

Energy Drink Sector – Neutral

News update

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OSP to beat, CBG to miss

- Same story, different exposure.
- OSP: more exposure to resilient domestic energy drinks.
- CBG: more exposure to weak exports.
- BUY OSP on pullback, downside on CBG.

We preview 3Q25F earnings for two energy drink stocks under our coverage. We expect OSP's earnings to beat our expectations, while CBG will likely miss. The domestic energy drink market remains resilient for both companies, and OSP has larger exposure there. Both companies face export hiccups, but CBG will likely see a larger drop.

OSP

- We expect OSP's 3Q25F earnings of Bt690m, up 3% y-y. A 32% q-q fall is due to seasonal weakness in 3Q from the rainy season in key export markets like Myanmar.
- OSP's estimated EBIT breakdown is about 45% domestic beverages, 40% energy drink export, and 15% others. Its largest domestic energy drink business likely grew by mid-single digits y-y and q-q. OSP likely sees y-y growth after three consecutive quarters of decline, as the relaunch of its Bt10/bottle energy drink into the Bt12/bottle portfolio helped stabilize market share without triggering intense price competition.
- OSP's margins are also likely to expand. Without being aggressive in competition, OSP has been able to cut marketing expenses. The company is also focusing on reducing production costs.
- The weak area is exports, both energy drinks and personal care, which are likely down by the early-teen level y-y. The quarterly drop is due to seasonal impact as mentioned earlier. In the key Myanmar market, OSP's distributor delayed orders in July and August amid weak consumption. However, orders resumed in September. There were also hiccups in small markets like Cambodia amid conflict with Thailand and social unrest in Indonesia. That said, the weakness is more than offset by decent domestic performance and cost savings.

CBG

- We expect CBG's earnings of Bt640m to fall 14% y-y and 20% q-q. Earnings will likely miss our expectations as weak Cambodia sales offset domestic strength.
- CBG's estimated EBIT breakdown is about 36% domestic energy drinks, 49% export and 15% 3rd-party product distribution and bottle OEM. Domestic energy drink sales likely continue to grow at a teen-level rate as CBG, the only player selling at Bt10/bottle, continues to gain market share mainly from Red Bull Thailand, the only player selling key energy drink products at Bt12/bottle. Spirit distribution and bottle OEM likely remain growing at the teen level, supported by CBG's customers' continued market share gains. Like OSP, CBG has also cut selling expenses in the now less aggressive energy drink market.
- However, CBG's energy drink exports likely fell at a high double-digit rate due to the Thailand–Cambodia conflict, which hit demand for its products harder than expected. CBG is the largest energy drink player in Cambodia with about 70% market share, so the impact is greater than for OSP.

In all, we reaffirm BUY on OSP. Its share price has fallen 18% from its peak this year as the market worried about potential 3Q25 weakness amid domestic energy drink competition. We see likely upbeat 3Q25 results as a share price catalyst. Over the long term, we view OSP as a stable growth company offering an attractive 7% dividend yield in 2025–26F.

We see downside for CBG as Cambodia's difficulties are likely more severe than expected.

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