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Somboon Advance Tech. (SAT TB)

Still decent dividend

Despite maintaining our BUY call on SAT due to our high yield forecasts, we lower our earnings projections to reflect weaker industry auto production. We expect the industry to resume growth next year and estimate SAT's EPS growth at 17/15% in 2025-26F with 8.9/10.3% dividend yields.



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Cutting our earnings but maintaining BUY

3Q24F car production looks likely to drop more than we had expected by 20% y-y, and we foresee strict bank lending practices keeping the industry weak throughout this year. We cut our earnings estimates by 14/11/15% in 2024-26F and lower our DCF-based 12-month TP, rolled over to a 2025F base year, to Bt16.0/share from Bt18.0. However, we maintain our BUY call on SAT. *First,* the weak auto industry is not news. We expect a recovery next year from increased government spending and loosened monetary policy. *Second*, we estimate car production growth at -18/+5/+8% and SAT's EPS growth at -42/+17/+15% in 2024-26F. *Lastly*, after the 40% share price fall from 2023's peak, SAT's 2025F PE is 7.8x, or only 3.3x excluding net cash, with attractive 8.9/10.3% dividend yields in 2025-26F. Its valuation looks compelling to us, trading near the 2009 global financial crisis (GFC) and COVID levels at 0.6x P/BV.

Auto industry likely to recover next year

Car production remains weak, -20% y-y for 3Q24F and -18% for 9M24F. With the sluggish economy, falling car prices, and strict bank lending, domestic sales of commercial vehicles and passenger cars are the key drag, with a drop of 24% y-y in 8M24. Meanwhile, export sales fell just 5%. Exports accounted for 58% of car production and domestic sales 42%. We now estimate car production growth of -18/+5/+8% in 2024-26F. We project domestic car sales growth of -23/+12/+15% in 2024-26F due to a policy rate cut, less strict bank lending next year, more government spending, and a tourism recovery. Given global uncertainty, we estimate export growth of -4/0/+3% in 2024-26F.

Earnings growth resumption in 2025-26F

Auto parts manufacturing runs on a high fixed-cost structure. We expect SAT to benefit from operating leverage and project SAT's EPS growth at -42/+17/+15% in 2024-26F. Key drivers are 1) car production growth of -18/+5/+8% in 2024-26F, 2) new parts orders from new car models of Bt200m, or 2% extra revenue p.a., and 3) gross margin rising from 16.1% in 2024F to 17.2% in 2026F from the operating leverage effect.

Still plenty of cash for dividends

Despite a likely weak 2024F, we still expect SAT to offer a high dividend payout of 68%. This implies a dividend yield of 7.6% (5.5% unpaid portion). We expect a resumption of earnings growth to support dividend yields rising to 8.9/10.3% in 2025-26F. SAT had Bt3.0bn or Bt7.1/share of net cash in 2Q24. We estimate its EBITDA at Bt1bn-1.3bn p.a. in 2024-26F vs. only Bt0.5bn p.a. of capex.

COMPANY VALUATION

Y/E Dec (Bt m)	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Sales	9,089	7,363	7,917	8,470
Net profit	979	569	663	765
Consensus NP		801	880	926
Diff frm cons (%)	_	(28.9)	(24.6)	(17.4)
Norm profit	973	569	663	765
Prev. Norm profit		660	747	898
Chg frm prev (%)	_	(13.8)	(11.2)	(14.8)
Norm EPS (Bt)	2.3	1.3	1.6	1.8
Norm EPS grw (%)	7.2	(41.5)	16.6	15.4
Norm PE (x)	5.3	9.1	7.8	6.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.2
P/BV (x)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Div yield (%)	13.1	7.6	8.9	10.3
ROE (%)	12.0	6.9	7.9	8.8
Net D/E (%)	(35.2)	(37.9)	(39.1)	(40.9)
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PRICE PERFORMANCE

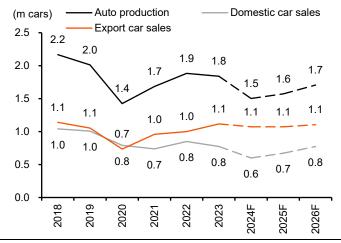


COMPANY INFORMATION

Price as of 17-Oct-24(Bt)	12.20
Market Cap (US\$ m)	156.1
Listed Shares (m shares)	425.2
Free Float (%)	63.1
Avg Daily Turnover (US\$ m)	0.4
12M Price H/L (Bt)	18.90/10.90
Sector	Automotive
Major Shareholder	Somboon Holding 29.9%

Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates

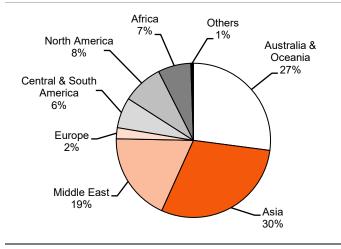
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Ex 1: Industry Auto Production Forecasts

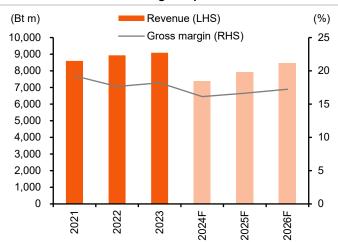
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Ex 3: 8M24 Industry Auto Export Market Breakdown



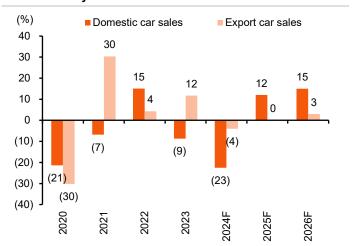
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Ex 5: Sales And Gross Margin Improvement In 2025-26F



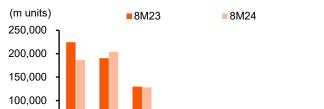
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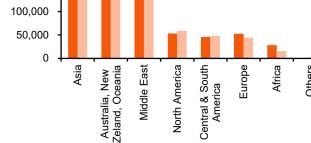




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Ex 4: 8M24 Industry Auto Export Market Breakdown





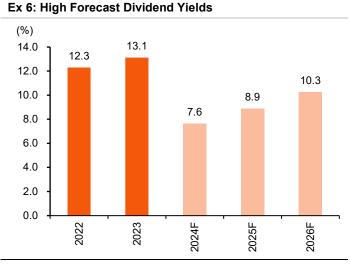
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Middle East

Source: Thailand Automotive Institute

Asia

Australia, New Zeland, Oceania



Sources: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates

Others

Africa

Europe

Ex 7: Key Assumption Changes

	2021	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Industry auto production (cars)						
New	1,426,072	1,883,515	1,841,686	1,502,276	1,574,424	1,707,615
Old				1,623,292	1,701,025	1,841,517
Change (%)				(7.5)	(7.4)	(7.3)
Total revenue (Bt m)						
New	8,598	8,931	9,089	7,363	7,917	8,470
Old				8,498	8,908	9,546
Change (%)				(13.4)	(11.1)	(11.3)
Normalized earnings (Bt m)						
New	908	908	973	569	663	765
Old				660	747	898
Change (%)				(13.8)	(11.2)	(14.8)

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 8: 12-month DCF-based TP Calculation, Using A Base Year Of 2025F

(Bt m)		2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F	2031F	2032F	2033F	2034F	2035F	Ferminal Value
EBITDA		1,153	1,289	1,397	1,468	1,535	1,611	1,689	1,770	1,852	1,936	2,019	_
Free cash flow		470	578	376	354	128	148	170	195	271	347	424	4,127
PV of free cash flow		469	461	268	225	73	75	75	76	94	107	116	1,130
Risk-free rate (%)	2.5												
Market risk premium (%)	8.0												
Beta	1.2												
WACC (%)	11.5												
Terminal growth (%)	2.0												
Enterprise value - add investments	3,512												
Net debt (2024F)	(3,151)												
Minority interest	3												
Equity value	6,660												
# of shares (m)	425												
Target price/share (Bt)	16.0												

