high 2Q24 core profit performance, rising 24% y-y and 10% q-q and driven by an expanding gross margin on shopping malls, we lift our mall gross margin to a record 57.5% this year and 58.7/59.9% in 2025-26F (from 55.9/57.2/59.3% in 2024-26F previously). Also, since the reopening of the Dusit Thani Bangkok Hotel is approaching fast, we have factored its 30% investment in this hotel and Dusit Residences condominium into our projections. We lift our normalized profit by 5/3/5% in 2024-26F. With our base year rolled over to 2025F and after assigning a higher WACC of 8.3% from 7.3% due to higher cost of debt and a rising beta, we lower our SOTP-derived 12-month TP by 14% to Bt75/share (from Bt87).

Ex 1: Key Assumption Changes

	2021	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F	2027F
SS rental revenue growth (%) - unchanged	(8)	45	9	2	3	3	3
Rent discounts (increases) vs 2019 (%) - unchanged	39	12	4	2	(1)	(4)	(7)
No of shopping malls (YE) - unchanged	38	39	40	42	44	46	48
Real estate sales (Bt m) - unchanged	2,156	2,870	5,835	7,002	7,702	8,087	8,491
Gross margin - rent (%)							
New	40.8	51.6	55.3	57.5	58.7	59.9	60.5
Old	-	-	-	55.9	57.2	59.3	60.4
Change (bp)	-	-	-	160	146	57	5
Equity income from 30%-held Vimarn Suriya Co Ltd (Bt m)							
New	-	-	-	(82)	30	737	246
Old	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total equity income (Bt m)							
New	704	1,560	2,133	2,237	2,471	3,306	2,942
Old				2,320	2,442	2,569	2,696
Change (%)				(3.6)	1.2	28.7	9.1
Normalized profit (Bt m)							
New	3,379	10,030	13,916	15,852	17,125	20,119	21,250
Old				15,031	16,574	19,180	20,937
Change (%)				5.5	3.3	4.9	1.5

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 2: Our Sum-of-the-parts Valuation

SOTP valuation		(Bt m)	
Risk-free rate (Rf) (%)	2.5	Total present value of FCF	394,773
Market risk premium (Rm-Rf) (%)	8.0	Less: net debt	77,807
Beta	1.00	Less: minority interest	8,490
Cost of equity (Ke) (%)	10.5	Equity value	308,476
After-tax cost of debt (Kd) (%)	2.4	No of shares (end-2025F) (m)	4,488
Debt to total assets (%)	27.7	Equity value/share (Bt/share)	68.73
WACC (%)	8.3	plus Value of CPNREIT (39.39%-owned) (Bt/CPN share)	3.53
		Value of CPNCG (25%-owned) (Bt/CPN share)	0.13
		Value of six land plots (Bt/CPN share)	2.61
		CPN's SOTP-based target price (Bt/share)	75.00

Source: Thanachart estimates

A high-quality asset play

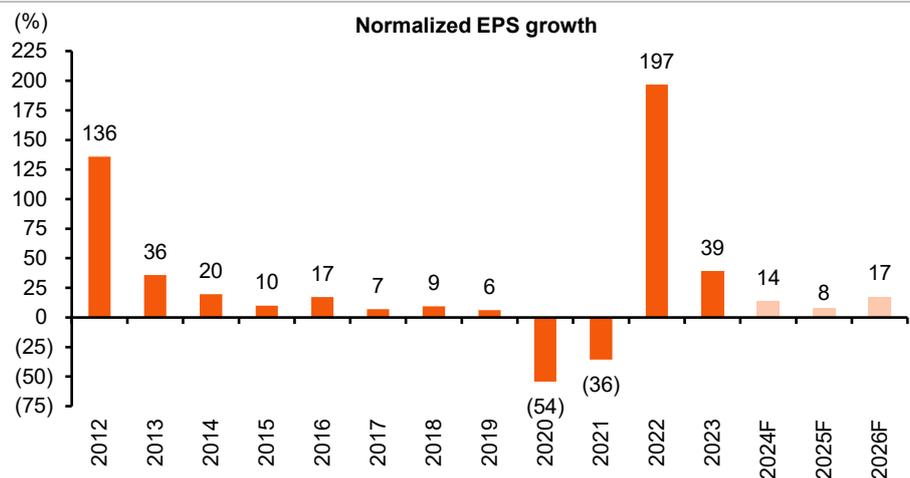
We reaffirm our BUY call on CPN for the following reasons:

