Change in Numbers

Downside : 21.1%

BEC World Pcl (BEC TB)

Another round of restructuring

BEC is in the midst of another round of business restructuring. This should make its operations leaner but as the TV industry's structural downtrend is persisting, we remain a SELLer of BEC. We see its valuation as pricey at 40x PE on a 3% prospective ROE for 2025F.

Restructuring continues

BEC has undergone many restructuring rounds over the past several years, involving staff layoffs, operational cost cutting, ceasing operation of two TV channels, and management team changes. This time, it has involved management change and more staff layoffs. The firm has not yet provided any guidance about its overall restructuring plan but mentioned it has some provisions to cushion the impact of the layoffs. That said, our earnings cuts of 28/27/14% in 2024-26F are more due to a softer-than-expected top line given the weak TV industry. Our DCF-based 12-month TP (2025F base year) falls to Bt3.0. (from Bt3.8). We reaffirm our SELL call on BEC due to its weak earnings outlook as a result of the TV industry's structural downtrend. The stock also looks expensive to us, trading at a 40x 2025F PE.

TV industry in a structural downcycle

The TV industry has remained in a structural downtrend, and it has been losing market share to new media types, including online platforms. TV adex fell from Bt70bn (57% of the total adex pool) in 2019 to Bt61bn (52%) in 2023 and Bt29bn (50%) in 1H24. Online adex share rose from 16% in 2019 to 25% in 2023 and 27% in 1H24. The total adex pool improved along with the economy growing 4% y-y in 1H24, but TV adex still fell 2% y-y. BEC's TV ad income fell from Bt7bn in 2019 to Bt4bn in 2023 and continued falling 10% y-y in 9M24. We now project BEC's ad revenue growth at -13/-10/-10% (from +2/-4/-5%) in 2024-26F.

Other income sources

We still estimate BEC's TV business to contribute 81% of its total revenues in 2024F. The other key revenue source is content sales to online and overseas platforms, which we project at Bt690m or 16% of total sales this year. Given fierce regional competition, this content sales business doesn't have a bright outlook either. Online platforms are also using the production-hiring model more to create original content, reducing demand for content from content makers. Starting this year, BEC has a new income source from the artist management business, riding the trend of influencers and the idol marketing era. We expect BEC's artist management business to make Bt100m in revenue with 20% p.a. growth over the next three years.

Becoming a low-return business

BEC's ROE has continued to decline from 14.6% in 2021 to 4.3% in 2023, as profit dropped by 33/53% in 2022-23. Based on our earnings estimates, BEC's ROE looks set to stay low at 3.5/3.0/2.9% in 2024-26F vs. 4.3% in 2023. Given this low ROE, we believe its 40x 2025F PE and 1.2x P/BV appear expensive.

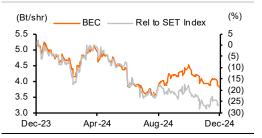


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COMPANY VALUATION

| Y/E Dec (Bt m) | 2023A | 2024F | 2025F | 2026F |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sales | 4,653 | 4,230 | 3,907 | 3,622 |
| Net profit | 210 | 213 | 188 | 185 |
| Consensus NP | _ | 281 | 376 | 435 |
| Diff frm cons (%) | — | (24.1) | (49.9) | (57.5) |
| Norm profit | 266 | 216 | 188 | 185 |
| Prev. Norm profit | | 300 | 257 | 213 |
| Chg frm prev (%) | _ | (28.1) | (26.7) | (13.5) |
| Norm EPS (Bt) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Norm EPS grw (%) | (53.0) | (18.9) | (12.8) | (1.9) |
| Norm PE (x) | 28.6 | 35.2 | 40.4 | 41.2 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| P/BV (x) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Div yield (%) | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| ROE (%) | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| Net D/E (%) | (29.7) | (36.9) | (42.0) | (47.0) |

PRICE PERFORMANCE



COMPANY INFORMATION

| Price as of 17-Dec-24 (Bt) | 3.80 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Market Cap (US\$ m) | 221.9 |
| Listed Shares (m shares) | 2,000.0 |
| Free Float (%) | 30.1 |
| Avg Daily Turnover (US\$ m) | 0.3 |
| 12M Price H/L (Bt) | 5.25/3.52 |
| Sector | MEDIA |
| Major Shareholder | Maleenont Family 32.6% |
| | |

Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates

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Restructuring continues

BEC World PcI (BEC) has undergone several business revamps over the past few years, which involved staff layoffs, operational cost cutting, returning two of its three digital-TV licenses to the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) before ceasing their operations, and divesting the loss-making BEC Tero. BEC has managed to bring its total operating costs down by 57% over 2018-21. Together with the utilization of its content via two new revenue sources – online OTT platforms and overseas content licensing – BEC's losses during 2017-1H20 turned to profits from 2H20.

Another round of business restructuring has started However, as the TV industry continued to trend down, BEC's profit shrank during 2021-9M24. BEC is undergoing another round of business restructuring. Without it, we believe BEC would have made losses again. This time, the restructuring involves management change and more staff layoffs. According to tabloid newspapers, layoffs with severance packages took place in November 2024 involving editors and general staff. Some news presenters changed from full-time employee status to freelance roles, receiving payments when on-air. The company has yet to provide any guidance on its overall restructuring plan but mentioned it has some provisions to cushion the impact of the layoffs.



Source: Company data

BEC's 2023 operating costs comprised mainly production (58% of total), employees (16%), directors and management (5%), building and place (5%), and agencies and promotions (4%). In this report, we assume 20% operating cost cuts over the next three years, mainly from staff layoffs and production cost cutting. However, our earnings cuts of 28/27/14% in 2024-26F are more due to a softer-than-expected top line from the weak TV industry. Our DCF-based 12-month TP (2025F base year) falls to Bt3.0. (from Bt3.8). We reaffirm our SELL call on BEC due to its weak earnings outlook as a result of the TV industry's structural downtrend. BEC's valuation also looks demanding to us at 40x 2025F PE, given its deteriorating earnings prospects and low forecast ROE of just 3.0%.

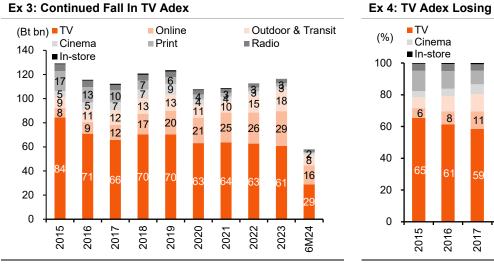
| Ex 2: Key | Assumption | Changes |
|-----------|------------|---------|
|-----------|------------|---------|

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024F | 2025F | 2026F |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| TV advertising income (Bt m) | | | | | | |
| - New | 4,834 | 4,449 | 3,915 | 3,431 | 3,088 | 2,779 |
| - Old | | | | 4,054 | 3,879 | 3,684 |
| - Change (%) | | | | (15.4) | (20.4) | (24.6) |
| | | | | | | |
| Total operating costs (Bt m) | | | | | | |
| - New | 4,552 | 4,356 | 4,322 | 4,056 | 3,794 | 3,498 |
| - Old | | | | 4,378 | 4,247 | 4,111 |
| - Change (%) | | | | (7.4) | (10.7) | (14.9) |
| | | | | | | |
| Normalized profit (Bt m) | | | | | | |
| - New | 847 | 566 | 266 | 216 | 188 | 185 |
| - Old | | | | 300 | 257 | 213 |
| - Change (%) | | | | (28.1) | (26.7) | (13.5) |