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Valuation Comparison

Ex 9: Valuation Comparison With Regional Peers

			EPS gr	owth	—— PE	I ——	— P	/BV —	EV/EB	ITDA	— Div yi	eld —
Name	BBG Code	Country	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F
			(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
Bharat Forge	BHFC IN	India	64.7	28.5	43.7	34.0	8.1	6.8	22.5	19.1	0.6	0.7
Sundram Fasteners	SF IN	India	35.1	25.1	42.3	33.8	7.6	6.6	26.9	22.1	0.6	0.7
Mando Corp	060980 KS	S. Korea	61.4	17.7	4.2	3.6	0.3	0.3	6.1	5.6	5.9	6.1
Hyundai Mobis	012330 KS	S. Korea	10.9	7.9	6.0	5.6	0.5	0.5	4.1	3.6	2.0	2.3
Hu Lane Associate Inc	6279 TT	Taiwan	33.8	11.1	14.3	12.8	2.7	2.5	9.4	8.2	3.6	4.3
Tong Yang Industry	1319 TT	Taiwan	36.6	4.6	15.1	14.4	2.3	2.2	6.6	6.3	4.5	4.8
AAPICO Hitech	AH TB	Thailand	(29.8)	19.2	7.0	5.8	0.7	0.6	4.4	4.0	5.0	6.2
Thai Stanley Electric	STANLY TB	Thailand	(15.1)	12.1	11.2	10.0	0.8	0.8	2.3	2.3	6.8	7.1
Somboon Advance Tech*	SAT TB	Thailand	(41.5)	16.6	9.1	7.8	0.6	0.6	2.0	1.6	7.6	8.9
Average			17.3	15.9	17.0	14.2	2.6	2.3	9.4	8.1	4.1	4.6

Source: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates

Note: * Thanachart estimates using normalized EPS growth

Based on 17 October 2024 closing prices

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Somboon Advance Technology Pcl (SAT TB) is one of the leading manufacturers and distributors of motor vehicles, and it was listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) in 2005. SAT's main products are under-car parts related, i.e., axle shafts, disc and drum brakes, serving a variety of vehicles, mainly one-tonne pickups and passenger cars. Most of its customers are Japanese car makers that have factories in Thailand, namely Mitsubishi, Toyota, Honda, Isuzu, Nissan, etc. In 2013, SAT signed a long-term contract to provide agricultural machinery parts for the leading agricultural tractor producer, Kubota.

Source: Thanachart

THANACHART'S SWOT ANALYSIS

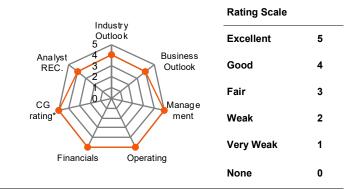
S — Strength

- Leader in under-car parts manufacturing.
- Customer diversification.
- Product diversification.
- Limited EV threat to its products.

O — Opportunity

- Highly exposed to a turnaround in Thailand's automotive industry.
- Growing smart farming trend.

COMPANY RATING



Source: Thanachart; *CG Rating

W — Weakness

- Car export growth outlook isn't strong in the long-term.
- Still highly focused on Japanese car makers and limited exposure to non-Japanese car markets.

T — Threat

- Competition from new regional car production sites.
- Long-term EV trend should make SAT adjust production process of some of its products, e.g. to be lighter weight.
- If separate motors are used for each wheel in EV cars, SAT's axle shaft products would be at risk.

CONSENSUS COMPARISON

	Consensus	Thanachart	Diff
Target price (Bt)	12.93	16.00	24%
Net profit 24F (Bt m)	801	569	-29%
Net profit 25F (Bt m)	880	663	-25%
Consensus REC	BUY: 5	HOLD: 3	SELL: 3

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?

Our 2024-25F net profits are well below the Bloomberg consensus estimates, likely as we are more conservative about an auto production recovery. Our DCF-based TP is, however, far higher than the Street's, as we expect auto production to recover over the longer term.

Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart estimates

RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE

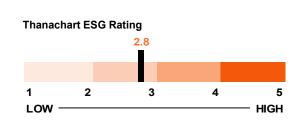
- Weaker-than-expected auto demand from the domestic and export markets is the primary downside risk to our earnings forecasts.
- Natural disasters could lead to industry distortions, representing a secondary downside risk to our earnings projections.
- Severe drought could hit demand for tractors.

Source: Thanachart

Somboon Advance Technology Pcl.

Sector: Industrials | Automotive

SAT is a leading auto parts manufacturer. Its key products include axle shafts, brake drums, front hubs, and agricultural parts, while its key raw material is steel. We assign SAT a decent ESG score of 2.8 to reflect its strength in social governance and sustainability. The environmental aspect of carbon emissions weighs down the score.



							S&P		
	SET ESG	SET ESG	DJSI	MSCI	ESG Book	Refinitiv	Global	Moody's	CG Rating
	Index	(BBB-AAA)	Index	(CCC-AAA)	(0-100)	(0-100)	(0-100)	(0-100)	(0-5)
SAT	YES	YES	-	-	-	55.19	29.00	-	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 "terms of use" toward the back of this report.