First, its core shopping mall rental business remains highly resilient, with a 93% average occupancy rate for 42 shopping malls and a new high gross margin of 57.5% in 2024F. Amid the weak economy, CPN's rent reversion stood at 2-3% in 1H24, fluctuating less compared with retailers overall.

Second, the low-risk, resilient core businesses (malls, offices, hotels) will likely continue to account for around 90% of its earnings in future years.

Third, despite the market concern, we do not see the new Dusit Central Park mixed-use project, where the hotel is due to open next month, being much of an earnings drag with less than a 1% hit to CPN's core earnings in 2024F and a profit contribution from 2025F.

Lastly, after the 23% fall in its share price from last year's peak, CPN looks attractive to us for a high-quality rental asset company at 15.2x 2025F PE vs. the sector average of 18.3x and based on its core EPS growth of 14/8/17% in 2024-26F.

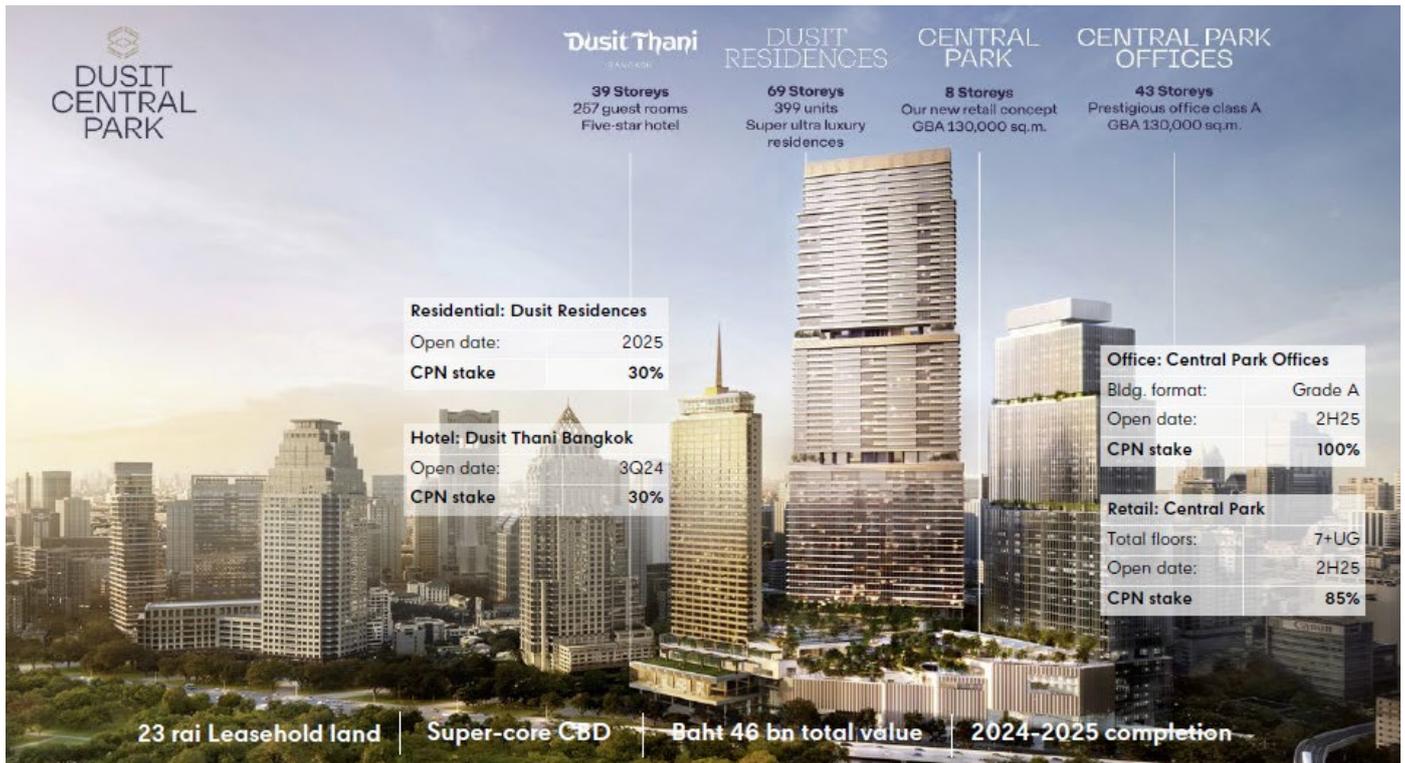
Ex 3: Growth Profile

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Dusit Central Park isn't a drag**Four elements of a 5-star hotel, luxury condo, premium offices and mall**

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Ex 4: Dusit Central Park



Source: Company data

Mall and offices shouldn't be a concern

The mall and offices are not market concerns due to their strategic location in the heart of Bangkok's CBD. CPN targets the occupancy rate at their openings to reach the profit breakeven level of 80% for the mall and 40-50% for the offices.

We estimate Dusit Thani Bangkok to turn profitable in 2026F

Our assumptions suggest the hotel makes a Bt275m loss this year for three months of operations after opening in late September, a Bt73m loss in 2025F, before turning a profit in 2026F. We believe the hotel will be able to turn profitable faster than the typical three years for hotels given its prime location attracting business travelers and foreign and local tourists along with its mixed-use combination that should support a high room rate (we assume Bt10,000/night) and a high occupancy rate (we assume 50/67/72% for 2024-26F). Besides, we expect an F&B revenue mix of 52-60% pa vs. a room revenue mix of 40-48% due to the hotel's lengthy history as a venue for restaurant dining, events, and meetings.

Dusit Residences is not a worry as it is 80% presold

While we assume Bt17.2bn from Dusit Residences condominium (80% sold as of 2Q24) to be 5/70/20/2% transferred in 2025-28F, we estimate residential profit of Bt172m/2,406m/687m/69m in those years, implying shared profit from the condo project of Bt52m/Bt722m/206m/21m in 2025-28F, contributing 0.3/3.6/1.0/0.1% of CPN's core profit.