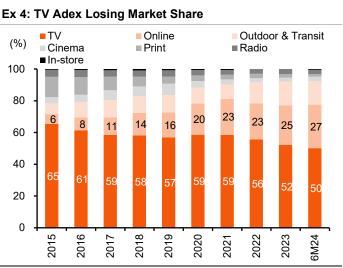
TV industry in a structural downcycle

TV advertising losing market share to online media

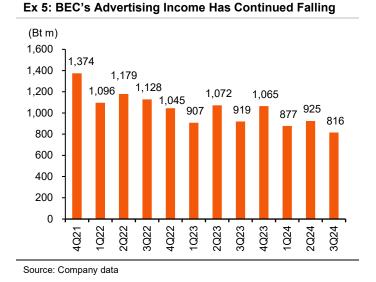
TV adex fell from Bt70bn (57% of the total adex pool) in 2019 to Bt61bn (52%) in 2023. In 1H24, when the economy was growing, the total adex pool rose 4% y-y, but TV adex was down by 2% y-y, implying TV share in the adex pool fell further to 50%. Online media adex was the key driver of the industry 14% y-y growth in 1H24. The structural trend is that people are spending less time watching TV and more time on social media/online platforms. Online adex share rose to 25% in 2023 from 16% in 2019. The Media Intelligence Group forecasts TV ad spending to decline by 2% and online ad spending to grow by 10% in 2024F. Some leading TV operators expect TV share to continue to decline over the next two years. As for BEC, TV ad income has followed industry TV ad spending. Revenue fell from Bt7bn in 2019 to Bt4bn in 2023. BEC reported weaker-than-expected ad income growth of -10% y-y in 9M24. With soft demand for TV ad spending, BEC used more rerun content to save costs during 9M24. Given the structural decline in the TV segment's ad pool market share, we expect the revenue of its TV business to trend down. That implies continued pressure on both ad and utilization rates. We now project BEC's ad revenue growth at -13/-10/-10% (from +2/-4/-5%) in 2024-26F.



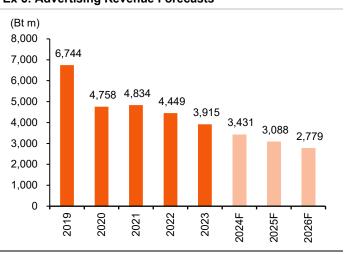
Source: Nielsen Thailand



Source: Nielsen Thailand



Ex 6: Advertising Revenue Forecasts



Other income sources

Other income sources to account for 23% in 2026F

Although BEC has expanded into new businesses, its traditional TV revenue base still accounts for 81% of total revenue in 2024F. The other key revenue source is content sales to online platforms and overseas platforms by selling or revenue sharing its TV content to online operators (YouTube, Facebook, etc.) and over-the-top (OTT) platforms in Thailand and overseas. We see this source of revenue facing challenges from strong regional peers, such as South Korea and China, which dominate Asian content. Online platforms are also using the production-hiring model more to create original content, reducing demand for content from content makers. We estimate this revenue source to contribute Bt690m or 16% of total sales this year with flat growth. Starting this year, BEC has had a new income source from its artist management business, where we estimate revenue of Bt100m with growth of 20% p.a. over the next three years. We see this segment having a bright outlook as it is benefiting from the idol marketing trend post-COVID. BEC has a pool of actors who gained their fame and fan club base from their roles in BEC's TV dramas, and we foresee potential monetization via:

Artist management: This business acts as an agency, contacting and planning between artists and prospective clients. Examples of revenue sources are influencers, presenters, brand ambassadors, event/concert attendance, etc.

Merchandise: Building on the popularity of programs and the stars, BEC can produce and sell souvenirs.

Events: This takes the form of various formats, from meet-and-greets between fans and actors to concerts.

Ex 7: BEC's Fan Meet Events In 2H24F



Source: Company data

Ex 8: Artist Management: Presenter Jobs

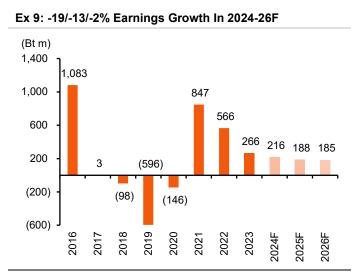


Source: Company data

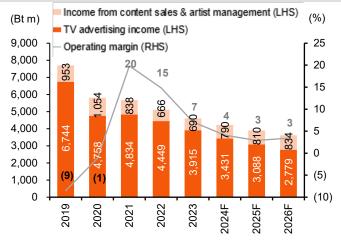
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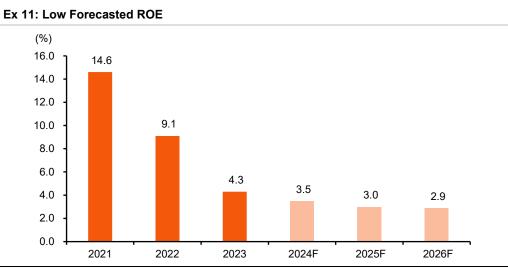
We forecast only a 3% ROE over the next three years

Based on our earnings forecasts, BEC's ROE looks set to only be 3% over the next three years. Given this low ROE, we believe its 40x 2024F PE and 1.2x P/BV appear expensive. We estimate -19/-13/-2% normalized EPS growth in 2024-26F based on our key assumptions of -13/-10/-10% ad income growth, flat content sales growth, and a total cost reduction of 20%.