Factors	Our Comments
ENVIRONMENT	 SAT is an auto parts manufacturer. In our view, the company's carbon and waste management aspects are weak areas.
 Environmental Policies & Guidelines 	 SAT's factories generate greenhouse gas (GHG). SAT generated GHG amounting to 99,197 tonnes of CO2e in 2023, falling from 110,545 in 2022.
 Energy Management Carbon Management Water Management Waste Management 	 The proportion of renewable energy generated from solar rooftops in 2023 rose to 5% of the total energy consumption (vs. 10% target by 2030) from 1.7% in 2021. Solar rooftops reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 3,155 tonnes CO2e in 2023.
 SOCIAL Human Rights Staff Management Health & Safety Product Safety & Quality Social Responsibility 	 SAT has policies and procedures to assess human rights risks to comply with the requirements of relevant agencies. An evaluation will be carried out before year-end. No human rights violation cases were reported in 2023. SAT received the 2023 Thailand Labor Management Excellence Awards on Employee relations and benefits and has done so for six consecutive years. SAT promotes occupational health and safety activities. Its Employee Injury Frequency Rate improved to 0.17% in 2023 vs. 0.62% in 2019 and 0.42% in 2021.
GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY - Board - Ethics & Transparency - Business Sustainability - Risk Management - Innovation	 SAT has a nine-member board of directors (BOD), 60% of whom are independent directors and 90% of whom are non-executives. The BOD chairman is an independent director. SAT has a risk-management system integrated with its corporate strategic and business planning to ensure that the system is implemented throughout the organization effectively and efficiently. SAT has adopted data security standards so that its operations are consistent with the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA), etc.

Sources: Company data, Thanachart

THANACHART RESEARCH

ESG & Sustainability Report

INCOME STATEMENT 2022A 2023A 2024F 2025F 2026F FY ending Dec (Bt m) 8,931 9,089 7,363 7,917 8,470 Sales Cost of sales 7,356 7,436 6,177 6,600 7,011 **Gross profit** 1,576 1,653 1,186 1,316 1,459 17.6% 18 2% 16.1% 16.6% 17.2% % gross margin Selling & administration expenses 731 686 678 698 718 **Operating profit** 845 967 509 619 741 10.6% 6.9% % operating margin 9.5% 7.8% 8.8% Depreciation & amortization 515 504 523 545 565 EBITDA 1,359 1,471 1,032 1,163 1,307 % EBITDA margin 15.2% 16.2% 14.0% 14.7% 15.4% Non-operating income 162 106 96 103 110 Non-operating expenses 0 0 0 0 0 (2)(2)(2)(3)Interest expense (1)1,005 Pre-tax profit 1,072 603 720 849 Income tax 140 167 94 149 119 After-tax profit 865 905 509 600 699 9.7% 10.0% 6.9% 7.6% % net margin 8.3% 63 66 Shares in affiliates' Earnings 38 56 60 Minority interests 4 12 0 0 0 32 6 0 0 0 Extraordinary items **NET PROFIT** 940 979 569 663 765 908 973 569 663 765 Normalized profit EPS (Bt) 2.2 2.3 1.3 1.6 1.8 Normalized EPS (Bt) 2.3 1.3 1.6 2.1 1.8 **BALANCE SHEET** FY ending Dec (Bt m) 2022A 2023A 2024F 2025F 2026F ASSETS: Current assets: 5,830 5,698 5,416 5,781 6,209 2,923 Cash & cash equivalent 2,402 3,151 3,351 3,614 Account receivables 1,869 1,562 1,266 1,361 1,456 Inventories 776 822 683 729 775 Others 784 391 316 340 364 Investments & loans 1,055 1,170 1,170 1,170 1,170 Net fixed assets 3,213 3,256 3,236 3,202 3,154 Other assets 252 277 256 297 332 Total assets 10,351 10,401 10,078 10,451 10,865 LIABILITIES: Current liabilities: 2,054 1,769 1,477 1,581 1,696 1,335 1,085 901 963 1,023 Account payables Bank overdraft & ST loans 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 Current LT debt 0 684 Others current liabilities 719 576 618 672 Total LT debt 0 0 0 0 1 Others LT liabilities 330 339 277 311 340 2,385 2,108 1,754 1,892 2,037 **Total liabilities** Minority interest 16 3 3 3 3 0 Preferreds shares 0 0 0 0 425 425 425 425 Paid-up capital 425 Share premium 716 716 716 716 716 Warrants 0 0 0 0 0 Surplus 21 22 22 22 22 **Retained earnings** 6,787 7,126 7,157 7,392 7,661 8,556 8,825 Shareholders' equity 7.951 8,290 8,321 Liabilities & equity 10,351 10,401 10,078 10,451 10,865

