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# Central Plaza Hotel Pcl (CENTEL TB)

TP: Bt 35.00

**Upside: 20.7%** 

# Turnaround in sight

We believe 2Q25 results marked the bottom for CENTEL and see its turnaround to start from 3Q25F. We estimate a 17% EPS CAGR for its new earnings growth cycle over 2026-28F with growth from both its hotel and food businesses. We reaffirm our BUY call and TP of Bt35.0.



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## 2Q25 likely marked the bottom; BUY

CENTEL's 2Q25 earnings were weak due to losses from its two new Maldives hotels, and we trim our estimates by 3-4% p.a. over 2025-27F. However, we reaffirm our BUY call on CENTEL with an unchanged DCF-based 12-month TP, rolled over to a 2026F base year, of Bt35.0. First, we see 2Q25 as the bottom quarter for its operation and expect a recovery to start as early as 3Q25F due to lower loss contributions from the new Maldives hotels. Second, we continue to expect a new profit growth cycle with a 17% EPS CAGR over 2026-28F, driven by improving hotel operations in Thailand and Japan, narrowing losses in the Maldives, and ongoing strength in its food business. Third, the food business is still resilient amid the weak economy and rising competition.

### **Peaked losses from the Maldives**

In 1H25, CENTEL's 4-star Centara Mirage Lagoon Maldives (opened in November 2024) and 5-star Centara Grand Lagoon Maldives (opened in April 2025) reported an average occupancy rate (OR) of 20%. Its other two existing hotels in the Maldives also had a low OR of 64% in 1H25 due to market oversupply, airport expansion delays, and a Chinese tourism slowdown. CENTEL's Maldives hotels incurred combined losses of Bt230m in 1H25. Management believes 2Q25 marked the bottom of operations and it has started to see an improvement from 3Q25.

## Thai and Japanese hotels doing well

The hotel business in Thailand and Japan contributed 40% of total 1H25 revenue. Although Thai hotels were hit by a slowdown in Chinese tourists, the reopening of two renovated hotels in Pattaya and Phuket helped offset the weakness. The OR in Thailand stayed flat y-y at 72%, while the average room rate (ARR) rose 6% y-y, driving a 7% y-y RevPAR increase. In Japan, OR was flat y-y at 77%, while ARR grew 18% y-y, resulting in a 17% y-y increase in RevPAR. We estimate RevPAR growth in Thailand of 5/2/6/11% over 2025-28F, with slower growth in 2026F due to renovations in Hua Hin and Krabi. In Japan, we project RevPAR growth of 20/2/2/2% over the same period.

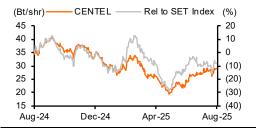
## Strong food business operations

The food business contributed 53% of 1H25 revenue. Despite a 1% y-y drop in same-store sales growth (SSSG) for companyowned brands, food business earnings grew 35% y-y. That was due to margin improvement on lower food, utility, and rent costs. There were also closures of weak-performing outlets. Within its food business, CENTEL holds a 51% stake in The Food Selection Group (FSG), a JV that operates several restaurant brands, including Shinkanzen. FSG is doing well, and we project the profit contribution (Bt127m in 2024) to grow by 18% p.a. in 2025-27F.

#### **COMPANY VALUATION**

Y/E Dec (Bt m)	2024A	2025F	2026F	2027F
Sales	23,049	24,111	25,588	27,264
Net profit	1,753	1,592	1,807	2,130
Consensus NP	_	1,679	1,908	2,332
Diff frm cons (%)	_	(5.1)	(5.3)	(8.7)
Norm profit	1,881	1,592	1,807	2,130
Prev. Norm profit	_	1,666	1,890	2,201
Chg frm prev (%)	_	(4.4)	(4.4)	(3.3)
Norm EPS (Bt)	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.6
Norm EPS grw (%)	67.9	(15.3)	13.5	17.9
Norm PE (x)	20.8	24.6	21.7	18.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.2	10.4	10.1	9.5
P/BV (x)	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
Div yield (%)	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.4
ROE (%)	9.3	7.5	8.2	9.2
Net D/E (%)	67.6	94.7	96.3	91.2

#### PRICE PERFORMANCE



## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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Price as of 25-Aug-25 (Bt)	29.00
Market Cap (US\$ m)	1,206.7
Listed Shares (m shares)	1,350.0
Free Float (%)	72.0
Avg Daily Turnover (US\$ m)	3.9
12M Price H/L (Bt)	41.00/19.50
Sector	Tourism
Major Shareholder	Chirathivat family 62%

Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates

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## 2Q25 likely marked the bottom; BUY

We trim our earnings estimates by 3-4% over 2025-27F Central Plaza Hotel Pcl's (CENTEL) 2Q25 earnings came in weaker than we'd expected, primarily due to operating losses from its two newly opened hotels in the Maldives. These properties are still in their ramp-up phase, and as such, have yet to reach profitability, weighing on the overall performance of the hotel segment. As a result of this underperformance, we are trimming our earnings estimates by 3-4% p.a. for the period of 2025-27F to reflect the lower-than-expected RevPAR of the new properties and a higher SG&A-to-sales ratio.