Ex 10: Our Revenue And Operating Margin Forecasts





Ex 12: 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 | Terminal Value |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| EBITDA | | 1,336 | 1,173 | 1,150 | 981 | 831 | 689 | 549 | 429 | 324 | 226 | 135 | _ |
| Free cash flow | | 1,178 | 1,010 | 996 | 850 | (330) | 499 | 378 | 270 | 178 | 92 | 11 | 115 |
| PV of free cash flow | | 1,175 | 821 | 730 | 561 | (196) | 261 | 178 | 114 | 67 | 31 | 3 | 34 |
| Risk-free rate (%) | 2.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market risk premium (%) | 8.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beta | 1.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WACC (%) | 10.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Terminal growth (%) | 2.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enterprise value - add investments | 3,778 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net debt (2024F) | (2,303) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minority interest | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity value | 6,080 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| # of shares (m) | 2,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Target price/share (Bt) | 3.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Valuation Comparison

Ex 13: Valuation Comparison With Regional Peers

| | | | EPS | growth | | РЕ —— | —— P/B | v — | EV/E | BITDA | — Div. | yield — |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| Name | BBG code | Country | 24F | 25F | 24F | 25F | 24F | 25F | 24F | 25F | 24F | 25F |
| | | | (%) | (%) | (x) | (x) | (x) | (x) | (x) | (x) | (%) | (%) |
| Sun TV Network | SUNTV IN | India | (2.2) | 9.9 | 15.3 | 14.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 9.3 | 8.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Zee Entertainment | Z IN | India | 292.9 | 29.2 | 16.7 | 12.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 1.6 | 2.1 |
| Surya Citra Media | SCMA IJ | Indonesia | 170.7 | 15.2 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 10.3 | 8.6 | 2.8 | 4.0 |
| Media Nusantara | MNCN IJ | Indonesia | (2.9) | 22.3 | 3.9 | 3.2 | na | na | 2.5 | 2.2 | na | na |
| Beijing Gehua | 600037 CH | China | 80.6 | na | na | 35.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 5.9 | 3.3 | na | na |
| Media Prima Bhd | MPR MK | Malaysia | (53.2) | 11.8 | 18.1 | 16.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| BEC World* | BEC TB | Thailand | (18.9) | (12.8) | 35.2 | 40.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| The One Enterprise* | ONEE TB | Thailand | (4.7) | (15.5) | 22.2 | 26.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| Plan B Media* | PLANB TB | Thailand | 9.2 | 19.7 | 30.2 | 25.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 7.3 | 6.7 | 1.7 | 3.2 |
| RS Pcl* | RS TB | Thailand | na | (5.8) | 35.5 | 37.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 1.4 | 1.9 |
| VGI Global Media** | VGI TB | Thailand | na | 112.8 | 243.7 | 114.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 362.9 | 83.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Average | | | 52.4 | 18.7 | 43.4 | 30.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 39.0 | 13.0 | 2.1 | 2.5 |

Source: Bloomberg

Note: * Thanachart estimates using normalized EPS growth

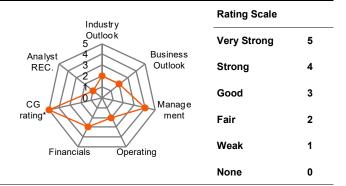
** VGI's fiscal year ends in March.

Based on 17 December 2024 closing price

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

BEC World Pcl (BEC) is a diversified media holding company. The firm is involved in television broadcasting and content sales to online platforms and abroad.

COMPANY RATING



Source: Thanachart

THANACHART'S SWOT ANALYSIS

S — Strength

- BEC has a strong balance sheet.
- BEC has its own actors and actresses.
- Audience share is in second place behind Channel 7.