We estimate Dusit Central Park's hotel and condominium to contribute a Bt82m shared loss in 2024F and a shared profit of Bt30m/737m in 2025-26F or contribute -0.5/0.2/3.7% in 2024-26F to CPN's core earnings. Therefore, we don't see the project dragging CPN's earnings. The jump in contribution in 2026F is due to major transfers of the condo project. With a much lower transfer figure in 2027F, we do not expect CPN's earnings to contract and still grow by 6%.

Ex 5: Earnings Forecasts For CPN's 30% JV, Vimarn Suriya Co Ltd

A 30% JV, Vimarn Suriya Co Ltd	2024F	2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F	2031F	2032F	2033F	2034F	2035F
Dusit Thani Bangkok Hotel (opening Sep 27th, 2024)												
Room	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257	257
Occupancy (%)	50	67	72	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76
Room rate (Bt/night/room)	10,000	10,300	10,609	10,927	11,255	11,593	11,941	12,299	12,668	13,048	13,439	13,842
growth (%)		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
F&B/room revenue ratio (%)	75	60	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
Other revenues (catering, meetings, spa)/room revenue ratio (%)	75	65	60	57	56	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
Revenues												
Room revenue (Bt m)	116	647	717	779	802	826	851	877	903	930	958	987
F&B revenue (Bt m)	87	388	394	428	441	455	468	482	497	512	527	543
Other revenues (catering, meetings, spa, laundry, etc) (Bt m)	87	421	430	444	449	455	468	482	497	512	527	543
Total revenues (Bt m)	289	1,457	1,541	1,652	1,693	1,736	1,788	1,841	1,897	1,953	2,012	2,072
GP (%)	45	55	62	65								
SG&A/sales (%)	140	60	58	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47
Net profit - Hotel (Bt m)	(275)	(73)	49	132	149	167	186	206	228	250	274	298
Dusit Residences (399 units, 80% sold as of June 2024)												
- Dusit Residences (30,489 sqm - net saleable area)												
- Dusit Parkside (20,054 sqm - net saleable area)												
Total net saleable area (sqm)	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543	50,543
Avg selling price/sqm (Bt/sqm)	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000
Sold (%) - YE	82	87	92	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97
Transferred (%)		5	70	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential revenue (Bt m)		859	12,029	3,437	344	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GP (%)		38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38
NP (%)		20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Net profit - Residences (Bt m)		172	2,406	687	69	0						
Total net profit (Bt m)	(275)	99	2,455	820	218	167	186	206	228	250	274	298
CPN's shared profit (Bt m) (30%)	(82)	30	737	246	65	50	56	62	68	75	82	90