Ex 1: Changes In Our Key Assumptions And Earnings Revisions

	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Average RevPAR of two new hotels in the Maldives (Bt/night)					
- New	-	1,683	5,018	9,362	11,971
- Old			6,659	10,327	11,971
- Change (%)			(24.6)	(9.3)	-
SG&A to sales (%)					
- New	32.9	33.3	35.3	35.1	34.9
- Old			33.3	33.5	33.6
- Change (ppt)			1.9	1.6	1.2
Normalized profit (Bt m)					
- New	1,120	1,881	1,592	1,807	2,130
- Old			1,666	1,890	2,201
- Change (%)			(4.4)	(4.4)	(3.3)

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Maintain BUY with a new TP of Bt35.0 ...

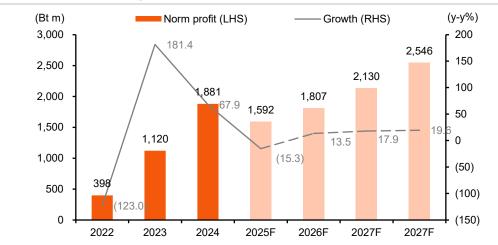
However, with the rollover of our base year in our TP to 2026F, our 12-month DCF-based TP remains unchanged at Bt35.0/share. We maintain our positive view on the medium-term outlook for the company based on the following key factors:

**First,** 2Q25 likely marks the bottom in earnings, and we expect a recovery to begin as early as 3Q25F, supported by a reduced loss contribution from the two newly opened hotels in the Maldives as they gradually ramp up operations and occupancy improves.

**Second,** CENTEL remains in the early stages of a new profit growth cycle, with an estimated EPS CAGR of 17% over 2026-28F. We expect this growth to be driven by 1) a continued improvement in hotel operations in Thailand and Japan, 2) narrowing losses from the Maldives hotels, and 3) sustained strength in its food business.

**Third,** the food business continues to demonstrate resilience, even in the face of a weak macroeconomic backdrop and increasing competition. It remains a stable earnings contributor and provides downside protection to the overall business.





Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

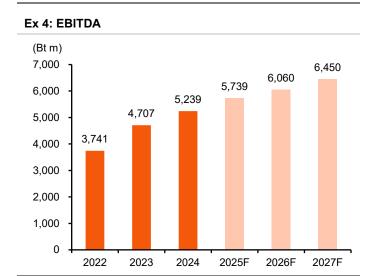
Ex 3: 12-month DCF-based TP Calculation Using A Base Year of 2026F

(Bt m)		2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F	2031F	2032F	2033F	2034F	2035F	2036F	Terminal Value
EBITDA excl. depre from rig	aht of use	4,575	5,100	5,727	6,102	6,455	6,768	7,088	7,413	7,747	8,088	8,455	value
Free cash flow	g. 11 o. aoo	(41)	1,539	3,290	3,741	4,357	4,731	5,093	5,404	5,722	6,047	5,397	95,093
PV of free cash flow		(41)	1,325	2,627	2,772	2,995	3,017	3,012	2,965	2,913	2,856	2,364	41,652
Risk-free rate (%)	2.5												
Market risk premium (%)	8.0												
Beta	1.0												
WACC (%)	7.8												
Terminal growth (%)	2.0												
Enterprise value - add investments	68,456												
Net debt (2025F)	20,586												
Minority interest	182												
Equity value	47,688												
# of shares (m)	1,350												
Target price/share (Bt)	35.00												

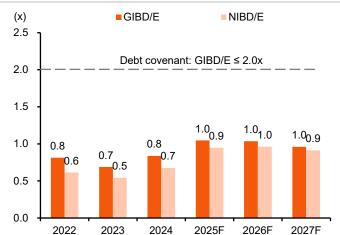
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## Strong balance sheet

Regarding its financial status, CENTEL continues to demonstrate strong balance sheet discipline and effective liquidity management. Its gross interest-bearing debt-to-equity (GIBD/E) ratio stood at 0.8x in 2024, and we project it will be around 1.0x during 2025-27F. The increase in the GIBD/E ratio is attributed to rising capex for investment and renovation. However, the ratio remains well below the covenant limit of 2.0x, underscoring prudent financial leverage. The company also maintains a healthy liquidity buffer, with Bt2.7bn in cash on hand as of 2024, an undrawn credit facility of over Bt11bn, and projected EBITDA of Bt5.7/6.1/6.5bn for 2025-27F. These resources should comfortably cover its planned capex of Bt6.5/5.0/4.0bn over the same period, as well as interest payments.



Ex 5: Gross And Net Interest-Bearing Debt To Equity



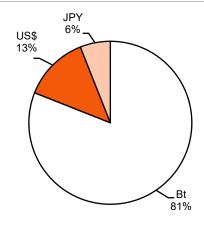
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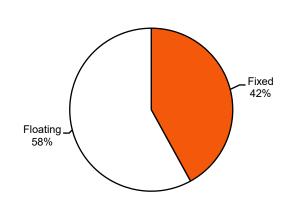
58% of loans are on floating rates

CENTEL also stands to benefit from the declining interest rate trend. As of the end of 2Q25, the company had a total of Bt18.8bn in interest-bearing debt, with 58% of the loans on floating rates and the remaining 42% at fixed rates. Of the total debt, 81% is denominated in Thai baht, 13% in US dollars, and 6% in Japanese yen. As a result, CENTEL looks well-positioned to benefit from lower interest rates. However, with net interest-bearing debt projected to remain around Bt21/22/22bn over 2025-27F, we estimate CENTEL's interest expense will be c. Bt1.2bn per year during that period.