O — **Opportunity**

Online content market in Thailand and abroad.

W — Weakness

Source: Thanachart; *CG Rating

Dependent on domestic consumption momentum.

T — Threat

 The digital platform's increasing market share offers more choices to advertisers and could pose a threat to BEC's ad rate hikes going forward.

CONSENSUS COMPARISON

| | Consensus | Thanachart | Diff |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Target price (Bt) | 4.44 | 3.00 | -32% |
| Net profit 24F (Bt m) | 281 | 213 | -24% |
| Net profit 25F (Bt m) | 376 | 188 | -50% |
| Consensus REC | BUY: 1 | HOLD: 6 | SELL: 2 |
| | | | |

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?

Our 2024-25F net profits and TP are below the Bloomberg consensus numbers, which we attribute to our being more bearish with our ad income and content sales assumptions and factoring in cost reductions from its business restructuring.

RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE

- The key upside risk to our call would be if online content sales were to come in higher than our expectations.
- If BEC's improving utilization is higher than we currently anticipate.
- If the cost of producing its own TV programs is lower than we currently estimate.
- If media disruption developments take place slower than we expect.
- If the domestic ad spending recovery is faster than we assume presently.

Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart estimates



BEC World Pcl

Sector: Service | Media

BEC is a media firm and a top player in the TV industry. Its business nature doesn't involve many environmental issues. However, our ESG score of 3.0 is the average of our coverage universe. We expect the score to improve with more initiatives and clearer plans and targets. The company is also using more technology in its content production process.



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| | | | | | | | 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) |
| BEC | - | - | - | A | 51.16 | 57.06 | 30.00 | - | 5.0 |

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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

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| Factors | Our Comments |
|--|--|
| ENVIRONMENT Environmental Policies & Guidelines Energy Management Carbon Management Water Management Waste Management | BEC owns licenses to operate two TV channels and produces media content to serve its own channels and sell to other platforms. Its business nature doesn't produce much greenhouse gas (GHG), though content production can have some environmental impact. BEC has set up a Sustainable Development Committee to manage waste, GHG, environmental & natural resources, energy, electricity, and water supply issues. Given its business nature, BEC generated low GHG emissions of 2,931-tonne CO2eq in 2023, rising from 2,779-tonne CO2eq in 2022. BEC has environmental content in news programs to raise awareness about climate change. |
| SOCIAL Human Rights Staff Management Health & Safety Product Safety & Quality Social Responsibility | BEC conducts its operations according to the principles and intentions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). It also continuously reports news to motivate people to understand the importance of human rights. It claims to have a good health and safety work environment with zero work-related fatalities and a zero lost-time injury frequency rate. Labor unions represent all employees. The ratio of male to female employees is good at 57:43. Last year, BEC hired 26 elderly employees and one disabled employee. Its staff turnover ratio decreased to 7% in 2023 from 9% in 2022. BEC has a Corporate Governance Committee to conduct sustainability management and social responsibility with CSR activities. |
| GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY Board Ethics & Transparency Business Sustainability Risk Management Innovation | BEC has a 13-member board of directors (BOD), of whom five are company executives. Some 38% of members are independent directors, and 46% are women. The board chairman and CEO are different people. Its audit and risk committee has at least three independent members, one of whom must have expertise in finance and accounting. There are at least seven risk management meetings per year. BEC has channels to receive complaints/whistleblowing, clear guidance on complaints/ whistleblowing, and complainant/whistleblower protection procedures for individuals within the organization and external parties. BEC ensures that its BOD sets goals suitable for its business environment and capacity, both financial and non-financial, taking into consideration surrounding factors of the business, business opportunities, and risks. BEC plans to adopt new technology to reduce production and filming work, which would reduce waste and its carbon footprint. |