Source: Thanachart estimates

Valuation Comparison

Ex 6: Valuation Comparison With Regional Peers

Name	BBG code	Country	EPS growth		PE		P/BV		EV/EBITDA		Div. yield	
			24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F
Marks & Spencer	MKS LN	Britain	39.9	(1.8)	13.1	13.3	1.9	1.0	6.6	5.0	1.4	4.6
J Sainsbury PLC	SBRY LN	Britain	(3.2)	4.2	11.9	11.4	0.8	0.8	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.3
Tesco	TSCO LN	Britain	12.7	7.1	12.9	12.1	1.8	1.9	7.2	7.1	3.8	4.2
Carrefour SA	CA FP	France	15.1	18.0	7.7	6.5	0.9	0.8	5.3	5.0	6.4	6.7
Casino Guichard	CO FP	France	128.1	(141.4)	1.8	na	0.1	0.2	6.0	5.9	0.0	0.0
L'Oreal SA	OR FP	France	5.1	9.0	30.2	27.7	6.5	5.8	20.5	19.0	1.8	2.0
Alimentation Couche	ATD/B CN	Canada	(2.0)	6.6	na	na	na	na	12.5	11.3	na	na
Aeon	8267 JP	Japan	39.9	23.8	79.9	64.5	3.1	2.8	10.2	10.1	1.0	1.1
Kao Corporation	4452 JP	Japan	130.5	13.8	28.0	24.6	2.9	2.8	13.0	11.9	2.4	2.4
Lion Corporation	4912 JP	Japan	7.9	(1.0)	21.4	21.6	1.4	1.4	8.3	8.0	1.9	2.0
Shiseido Co. Ltd	4911 JP	Japan	36.9	160.5	58.0	22.3	2.2	2.1	13.5	10.3	1.7	1.8
Lawson	2651 JP	Japan	112.2	9.6	20.9	19.0	3.6	3.5	6.3	5.1	2.2	2.5
Seven & I Holdings	3382 JP	Japan	(15.7)	23.4	21.2	17.2	1.4	1.3	8.0	7.6	2.0	2.1
Lotte Corp	004990 KS	South Korea	(52.3)	na	79.8	7.8	0.4	0.4	8.7	8.9	6.3	7.3
Shinsegae	004170 KS	South Korea	3.1	12.7	4.7	4.2	0.3	0.3	6.5	6.2	2.8	3.0
Amore Pacific Group	002790 KS	South Korea	89.6	4.9	9.9	9.4	0.6	0.6	6.8	5.1	1.8	1.6
Best Buy Co Inc	BBY US	USA	(1.2)	10.5	14.0	12.7	5.4	5.4	7.1	6.6	4.4	4.6
Wal-Mart Stores	WMT US	USA	13.6	10.5	30.0	27.1	6.6	5.9	15.1	13.9	1.1	1.2
Home Depot Inc	HD US	USA	(0.6)	5.0	24.2	23.1	na	na	16.5	15.8	2.5	2.6
Levi Strauss & Co.	LEVI US	USA	14.5	15.4	15.5	13.4	3.5	3.0	9.8	8.8	2.6	2.8
Yonghui Superstores	601933 CH	China	119.7	na	na	46.9	3.4	3.2	13.5	13.3	0.0	0.9
Sa International	178 HK	Hong Kong	na	(17.2)	8.3	10.0	1.9	na	5.6	7.2	6.7	7.1
Dairy Farm Intl Hldgs	DFI SP	Hong Kong	35.4	20.3	12.4	10.3	2.4	2.1	7.2	6.7	5.1	6.3
President Chain Store	2912 TT	Taiwan	5.7	8.3	24.8	22.9	7.1	6.4	9.6	9.2	3.5	3.8
7-Eleven Malaysia	SEM MK	Malaysia	(1.5)	16.9	30.5	26.1	5.8	5.1	8.4	7.8	1.5	1.7
Berli Jucker *	BJC TB	Thailand	8.0	7.0	16.2	15.1	0.7	0.7	10.3	9.9	4.3	4.6
COM7 *	COM7 TB	Thailand	4.3	22.3	17.5	14.3	5.8	4.9	12.0	10.1	3.4	4.1
CP All *	CPALL TB	Thailand	33.3	17.5	22.6	19.2	4.3	3.8	9.2	8.3	2.2	2.6
CP Aextra *	CPAXT TB *	Thailand	24.7	18.0	28.5	24.1	1.0	1.0	11.6	10.8	2.5	2.9
Central Pattana *	CPN TB	Thailand	13.9	8.0	16.4	15.2	2.6	2.4	12.0	11.3	3.3	3.5
Central Retail Corp. *	CRC TB	Thailand	7.2	11.3	18.9	17.0	2.3	2.1	7.2	6.8	2.1	2.3
Dohome *	DOHOME TB	Thailand	47.8	41.0	44.4	31.5	2.7	2.5	23.5	20.1	0.1	0.1
Siam Global House *	GLOBAL TB	Thailand	11.2	16.0	24.9	21.5	2.9	2.7	19.5	17.2	1.4	1.6
Home Product*	HMPRO TB	Thailand	10.9	10.0	15.3	13.9	4.1	3.9	9.0	8.3	5.2	5.8
MC Group *	MC TB	Thailand	13.5	18.4	11.1	9.3	2.1	2.1	5.5	4.9	8.7	10.5
Moshi Moshi Retail*	MOSHI TB *	Thailand	24.5	42.7	28.5	20.0	6.3	5.3	14.4	10.9	1.7	2.5
Average			26.7	12.7	23.7	19.3	2.9	2.7	10.3	9.4	2.9	3.4