Ex 6: Debt Breakdown By Currency At End 2Q25



Ex 7: Debt Breakdown By Interest Rate At End 2Q25



Source: Company data Source: Company data

## **Peaked losses from the Maldives**

CENTEL has two existing hotels and two new hotels in the Maldives

CENTEL's revenue contribution from the Maldives comprised 14% of total hotel revenue in 1H25. Besides its two existing hotels in the Maldives, i.e., the 5-star Machchafushi Island Resort & Spa Maldives, Centara Collection and 4-star Centara Ras Fushi Resort & Spa Maldives, CENTEL just opened the new 4-star Centara Mirage Lagoon Maldives in November last year and the new 5-star Centara Grand Lagoon Maldives in April 2025.

Ex 8: Centara Mirage Lagoon Maldives









Source: Company data

Ex 9: Centara Grand Lagoon Maldives









Source: Company data

Two new hotels had only 20% OR in 1H25

In 1H25, CENTEL faced significant challenges at its Maldives operations. Its two newly launched properties – the Centara Mirage Lagoon Maldives and Centara Grand Lagoon Maldives – recorded a particularly low average occupancy rate (OR) of just 20%, reflecting a weak initial performance. Meanwhile, CENTEL's two other existing hotels in the Maldives also experienced a modest OR, averaging only 64% for the same period.

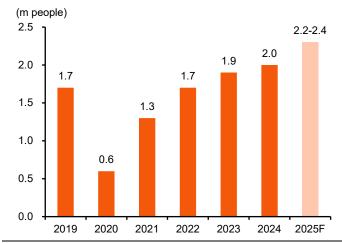
The weak occupancy across all four properties was primarily attributed to a combination of external market factors, including:

- Oversupply in the Maldives hotel market, which has intensified competition and pressured room rates and occupancy. Between 2020 and 2024, international tourist arrivals to the Maldives grew at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.0%, while the number of operational hotel beds increased at a faster 6.1% CAGR, highlighting the imbalance between supply and demand.
- A delay in the opening of the new terminal at the Maldives' main international airport originally scheduled for early 2025 but postponed to late July 2025 has limited inbound capacity and reduced the convenience for international travelers.
- A slowdown in Chinese tourism, a key source market for the Maldives' hospitality sector, which further hit demand.

As a result of these adverse factors, CENTEL's Maldives operations collectively incurred a loss of approximately Bt230m during 1H25.

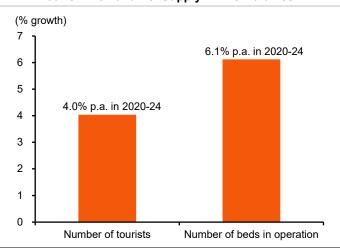
CENTEL expects total losses from two new hotels of US\$11m-12m in 2025F With the slow ramp-up of its two new hotels' OR, management has increased its loss forecast for the two new hotels in the Maldives this year from US\$8-10m to US\$11-12m. However, the company's management remains cautiously optimistic about its operations in the Maldives. It believes that 2Q25 marked the bottom of the current downtrend.

Ex 10: Number Of International Tourists In The Maldives



Source: Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Maldives

Ex 11: Tourism Demand Vs. Supply In The Maldives



Source: Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Maldives

New hotels in Maldives showing signs of improvement According to data from CENTEL, the performance of its newly opened Maldives properties began to show signs of improvement in July 2025. The 4-star Centara Mirage Lagoon Maldives reported an increase in its occupancy rate (OR) to 49%, while the 5-star Centara Grand Lagoon Maldives saw its OR rise to 20% for the month.

Looking ahead, CENTEL expects this positive trend to continue into 3Q25 and 4Q25. Management projects an average OR of 45% for the 4-star property and 22% for the 5-star property in 3Q25. For its two existing hotels in the Maldives, CENTEL also anticipates an improvement in operational performance during 3Q25 and 4Q25.

Drivers are rising int'I tourists and CENTEL's marketing strategies

The key drivers behind the expected rebound in CENTEL's Maldives hotel performance include improving external conditions. With the opening of the new terminal at Male Velena International Airport, we expect the hotel oversupply situation in the Maldives to ease in 2H25F. The airport's capacity expansion is seen as a critical enabler for increasing international tourist arrivals.

Together with anticipated improvements in market dynamics and CENTEL's strategic shift to target more European and Japanese tourists, we estimate that CENTEL's overall OR across all its Maldives properties will continue to rise to 49.0/60.6/68.2/70.8% in 2025-28F vs. 63% in 2024. In addition, we project CENTEL's average room rate (ARR) in the Maldives to increase by 0/10/5/3% in 2025-28F.