Sources: Thanachart, Company data

| | INCOME STATEMENT | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|
| | FY ending Dec (Bt m) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024F | 2025F | 2026F |
| | Sales | 5,115 | 4,653 | 4,230 | 3,907 | 3,622 |
| | Cost of sales | 3,561 | 3,440 | 3,280 | 3,062 | 2,854 |
| | Gross profit | 1,554 | 1,213 | 950 | 845 | 768 |
| | % gross margin | 30.4% | 26.1% | 22.5% | 21.6% | 21.2% |
| | Selling & administration expenses | 795 | 881 | 776 | 732 | 644 |
| | Operating profit | 758 | 331 | 174 | 113 | 124 |
| | % operating margin | 14.8% | 7.1% | 4.1% | 2.9% | 3.4% |
| | Depreciation & amortization | 1,846 | 1,638 | 1,427 | 1,223 | 1,050 |
| | EBITDA | 2,605 | 1,969 | 1,601 | 1,336 | 1,173 |
| | % EBITDA margin | 50.9% | 42.3% | 37.8% | 34.2% | 32.4% |
| | Non-operating income | 37 | 47 | 63 | 59 | 55 |
| | Non-operating expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Interest expense | (114) | (110) | (110) | (74) | (48) |
| | · | 682 | 268 | (110) 127 | 98 | (48) 131 |
| | Pre-tax profit | | | | | |
| | Income tax | 120 | 68 | 21 | 20 | 26 |
| | After-tax profit | 562 | 200 | 106 | 78 | 105 |
| | % net margin | 11.0% | 4.3% | 2.5% | 2.0% | 2.9% |
| | Shares in affiliates' Earnings | 4 | 66 | 110 | 110 | 80 |
| | Minority interests | (0) | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Extraordinary items | 41 | (56) | (3) | 0 | 0 |
| ed earnings path | NET PROFIT | 607 | 210 | 213 | 188 | 185 |
| | Normalized profit | 566 | 266 | 216 | 188 | 185 |
| | EPS (Bt) | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| | Normalized EPS (Bt) | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| | BALANCE SHEET | | | | | |
| | FY ending Dec (Bt m) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024F | 2025F | 2026F |
| | ASSETS: | | | | | |
| | Current assets: | 4,724 | 4,660 | 5,023 | 4,074 | 4,406 |
| | Cash & cash equivalent | 3,952 | 3,819 | 4,310 | 3,415 | 3,795 |
| | Account receivables | 678 | 694 | 579 | 535 | 496 |
| | Inventories | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Others | 94 | 147 | 134 | 124 | 115 |
| | | | | | 124 | 119 |
| | Investments & loans | 31 | 119 | 119 | | |
| | Net fixed assets | 239 | 234 | 278 | 370 | 461 |
| | Other assets | 4,623 | 4,428 | 4,049 | 3,645 | 3,271 |
| | Total assets | 9,617 | 9,441 | 9,470 | 8,209 | 8,257 |
| | LIABILITIES: | | | | | |
| | Current liabilities: | 784 | 762 | 697 | 630 | 594 |
| | Account payables | 366 | 458 | 440 | 411 | 383 |
| | Bank overdraft & ST loans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Current LT debt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Others current liabilities | 418 | 304 | 257 | 219 | 211 |
| sheet still | Total LT debt | 1,992 | 1,995 | 2,007 | 755 | 774 |
| on our estimates | Others LT liabilities | 599 | 538 | 519 | 490 | 462 |
| | Total liabilities | | | | | 1,831 |
| | | 3,376 | 3,295 | 3,224 | 1,874 | |
| | Minority interest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Preferreds shares | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Paid-up capital | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| | Share premium | 1,167 | 1,167 | 1,167 | 1,167 | 1,167 |
| | Warrants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Surplus | (29) | (29) | (29) | (29) | (29) |
| | Retained earnings | 3,104 | 3,009 | 3,109 | 3,197 | 3,288 |
| | - | | | | | |
| | Shareholders' equity | 6,241 | 6,147 | 6,246 | 6,334 | 6,426 |