Sources: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates

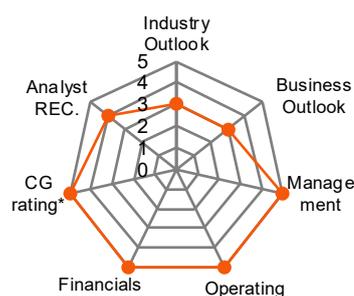
Note: * Thanachart estimates using normalized EPS growth, Based on 20 August 2024 closing price

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Central Pattana Pcl (CPN) is Thailand's largest shopping mall developer with over 30 years of experience. CPN currently manages 42 shopping malls, ten office buildings, nine hotels and 37 residential projects. The company is the leader in the retail development and management sector with the biggest share of Bangkok's retail market. It also invests in property fund/REITs with a 39.39% holding in CPNREIT and 25.0% in CPNCG.

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

- Market leader with the most proactive expansion plans.
- The major shareholder, the Chirathivat family, has many businesses under its wing, mostly retail. Thus, a certain occupancy level is secured prior to project launches.
- Prime locations secured in Bangkok and first-tier provinces.

O — Opportunity

- Expansion into second-tier provinces and Bangkok's suburbs.
- Opportunities to expand shopping malls in markets abroad, particularly Southeast Asian countries.

W — Weakness

- Highly capital-intensive business.
- Long payback period.

T — Threat

- Indirect competition from hypermarkets, especially upcountry.
- Risk of leasehold projects not being renewed.