According to the Ministry of Tourism in the Maldives, the number of international tourists visiting the Maldives in 7M25 came to 1.3m people, up 9.5% y-y. The top three regions for visitors traveling to the Maldives in 2024 were Europe (59% of total tourists), Northeast Asia (18%), and South Asia (8%).

Male Velena International Airport is the main international airport in the Maldives. It is located on Hulhule Island on the North Male Atoll, near the capital island, Male. The Velena International Airport expansion project includes the development of a new passenger terminal building, a runway, a cargo terminal complex, a fuel farm, and a seaplane terminal, along with a maintenance, repair, and overhaul facility and a new, very important person (VIP) / commercially important person (CIP) terminal. The new 78,000-sqm international passenger terminal building is designed to have the capacity to accommodate up to 7.5m passengers per year, compared to the number of international tourists visiting the Maldives of 2.0m people in 2024.

Ex 12: New Terminal Airport At Male Velena Int'l Airport



Source: MALE AIRPORT GUIDE

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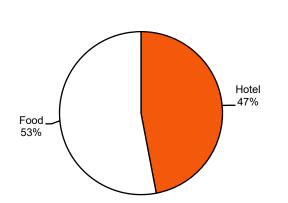
## Thai and Japanese hotels doing well

The hotel segment in Thailand and Japan accounted for 40% of the company's total revenue during 1H25, underscoring its importance as a key hotel revenue driver.

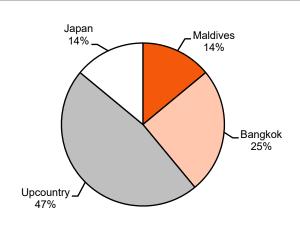
Renovated hotel reopenings offset weak Chinese tourists In Thailand, the performance was mixed due to an international tourist slowdown, particularly Chinese inbound tourism. However, this was offset by the reopening of two newly renovated hotels located in key tourist destinations – Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya and Centara Karon Resort Phuket. These properties helped attract new domestic and international travelers, softening the impact of weaker Chinese arrivals.

In 7M25, Thailand welcomed 19.3m international tourists, representing a 6.4% y-y decline. Notably, Chinese tourist arrivals totaled 2.7m, down 34.9% y-y.

Ex 14: Revenue Breakdown By Business In 1H25



Ex 15: Hotel Revenue Breakdown By Location In 1H25



Source: Company data

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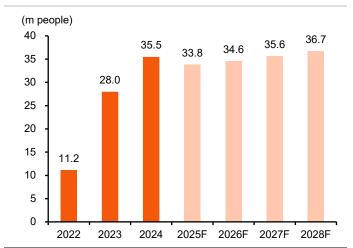
Operationally, the Thai hotel portfolio maintained a steady OR of 72% in 1H25, flat y-y, which reflects resilience despite the macro challenges. More importantly, ARR increased by 6% y-y, which suggests improved pricing power, potentially driven by the increasing price at two newly renovated hotels and higher-spending guests. This led to a 7% y-y increase in RevPAR, highlighting overall revenue growth despite stable occupancy.

Hotel in Japan is also strong

In Japan, the hotel business also exhibited a solid performance. The occupancy rate held steady y-y at 77% in 1H25, indicating consistent demand. More notably, the ARR surged by 18% y-y, driven by robust inbound tourism, the World Expo in Osaka, and favorable market dynamics, possibly including a weaker yen. This strong pricing momentum translated into a 17% y-y rise in RevPAR. The number of international tourist arrivals to Japan in 2024, at 36.9m people, surpassed the pre-COVID level in 2019. JTB Tourism Research & Consulting Co. (JTB) forecasts international visitor arrivals to reach 40m in 2025. The Japanese government targets the number of international tourists visiting Japan to reach 60m by 2030. According to Japan Nation Tourism Organization (JNTO), the number of international tourists visiting Japan in 7M25 was 25.0m people, up 18.4% y-y. Japan's top five markets were China, South Korea, Taiwan, US and Hong Kong.

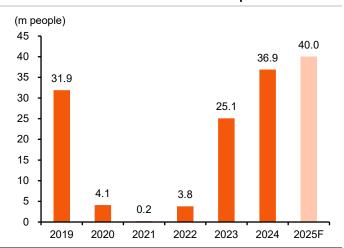
In Thailand, we project RevPAR growth of 5% in 2025F, slowing to 2% in 2026F due to the planned renovation of hotels in Hua Hin and Krabi, before rebounding to 6/11% in 2027-28. In Japan, we estimate very strong RevPAR growth this year at 20%, fueled by continued tourist demand and high pricing power, before normalizing to more moderate growth of 2% p.a. in 2026-28 as the market stabilizes.

#### Ex 16: International Tourist Arrivals To Thailand



Sources: Ministry Of Tourism & Sports: Thanachart estimates

### Ex 17: International Tourist Arrivals To Japan



Source: JTB

## Strong food business operation

Food business earnings still strongly grew y-y in 1H25 driven by

... improving margin

... strong performance of CENTEL's JV brands

We expect continued momentum

In 1H25, CENTEL's food business remained the company's largest revenue contributor, accounting for 53% of total revenue. Despite a modest 1% y-y decline in same-store sales growth (SSSG), segment earnings grew significantly, rising 35% y-y.