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| CASITI LOW STATEMENT | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| FY ending Dec (Bt m) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024F | 2025F | 2026F |
| Earnings before tax | 682 | 268 | 127 | 98 | 131 |
| Tax paid | (102) | (86) | (13) | (24) | (25) |
| Depreciation & amortization | 1,846 | 1,638 | 1,446 | 1,241 | 1,068 |
| Chg In w orking capital | 129 | 75 | 97 | 15 | 11 |
| Chg In other CA & CL / minorities | 23 | (83) | 69 | 86 | 80 |
| Cash flow from operations | 2,579 | 1,811 | 1,725 | 1,417 | 1,266 |
| Capex | (111) | (58) | (100) | (150) | (150) |
| Right of use | (326) | 54 | 30 | (10) | (10) |
| ST loans & investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LT loans & investments | 39 | (88) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adj for asset revaluation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chg In other assets & liabilities | (1,381) | (1,551) | (1,063) | (799) | (652) |
| Cash flow from investments | (1,779) | (1,643) | (1,133) | (959) | (812) |
| Debt financing | (1,008) | 3 | 12 | (1,253) | 19 |
| Capital increase | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividends paid | (500) | (320) | (113) | (100) | (93) |
| Warrants & other surplus | (59) | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from financing | (1,566) | (302) | (101) | (1,353) | (74) |
| Free cash flow | 2,469 | 1,754 | 1,625 | 1,267 | 1,116 |

Pricey valuation, in our view

| VALUATION | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| FY ending Dec | 2022A | 2023A | 2024F | 2025F | 2026F |
| Normalized PE(x) | 13.4 | 28.6 | 35.2 | 40.4 | 41.2 |
| Normalized PE - at target price (x) | 10.6 | 22.6 | 27.8 | 31.9 | 32.5 |
| PE(x) | 12.5 | 36.2 | 35.7 | 40.4 | 41.2 |
| PE - at target price (x) | 9.9 | 28.6 | 28.2 | 31.9 | 32.5 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| EV/EBITDA - at target price (x) | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| P/BV (x) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| P/BV - at target price (x) | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| P/CFO (x) | 2.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 6.0 |
| Price/sales (x) | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 4.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| FCF Yield (%) | 32.5 | 23.1 | 21.4 | 16.7 | 14.7 |
| (Bt) | | | | | |
| Normalized EPS | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| EPS | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| DPS | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| BV/share | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| CFO/share | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| FCF/share | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |

| FINANCIAL RATIOS | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| FY ending Dec | 2022A | 2023A | 2024F | 2025F | 2026 |
| Growth Rate | | | | | |
| Sales (%) | (10.0) | (9.0) | (9.1) | (7.6) | (7.3 |
| Net profit (%) | (20.3) | (65.4) | 1.3 | (11.5) | (1.9 |
| EPS (%) | (20.3) | (65.4) | 1.3 | (11.5) | (1.9 |
| Normalized profit (%) | (33.2) | (53.0) | (18.9) | (12.8) | (1.9 |
| Normalized EPS (%) | (33.2) | (53.0) | (18.9) | (12.8) | (1.9 |
| Dividend payout ratio (%) | 52.7 | 57.1 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| Operating performance | | | | | |
| Gross margin (%) | 30.4 | 26.1 | 22.5 | 21.6 | 21.2 |
| Operating margin (%) | 14.8 | 7.1 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 50.9 | 42.3 | 37.8 | 34.2 | 32.4 |
| Net margin (%) | 11.0 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.9 |
| D/E(incl. minor)(x) | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0. |
| Net D/E (incl. minor) (x) | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0.4) | (0.4) | (0.5 |
| Interest coverage - EBIT (x) | 6.7 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| Interest coverage - EBITDA (x) | 22.9 | 17.9 | 14.5 | 18.0 | 24.4 |
| ROA - using norm profit (%) | 5.7 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| ROE - using norm profit (%) | 9.1 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| DuPont | | | | | |
| ROE - using after tax profit (%) | 9.0 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| - asset turnover (x) | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| - operating margin (%) | 15.6 | 8.1 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| - leverage (x) | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| - interest burden (%) | 85.7 | 70.8 | 53.5 | 56.8 | 73. |
| - tax burden (%) | 82.4 | 74.6 | 83.6 | 80.0 | 80.0 |
| WACC (%) | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
| ROIC (%) | 14.0 | 5.8 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2.7 |
| NOPAT (Bt m) | 625 | 247 | 145 | 90 | 99 |
| invested capital (Bt m) | 4,281 | 4,323 | 3,944 | 3,674 | 3,405 |

Our numbers factor in cost reductions over the next three years

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