CONSENSUS COMPARISON

	Consensus	Thanachart	Diff
Target price (Bt)	80.03	75.00	-6%
Net profit 24F (Bt m)	16,313	17,340	6%
Net profit 25F (Bt m)	17,656	18,138	3%
Consensus REC	BUY: 24	HOLD: 1	SELL: 0

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?

- Our 2024-25F net profits are 3-6% above the Bloomberg consensus numbers, which we attribute to us having higher shopping mall gross margin assumptions.
- Our SOTP-derived TP is 6% below the Street's. We suspect this is because we have a higher WACC of 8.3%.

Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart estimates

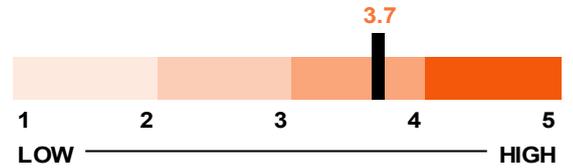
RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE

- A slow economy would affect purchasing power, CPN's ability to increase rental rates, occupancy, and branch expansion, and represents the key downside risk to our call.
- Future unexpected events, such as the closure and fire at CentralWorld in the past, would cause an earnings hiccup and present a secondary downside risk.

Source: Thanachart

CPN is Thailand’s largest shopping mall developer, managing 42 shopping malls in Thailand and one in Malaysia. It also has office buildings for rent and hotel assets. By business nature, it doesn’t release much greenhouse gas. CPN complies with many international environmental standards and attaches high importance to ESG issues with targets and plans. Our ESG score is, therefore, relatively high at 3.7.

Thanachart ESG Rating



	SET ESG Index	SET ESG (BBB-AAA)	DJSI Index	MSCI (CCC-AAA)	ESG Book (0-100)	Refinitiv (0-100)	S&P Global (0-100)	Moody's (0-100)	CG Rating (0-5)
CPN	YES	AA	YES	BBB	70.65	67.75	83.00	36.0	5.0

Sources: SETTRADE, SET ESG Index, SET ESG Rating, The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJSI), MSCI ESG Research LLC, ESG Book, Refinitiv ESG Information, S&P Global Market Intelligence, Moody's ESG Solutions, Thai IOD (CG rating)

Note: Please see third party on "term of use" in the following back page.

Factors **Our Comments**

ENVIRONMENT

- Environmental Policies & Guidelines
- Energy Management
- Carbon Management
- Water Management
- Waste Management

- CPN’s business doesn’t create much greenhouse gas (GHG) by nature. However, it still targets to reduce Scope 1 and 2 GHG emission intensity by 20% from the 2015 level and become a net-zero emission organization by 2050.
- CPN complies with international standards of environmental management (ISO 14001), greenhouse gas management (ISO 14064-1), energy management (ISO 50001), and Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED).
- In 2023, CPN released scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 0.28m tonnes of CO2 equivalent, reducing by 18% from the 2019 base year.
- CPN targets to increase the use of recycled water to 20% of total water consumption.
- CPN says it develops shopping centers to be " destinations of life" rather than places for shopping, and it creates excellence in resource and environmental management.

SOCIAL

- Human Rights
- Staff Management
- Health & Safety
- Product Safety & Quality
- Social Responsibility

- CPN provides fair and proper treatment of employees in compensation, job assignments, job transfers, and competency development. It also says it ensures employee safety at its workplaces.
- In 2023, CPN hired 5,736 employees, 50:50 female and male, with diverse cultural backgrounds and hometowns in the Central, Northeast, South, North, East, and West regions of Thailand.
- In 2023, CPN conducted employee engagement surveys, with an 81% engagement score. It also implemented the Employer of Choice plan, including its Build & Buy program, which helped fill 30% of vacant positions through internal recruitment.
- In 2023, 5,321 employees were trained in various courses at a cost of Bt5,362/person.

GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY

- Board
- Ethics & Transparency
- Business Sustainability
- Risk Management
- Innovation

- The Board of Directors (BOD) comprises 14 members, of whom four are independent directors. Eight of the board members are Chirathivat family members.
- The BOD chairman and President & CEO are two separate persons for a clear-cut segregation of roles and balance in the operation.
- CPN says it upholds ethics in all our business dealings, emphasizes good corporate governance, and promotes personnel responsibility in forging integrity and trustworthiness for themselves and others.
- The Risk Policy Committee reviews overall risk management, acknowledges key risks, and monitors suitable responses and comments on CPN’s annual risk-management strategy analysis.