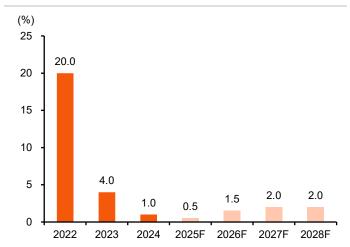
This strong earnings performance was largely driven by improved operating margins, supported by effective cost control measures. Key cost reductions were achieved in food costs, utilities, and rental expenses, reflecting enhanced procurement efficiency and disciplined cost management. Food costs were reduced by managing raw material expenses – partly through shifting some suppliers from Europe to Asia and sourcing certain raw materials directly from suppliers. Additionally, the closure of underperforming stores helped streamline operations and further improve overall profitability.

Another important contributor to the strong performance was CENTEL's joint venture (JV), The Food Selection Group (FSG), in which the company holds a 51% stake. FSG operates several well-known restaurant brands, including Shinkanzen Sushi, Nak-La Mookata, Nama, and Katsu Midori, and delivered solid growth during the period. The JV's success added incremental earnings and highlighted CENTEL's strategic advantage in leveraging partnerships to diversify its brand portfolio and reach a broader customer base. Together, these factors enabled the food segment to deliver strong bottom-line growth despite soft topline performance at the store level.

Management expects these drivers to continue playing a key role in boosting CENTEL's food earnings in 2H25 and beyond.

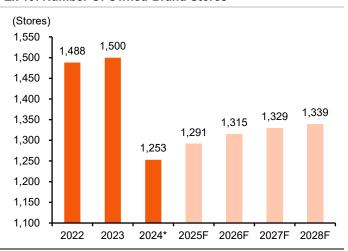
For owned brands' store expansion, CENTEL plans selective expansion of mature brands such as KFC and Mister Donut, and to accelerate the expansion of highly profitable brands such as Auntie Anne's. We estimate SSSG for its owned brand outlets of 0.5/1.5/2.0/2.0% over 2025-28F. We also estimate its owned store numbers to increase from 1,253 stores at the end of 2024 to 1,291/1,315/1,329/1,339 in 2025-28F. We project CENTEL's food business gross margin to improve slightly from 45.3% in 2024 to 45.9/46.1/46.3/46.4% in 2025-28F.

#### Ex 18: Owned Brands' SSSG



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

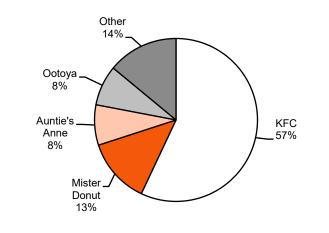
#### Ex 19: Number Of Owned-Brand Stores



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

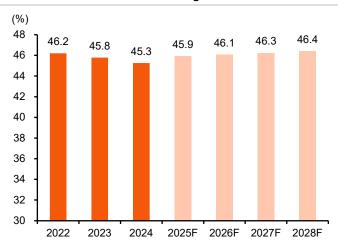
Note: The number of CENTEL's food outlets declined in 2024 because CENTEL excluded the shop-in-shop Arigato outlets within Mister Donut from its store count.

Ex 20: Food Revenue Breakdown By Owned Brands



Sources: Company data Note: \* In 1H25

Ex 21: Food Business' Gross Margin



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

## Strong operation of FSG

Besides its owned brands, CENTEL also targets to grow via its JV brands, particularly in the FSG business. We also expect stronger growth of JV brands, both in SSSG and margin. For FSG, the company operated 72 food outlets across Thailand under four food brands at the end of 2024. These comprised 58 Shinkanzen Sushi outlets, which are known for offering Japanese cuisine at an affordable price, 12 Nak-La Mookata outlets, best known for their traditional grilled pork, and one Nama premium Japanese seafood and buffet outlet. The last is one branch of Katsu Midori Sushi, another sushi chain.

CENTEL targets to open another 16 or so outlets this year – 10 new branches of Nak-La Mookata, five more Shinkanzen Sushi restaurants, and an additional one or two new branches of Katsu Midori Sushi.

Some other JV brands are seeing improving operations

Note that besides FSG, CENTEL currently has two other food JV companies that share profits (or losses) with CENTEL.

- Green Food Factory Co., Ltd.: It operates a healthy restaurant chain under the brand "Salad Factory." It had 46 food outlets nationwide at the end of 2024. CENTEL holds a 51% stake in this company. This company contributed Bt13m in profit to CENTEL in 2024.
- ORC Coffee Passion Group Joint Stock Company (ORC): It operates food and beverage outlets in Vietnam under the brand "Café Amazon". It had 25 outlets at the end of 2024. CENTEL holds a 40% stake in this company. This company contributed Bt42m in losses to CENTEL in 2024.

We estimate the share of profit from FSG to grow by 21/23/11% in 2025-27F from Bt127m in 2024. Meanwhile, we expect a slight improvement in Green Food Factory's and ORC's operations.