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

We estimate 2024-201
EPS growth of
-42/+17/+15%

We estimate 2024-26F

SAT turned net cash after the sale of its industrial spring business

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Earnings before tax	1,005	1,072	603	720	849
Tax paid	(141)	(172)	(106)	(116)	(144)
Depreciation & amortization	515	504	523	545	565
Chg In w orking capital	(192)	10	252	(80)	(81)
Chg In other CA & CL / minorities	779	371	37	78	91
Cash flow from operations	1,965	1,784	1,310	1,146	1,281
Capex	(659)	(546)	(500)	(500)	(500)
Right of use	0	0	(35)	(35)	(35)
ST loans & investments	150	50	0	0	0
LT loans & investments	(24)	(115)	0	0	0
Adj for asset revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
Chg In other assets & liabilities	7	(18)	(9)	17	13
Cash flow from investments	(525)	(629)	(544)	(518)	(522)
Debt financing	(8)	6	0	1	1
Capital increase	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	(629)	(637)	(538)	(428)	(497)
Warrants & other surplus	(3)	(2)	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(640)	(634)	(538)	(428)	(496)
Free cash flow	1,306	1,238	810	646	781

VALUATION					
FY ending Dec	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Normalized PE(x)	5.7	5.3	9.1	7.8	6.8
Normalized PE - at target price (x)	7.5	7.0	12.0	10.3	8.9
PE(x)	5.5	5.3	9.1	7.8	6.8
PE - at target price (x)	7.2	7.0	12.0	10.3	8.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.2
EV/EBITDA - at target price (x)	3.2	2.6	3.5	3.0	2.4
P/BV (x)	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
P/BV - at target price (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
P/CFO (x)	2.6	2.9	4.0	4.5	4.1
Price/sales (x)	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Dividend yield (%)	12.3	13.1	7.6	8.9	10.3
FCF Yield (%)	25.2	23.9	15.6	12.5	15.1
(Bt)					
Normalized EPS	2.1	2.3	1.3	1.6	1.8
EPS	2.2	2.3	1.3	1.6	1.8
DPS	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.1	1.3
BV/share	18.7	19.5	19.6	20.1	20.8
CFO/share	4.6	4.2	3.1	2.7	3.0
FCF/share	3.1	2.9	1.9	1.5	1.8

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

SAT offers dividend yields of 7.6/8.9/10.3% in 2024-26F

Inexpensive, in our view, trading at 0.6x 2025F P/BV SAT has a strong balance sheet with a net cash

position

FINANCIAL RATIOS					
FY ending Dec	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
Growth Rate					
Sales (%)	3.9	1.8	(19.0)	7.5	7.0
Net profit (%)	(1.3)	4.1	(41.9)	16.6	15.4
EPS (%)	(1.3)	4.1	(41.9)	16.6	15.4
Normalized profit (%)	(7.6)	7.2	(41.5)	16.6	15.4
Normalized EPS (%)	(7.6)	7.2	(41.5)	16.6	15.4
Dividend payout ratio (%)	67.9	69.5	69.5	69.5	69.5
Operating performance					
Gross margin (%)	17.6	18.2	16.1	16.6	17.2
Operating margin (%)	9.5	10.6	6.9	7.8	8.8
EBITDA margin (%)	15.2	16.2	14.0	14.7	15.4
Net margin (%)	9.7	10.0	6.9	7.6	8.3
D/E (incl. minor) (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net D/E (incl. minor) (x)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4
Interest coverage - EBIT (x)	427.0	na	402.6	362.7	284.4
Interest coverage - EBITDA (x)	na	na	na	na	na
ROA - using norm profit (%)	9.0	9.4	5.6	6.5	7.2
ROE - using norm profit (%)	11.6	12.0	6.9	7.9	8.8
DuPont					
ROE - using after tax profit (%)	11.1	11.1	6.1	7.1	8.0
- asset turnover (x)	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
- operating margin (%)	11.3	11.8	8.2	9.1	10.1
- leverage (x)	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
- interest burden (%)	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.7
- tax burden (%)	86.1	84.4	84.4	83.4	82.4
WACC (%)	11.5	11.5	11.5	12.0	12.0
ROIC (%)	12.0	14.7	8.0	10.0	11.7
NOPAT (Bt m)	727	816	429	516	611
invested capital (Bt m)	5,548	5,367	5,170	5,206	5,212

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

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