Sources: Thanachart, Company data

INCOME STATEMENT

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Sales	36,343	45,613	49,952	51,901	56,256
Cost of sales	18,033	21,509	22,692	23,279	24,578
Gross profit	18,310	24,104	27,260	28,622	31,678
% gross margin	50.4%	52.8%	54.6%	55.1%	56.3%
Selling & administration expenses	6,534	7,655	8,233	8,295	8,710
Operating profit	11,776	16,450	19,027	20,327	22,969
% operating margin	32.4%	36.1%	38.1%	39.2%	40.8%
Depreciation & amortization	8,550	8,546	9,178	9,935	10,801
EBITDA	20,326	24,996	28,204	30,263	33,770
% EBITDA margin	55.9%	54.8%	56.5%	58.3%	60.0%
Non-operating income	1,316	1,291	1,919	2,006	2,190
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Interest expense	(2,204)	(2,613)	(3,701)	(3,778)	(3,890)
Pre-tax profit	10,889	15,128	17,244	18,555	21,268
Income tax	2,304	3,175	3,449	3,711	4,254
After-tax profit	8,585	11,953	13,795	14,844	17,014
% net margin	23.6%	26.2%	27.6%	28.6%	30.2%
Shares in affiliates' Earnings	1,560	2,133	2,237	2,471	3,306
Minority interests	(114)	(171)	(181)	(191)	(201)
Extraordinary items	730	1,146	1,488	1,013	0
NET PROFIT	10,760	15,062	17,340	18,138	20,119
Normalized profit	10,030	13,916	15,852	17,125	20,119
EPS (Bt)	2.4	3.4	3.9	4.0	4.5
Normalized EPS (Bt)	2.2	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.5

Record core profit continues with 14/8/17% growth in 2024-26F

BALANCE SHEET

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
ASSETS:					
Current assets:	25,242	25,546	28,619	30,426	33,434
Cash & cash equivalent	6,121	5,059	5,391	6,491	7,691
Account receivables	2,915	2,217	3,421	3,555	3,853
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
Others	16,206	18,269	19,807	20,380	21,890
Investments & loans	41,306	42,282	42,282	42,282	42,282
Net fixed assets	172,707	175,798	188,220	202,584	219,983
Other assets	33,436	36,247	36,695	36,126	37,157
Total assets	272,692	279,873	295,816	311,419	332,857
LIABILITIES:					
Current liabilities:	42,032	53,868	45,520	47,475	50,583
Account payables	1,274	1,485	1,554	1,594	1,683
Bank overdraft & ST loans	13,310	13,972	12,480	13,045	13,889
Current LT debt	15,966	24,885	17,680	18,481	19,676
Others current liabilities	11,481	13,526	13,806	14,355	15,334
Total LT debt	51,329	39,762	53,039	55,442	59,029
Others LT liabilities	89,711	85,661	87,529	89,314	93,302
Total liabilities	183,072	179,291	186,088	192,231	202,913
Minority interest	8,145	8,309	8,490	8,681	8,882
Preferreds shares	0	0	0	0	0
Paid-up capital	2,244	2,244	2,244	2,244	2,244
Share premium	8,559	8,559	8,559	8,559	8,559
Warrants	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus	(326)	559	559	559	559
Retained earnings	70,998	80,911	89,877	99,146	109,700
Shareholders' equity	81,475	92,273	101,239	110,507	121,062
Liabilities & equity	272,692	279,873	295,816	311,419	332,857