## **Valuation Comparison**

Ex 22: Valuation	Comparison	With Regional Peers
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			EPS	growth	—— Р	E ——	— Р.	/BV —	EV/E	BITDA	— Div y	ield—
Name	BBG code	Country	25F	26F	25F	26F	25F	26F	25F	26F	25F	26F
			(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%
Accor SA	AC FP	France	1.9	14.3	19.8	17.3	2.3	2.4	12.2	11.2	3.0	3.3
Indian Hotels	IH IN	India	(11.3)	21.8	66.0	54.2	10.2	8.7	40.2	33.0	0.3	0.4
Resorttrust	4681 JP	Japan	(7.5)	9.3	21.8	19.9	2.9	2.6	11.4	10.6	1.6	1.7
Hotel Shilla	008770 KS	S. Korea	na	170.8	62.0	22.9	1.5	1.4	15.6	11.5	0.4	0.5
NH Hotel Group	NHH SM	Spain	(22.8)	(14.7)	17.2	20.2	2.4	2.0	7.4	7.3	3.4	na
Shanghai Jin Jiang Capital	2006 HK	Hong Kong	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Hongkong & Shanghai	45 HK	Hong Kong	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Shangri-La Asia	69 HK	Hong Kong	(0.9)	13.3	112.0	98.8	3.4	3.4	15.5	14.7	0.5	0.5
InterContinental Hotels	IHG US	US	14.7	12.3	23.7	21.1	na	na	16.9	15.8	1.6	1.8
Marriott International	MAR US	US	8.0	12.4	27.2	24.2	na	na	16.7	15.7	0.9	1.0
Hilton Worldwide Holdings	HLT US	US	12.7	12.5	34.6	30.7	na	na	20.6	19.1	0.2	0.2
Asset World Corp	AWC TB	Thailand	(59.5)	27.0	32.4	25.5	0.8	0.8	24.1	20.3	2.1	1.9
Central Plaza Hotel	CENTEL TB*	Thailand	(15.3)	13.5	24.6	21.7	1.8	1.7	10.4	10.1	1.8	2.1
Erawan Group	ERW TB*	Thailand	(14.0)	18.5	15.9	13.4	1.4	1.3	8.9	8.1	2.2	2.6
Minor International	MINT TB*	Thailand	1.1	19.5	20.7	17.4	1.6	1.5	5.8	5.5	2.7	3.2
Average			(7.7)	25.4	36.8	29.8	2.8	2.6	15.8	14.1	1.6	1.6

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Note: \* Thanachart estimates, using normalized EPS

Based on 25 August 2025 closing prices

### **COMPANY DESCRIPTION**

Central Plaza Hotel Pcl (CENTEL) owns and operates hotels in Thailand and abroad with its owned brands – Centara Grand, Centara, Centra, and COSI. CENTEL also manages hotels across Thailand and abroad. The company runs restaurant franchises, including key brands such as KFC, Mister Donut, Auntie Anne's, and Ootoya.

Source: Thanachart

#### THANACHART'S SWOT ANALYSIS

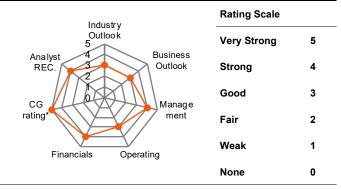
## S — Strength

- Well-received owned hotel brands in Thailand, such as Centara Grand, Centara, and COSI.
- Well-balanced risk profile of hotel and food businesses.
- Strong financial position.

### Opportunity

- Strategic investments and acquisitions locally and globally.
- Robust growth in the booming tourism and consumption areas, particularly in Thailand and some high-growth tourist destinations globally.

### **COMPANY RATING**



Source: Thanachart; \*CG Rating

## **W** — Weakness

- Heavy exposure to Thailand's tourism industry.
- Thailand's upscale hotel oversupply.
- Dependent on domestic consumption.

#### T — Threat

- Fierce competition among hotel operators leading to obstacles in unlocking its profitability.
- Competition among restaurant operators.
- Natural disasters and disease outbreaks.

## **CONSENSUS COMPARISON**

	Consensus	Thanachart	Diff
Target price (Bt)	32.97	35.00	6%
Net profit 25F (Bt m)	1,679	1,592	-5%
Net profit 26F (Bt m)	1,908	1,807	-5%
Consensus REC	BUY: 17	HOLD: 6	SELL: 0

## **HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?**

Our TP is slightly above the Street number, although our 2025–26F earnings projections are below, likely due to us having a more bullish view on CENTEL's hotel operations in the longer term.

### **RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE**

- Thailand's political situation and natural disasters are the key downside risks to our call.
- A slower-than-expected Thai and international tourist demand recovery is the key downside risk to our numbers.
- Weaker-than-expected domestic and global economic prospects and consumption growth present downside risk to our numbers.
- More intense competition in Thai and global tourism would also have a negative impact on our numbers.

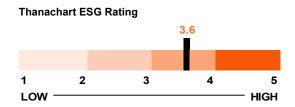
Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart estimates

Source: Thanachart

Central Plaza Hotel Public Co. Ltd.

Sector: Services | Hotel

CENTEL operates a hotel business under the Centara Grand, Centara, and COSI brands. It also runs a food business, which includes the KFC, Mister Donut, Auntie Anne's, and Ootoya brand franchises. Our ESG score of 3.6 is relatively high and above the sector's average of 3.5. We see the highest score in S, followed by E and G.



	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)
CENTEL	YES	AAA	-	Α	70.10	69.60	67.00	-	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" in the following back page.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

**Factors** 

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

## **Our Comments**

- We assign an E score of 3.6, above its peers' average of 3.5 due to it having a clear plan for managing environmental issues. CENTEL also has a clear target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.
- CENTEL recently announced a renewed commitment to environmental sustainability with its 10-year (2020-29) roadmap of reducing greenhouse gas (scope 1 and 2) emissions by 20% from 2019.
- To achieve these goals, CENTEL is implementing solar-power projects, installing a room control unit system, a smart motion detection system, and a room flex system manager and dashboard.
- By 2025, it aims to have 100% of properties certified to international sustainability standards and to eliminate single-use plastic items from its guest journeys entirely.

## **SOCIAL**

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

- We assign an S score of 3.9 to CENTEL, which is higher than its E and G scores.
- CENTEL has many hotel and food services brands to serve various customer segments.
   Its signature 'Centara' hotel brand is strong with a good track record of operations.
- CENTEL adheres to laws and regulations on health and workplace safety for staff and customers. It has regular reviews and assessments for safety and health aspects, such as workplace accidents and sickness caused by improper work procedures.
- It has the "Training Needs Analysis Metric" to analyze training needs. A personnel training and development roadmap is prepared for employees at all levels.
- It supports the development of potential and the creation of a good quality of life for people in communities and society in every location where it operates.

# GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY

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

- We assign a G score of 3.4 vs. the sector average of 3.3.
- CENTEL does not have an ideal board structure, with a board chairman who is not independent. Also, only four of the 12 directors are independent (below the ideal ratio of 2/3). Four of the directors are female.
- CENTEL has all key committees, i.e., remuneration, audit, and risk management. It emphasizes risk management for stable operations and sustainable growth.
- CENTEL applies digital solutions in its hotel business to enhance service efficiency and adopts new technology in its food business, such as delivery robots and an e-coupon system.
- CENTEL has a high level of business sustainability via its strong brands that are also being leveraged for expansion into high-growth markets such as Dubai and Japan, and its hotel management business both in Thailand and abroad.

Sources: Thanachart, Company data

2025F earnings mainly hit by losses from new hotels in the Maldives

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FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2023A	2024A	2025F	2026F	2027F
Sales	21,558	23,049	24,111	25,588	27,264
Cost of sales	12,883	13,424	13,769	14,502	15,287
Gross profit	8,675	9,624	10,342	11,086	11,977
% gross margin	40.2%	41.8%	42.9%	43.3%	43.9%
Selling & administration expenses	7,090	7,676	8,499	8,969	9,501
Operating profit	1,585	1,948	1,843	2,117	2,475
% operating margin	7.4%	8.5%	7.6%	8.3%	9.1%
Depreciation & amortization	3,122	3,291	3,896	3,943	3,975
EBITDA	4,707	5,239	5,739	6,060	6,450
% EBITDA margin	21.8%	22.7%	23.8%	23.7%	23.7%
Non-operating income	990	1,190	1,102	1,144	1,187
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Interest expense	(1,007)	(1,051)	(1,210)	(1,194)	(1,157)
Pre-tax profit	1,568	2,088	1,735	2,067	2,505
Income tax	377	399	486	579	701
After-tax profit	1,190	1,689	1,249	1,488	1,804
% net margin	5.5%	7.3%	5.2%	5.8%	6.6%
Shares in affiliates' Earnings	(62)	136	289	339	376
Minority interests	(8)	57	54	(20)	(50)
Extraordinary items	128	(128)	0	0	0
NET PROFIT	1,248	1,753	1,592	1,807	2,130
Normalized profit	1,120	1,881	1,592	1,807	2,130
EPS (Bt)	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.6
Normalized EPS (Bt)	8.0	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.6

CENTEL has one new hotel in the Maldives in 2024 and another in 2025

BALANCE SHEET					
FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2023A	2024A	2025F	2026F	2027F
ASSETS:					
Current assets:	5,365	6,145	5,414	5,105	4,819
Cash & cash equivalent	2,853	3,392	2,150	1,650	1,150
Account receivables	1,196	1,208	1,651	1,753	1,867
Inventories	982	905	943	993	1,047
Others	334	641	669	709	754
Investments & loans	4,539	4,608	4,608	4,608	4,608
Net fixed assets	29,505	35,528	39,753	42,295	43,671
Other assets	14,794	14,480	12,916	11,489	10,199
Total assets	54,204	60,761	62,691	63,498	63,297
LIABILITIES:					
Current liabilities:	10,594	10,636	15,928	16,411	16,280
Account payables	3,445	4,423	3,772	3,973	4,188
Bank overdraft & ST loans	940	2,046	3,410	3,541	3,469
Current LT debt	4,596	1,761	6,764	7,023	6,880
Others current liabilities	1,614	2,406	1,981	1,873	1,744
Total LT debt	8,229	13,749	12,562	13,044	12,777
Others LT liabilities	15,362	15,425	12,470	11,250	10,153
Total liabilities	34,186	39,811	40,959	40,704	39,209
Minority interest	343	236	182	202	252
Preferred shares	0	0	0	0	0
Paid-up capital	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350
Share premium	970	970	970	970	970
Warrants	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus	9,914	9,767	9,767	9,767	9,767
Retained earnings	7,441	8,627	9,463	10,505	11,749
Shareholders' equity	19,675	20,714	21,550	22,592	23,836
Liabilities & equity	54,204	60,761	62,691	63,498	63,297
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Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