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Earnings before tax	10,889	15,128	17,244	18,555	21,268
Tax paid	(1,855)	(2,710)	(3,466)	(3,589)	(4,176)
Depreciation & amortization	8,550	8,546	9,178	9,935	10,801
Chg In working capital	1,854	909	(1,135)	(93)	(209)
Chg In other CA & CL / minorities	(3,103)	2,019	520	1,835	2,188
Cash flow from operations	16,335	23,892	22,341	26,643	29,871
Capex	(11,409)	(11,636)	(21,600)	(24,300)	(28,200)
Right of use	0	0	0	0	0
ST loans & investments	0	0	0	0	0
LT loans & investments	(268)	(976)	0	0	0
Adj for asset revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
Chg In other assets & liabilities	(1,091)	(6,090)	3,386	3,857	3,466
Cash flow from investments	(12,768)	(18,703)	(18,214)	(20,443)	(24,734)
Debt financing	(1,116)	(1,986)	4,579	3,770	5,627
Capital increase	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	(2,709)	(5,182)	(8,374)	(8,869)	(9,564)
Warrants & other surplus	321	918	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(3,503)	(6,250)	(3,795)	(5,100)	(3,938)
Free cash flow	4,925	12,255	741	2,343	1,671

Despite high capex, we only expect net gearing of 0.65-0.71x in 2024-26F

VALUATION

FY ending Dec	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Normalized PE (x)	26.0	18.7	16.4	15.2	12.9
Normalized PE - at target price (x)	33.6	24.2	21.2	19.7	16.7
PE (x)	24.2	17.3	15.0	14.4	12.9
PE - at target price (x)	31.3	22.3	19.4	18.6	16.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.5	13.4	12.0	11.3	10.2
EV/EBITDA - at target price (x)	20.2	16.4	14.7	13.8	12.5
P/BV (x)	3.2	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2
P/BV - at target price (x)	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.8
P/CFO (x)	15.9	10.9	11.7	9.8	8.7
Price/sales (x)	7.2	5.7	5.2	5.0	4.6
Dividend yield (%)	2.0	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.9
FCF Yield (%)	1.9	4.7	0.3	0.9	0.6
(Bt)					
Normalized EPS	2.2	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.5
EPS	2.4	3.4	3.9	4.0	4.5
DPS	1.2	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2
BV/share	18.2	20.6	22.6	24.6	27.0
CFO/share	3.6	5.3	5.0	5.9	6.7
FCF/share	1.1	2.7	0.2	0.5	0.4

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

FINANCIAL RATIOS

FY ending Dec	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Growth Rate					
Sales (%)	48.2	25.5	9.5	3.9	8.4
Net profit (%)	50.5	40.0	15.1	4.6	10.9
EPS (%)	50.5	40.0	15.1	4.6	10.9
Normalized profit (%)	196.8	38.7	13.9	8.0	17.5
Normalized EPS (%)	196.8	38.7	13.9	8.0	17.5
Dividend payout ratio (%)	48.0	53.6	50.0	50.0	50.0
Operating performance					
Gross margin (%)	50.4	52.8	54.6	55.1	56.3
Operating margin (%)	32.4	36.1	38.1	39.2	40.8
EBITDA margin (%)	55.9	54.8	56.5	58.3	60.0
Net margin (%)	23.6	26.2	27.6	28.6	30.2
D/E (incl. minor) (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Net D/E (incl. minor) (x)	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Interest coverage - EBIT (x)	5.3	6.3	5.1	5.4	5.9
Interest coverage - EBITDA (x)	9.2	9.6	7.6	8.0	8.7
ROA - using norm profit (%)	3.5	5.0	5.5	5.6	6.2
ROE - using norm profit (%)	13.0	16.0	16.4	16.2	17.4
DuPont					
ROE - using after tax profit (%)	11.1	13.8	14.3	14.0	14.7
- asset turnover (x)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
- operating margin (%)	36.0	38.9	41.9	43.0	44.7
- leverage (x)	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.8
- interest burden (%)	83.2	85.3	82.3	83.1	84.5
- tax burden (%)	78.8	79.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
WACC (%)	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.7	8.7
ROIC (%)	6.2	8.3	9.2	9.1	9.6
NOPAT (Bt m)	9,284	12,998	15,221	16,262	18,375
invested capital (Bt m)	155,960	165,833	179,046	190,984	205,966

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

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