## **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

Sustainable cash inflow stream

FY ending Dec (Bt m)	2023A	2024A	2025F	2026F	2027F
Earnings before tax	1,568	2,088	1,735	2,067	2,505
Tax paid	(403)	(302)	(527)	(545)	(705)
Depreciation & amortization	3,122	3,291	3,896	3,943	3,975
Chg In working capital	59	1,043	(1,133)	50	46
Chg In other CA & CL / minorities	(190)	477	(124)	158	205
Cash flow from operations	4,156	6,597	3,847	5,672	6,027
Capex	(1,913)	(7,619)	(6,500)	(5,000)	(4,000)
Right of use	(7,877)	(1,698)	0	0	0
ST loans & investments	0	(4)	0	0	0
LT loans & investments	26	(68)	0	0	0
Adj for asset revaluation	(78)	(147)	0	0	0
Chg In other assets & liabilities	6,393	253	(3,013)	(1,279)	(1,157)
Cash flow from investments	(3,450)	(9,283)	(9,513)	(6,279)	(5,157)
Debt financing	(1,630)	3,792	5,180	872	(483)
Capital increase	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	(567)	(757)	(765)	(886)
Warrants & other surplus	(13)	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(1,643)	3,225	4,424	107	(1,369)
Free cash flow	2,242	(1,022)	(2,653)	672	2,027

## **VALUATION**

FY ending Dec	2023A	2024A	2025F	2026F	2027F
Normalized PE(x)	34.95	20.8	24.6	21.7	18.4
Normalized PE - at target price (x)	42.18	25.1	29.7	26.1	22.2
PE(x)	31.37	22.3	24.6	21.7	18.4
PE - at target price (x)	37.86 10.6	27.0	29.7 10.4 11.8 1.8 2.2 10.2	26.1 10.1 11.4 1.7 2.1 6.9	22.2 9.5 10.7 1.6 2.0 6.5
EV/EBITDA (x)		10.2			
EV/EBITDA - at target price (x)	12.4	11.7			
P/BV (x)	2.0	1.9			
P/BV - at target price (x)	2.4	2.3			
P/CFO (x)	9.4	5.9			
Price/sales (x)	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
Dividend yield (%)	1.4	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.4
FCF Yield (%)	5.7	(2.6)	(6.8)	1.7	5.2
(Bt)					
Normalized EPS	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.6
EPS	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.6
DPS	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7
BV/share	14.6	15.3	16.0	16.7	17.7
CFO/share	3.1	4.9	2.8	4.2	4.5
FCF/share	1.7	(8.0)	(2.0)	0.5	1.5

Not yet fully valued, in our view

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

## FINANCIAL RATIOS

FINANCIAL RATIOS						
FY ending Dec	2023A	2024A	2025F	2026F	2027F	
Growth Rate						
Sales (%)	23.2	6.9	4.6	6.1	6.5	
Net profit (%)	213.5	40.5	(9.2)	13.5	17.9	
EPS (%)	213.5	40.5	(9.2)	13.5	17.9	
Normalized profit (%)	181.4	67.9	(15.3)	13.5	17.9	
Normalized EPS (%)	181.4	67.9	(15.3)	13.5	17.9	
Dividend payout ratio (%)	45.4	45.4	45.0	45.0	45.0	
Operating performance						
Gross margin (%)	40.2	41.8	42.9	43.3	43.9	
Operating margin (%)	7.4	8.5	7.6	8.3	9.1	
EBITDA margin (%)	21.8	22.7	23.8	23.7	23.7	
Net margin (%)	5.5	7.3	5.2	5.8	6.6	
D/E (incl. minor) (x)	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Net D/E (incl. minor) (x)	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9	
Interest coverage - EBIT (x)	1.57	1.85	1.5	1.8	2.1	
Interest coverage - EBITDA (x)	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.1	5.6	
ROA - using norm profit (%)	2.2	3.3	2.6	2.9	3.4	
ROE - using norm profit (%)	5.9	9.3	7.5	8.2	9.2	
DuPont						
ROE - using after tax profit (%)	6.2	8.4	5.9	6.7	7.8	
- asset turnover (x)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
- operating margin (%)	11.9	13.6	12.2	12.7	13.4	
- leverage (x)	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7	
- interest burden (%)	60.9	66.5	58.9	63.4	68.4	
- tax burden (%)	75.9	80.9	72.0	72.0	72.0	
WACC (%)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	
ROIC (%)	4.0	5.2	3.8	3.6	4.0	
NOPAT (Bt m)	1,204	1,576	1,327	1,524	1,782	
invested capital (Bt m)	30,586	34,879	42,136	44,550	45,811	

No financial stress

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

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