

**BUY** (Unchanged)

Change in Numbers

**TP: Bt 25.00**

(From: Bt 26.00)

**21 OCTOBER 2025****Upside : 16.8%**

## CP Aextra Pcl (CPAXT TB)

### Weak 3Q25F is not a trend

We expect disappointing 3Q25F from Lotus's gross margin. But this is not a declining earnings trend as we estimate 4Q25F profit to grow 10% y-y backed by stimulus and continued EPS growth of 15/12% in 2026-27F. We maintain our BUY call with a lower TP of Bt25.0.

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#### Cutting our earnings and TP

We cut our earnings for CPAXT by 2/6/6% in 2025-27F to factor in weaker-than-expected gross margin at Lotus's and the announcement of its cash-and-carry business expansion to the Philippines, though we lift Makro's same-store sales growth (SSSG) to 4% in 4Q25F due to the co-payment plus scheme and tourism stimuli. Our DCF-based 12-month TP (2026F base year) falls to Bt25.0 from Bt26. We maintain our BUY call on CPAXT.

**First**, the hiccup in 3Q25F core earnings is not a trend, as we project an earnings turnaround of 10% y-y in 4Q25F. **Second**, we estimate EPS growth of 15/12% in 2026-27F, driven by SSSG, store expansion, fatter gross margin, and profit contribution from food importer Lucky Frozen in Malaysia (acquired in September).

**Third**, its 17.2/15.3x 2026-27F PE multiples look inexpensive to us for a long-term growth stock with organic drivers for its domestic business and overseas growth opportunities.

#### 3Q25F likely to disappoint

We project 3Q25F net profit of Bt1.99bn, up by 2% y-y. This is below the consensus estimate of Bt2.2-2.3bn. Adjusting for one-time expenses of Bt458m in 3Q24 from amalgamation costs and a FX loss, we expect 3Q25F core profit to fall by 18% y-y. A key drag is likely to be a disappointing gross margin. We expect gross margin on sales of 14.4%, flat y-y. Excluding the wholesale business's supplier support accounting reclassification, gross margin will likely fall by 30bp y-y due to a flat wholesale gross margin y-y and a 60bp y-y decline at Lotus's caused by a falling non-food sales mix due to weak spending and a high gross margin base in 3Q24 from the digital wallet scheme stimulus.

#### Stimulus to drive a turnaround from 4Q25F

We expect 4Q25F net profit of Bt4.3bn, up 10% y-y and 119% q-q, on the back of 7% y-y sales growth vs. 3% in 9M25F, a 19bp y-y sales gross margin expansion (+63bp y-y for wholesale, the same pace as in 9M25F, and -30bp y-y for Lotus's), and a full quarter's profit from Lucky Frozen (driving 2% profit growth y-y). Our 7% sales growth assumption is based on SSSG of 4% for wholesale and 1% for Lotus's in 4Q25F from flat SSSG in 9M25F.

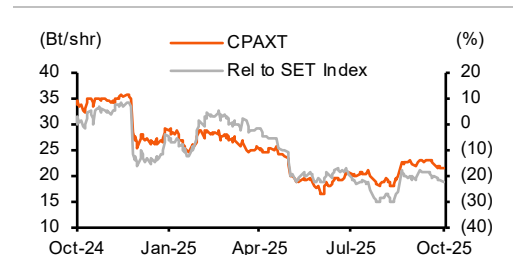
#### Overseas expansion

In 3Q25, CPAXT was running 10 overseas Makro branches in Cambodia (three), Myanmar (one), and India (six). On 15 October, it launched its second store in Myanmar with a plan to open its first Philippines store late next year. We see the Myanmar expansion as a good move as the first store generated higher sales/sqm vs. stores in other countries, including Thailand, with a faster profit breakeven period of two years. We estimate overseas losses of Bt217/318/314/296m in 2025-28F or 2% of profit in those years, falling from 6% in 2022.

#### COMPANY VALUATION

| Y/E Dec (Bt m)    | 2024A   | 2025F   | 2026F   | 2027F   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales             | 508,745 | 526,408 | 552,285 | 575,151 |
| Net profit        | 10,569  | 11,263  | 12,983  | 14,547  |
| Consensus NP      | —       | 11,509  | 13,022  | 14,258  |
| Diff frm cons (%) | —       | (2.1)   | (0.3)   | 2.0     |
| Norm profit       | 10,569  | 11,263  | 12,983  | 14,547  |
| Prev. Norm profit | —       | 11,548  | 13,791  | 15,556  |
| Chg frm prev (%)  | —       | (2.5)   | (5.9)   | (6.5)   |
| Norm EPS (Bt)     | 1.0     | 1.1     | 1.2     | 1.4     |
| Norm EPS grw (%)  | 22.3    | 6.6     | 15.3    | 12.0    |
| Norm PE (x)       | 21.1    | 19.8    | 17.2    | 15.3    |
| EV/EBITDA (x)     | 9.3     | 8.8     | 8.1     | 7.5     |
| P/BV (x)          | 0.7     | 0.7     | 0.7     | 0.7     |
| Div yield (%)     | 3.3     | 3.5     | 4.1     | 4.6     |
| ROE (%)           | 3.6     | 3.7     | 4.2     | 4.6     |
| Net D/E (%)       | 26.3    | 28.0    | 28.2    | 27.5    |

#### PRICE PERFORMANCE



#### COMPANY INFORMATION

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Price as of 21-Oct-25 (Bt)  | 21.40         |
| Market Cap (US\$ m)         | 6,807.6       |
| Listed Shares (m shares)    | 10,427.7      |
| Free Float (%)              | 15.3          |
| Avg Daily Turnover (US\$ m) | 7.6           |
| 12M Price H/L (Bt)          | 35.50/16.50   |
| Sector                      | Commerce      |
| Major Shareholder           | CP All 59.93% |

Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates

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## Cutting our earnings and TP

**Lowering our TP by 4% to Bt25.0**

We estimate CP Aextra Pcl's (CPAXT) 3Q25F performance to come in weaker than we'd expected earlier as we project the gross margin on sales at its Lotus's business to contract further, pressured by intensifying market competition and the high gross margin base in 3Q24 due to high-margin product sales (mainly small electrical appliances) from the Bt10,000 digital wallet handout scheme. We therefore lower our gross margin assumptions for Lotus's by 30/40/40bp in 2025-27F to a 30bp decline y-y to 17.83% this year, a further drop of 5bp y-y to 17.78% in 2026F, before projection a 5bp expansion to 17.83% in 2027F. We also factor in its recent announcement of the expansion of its Makro cash-and-carry business to the Philippines, with the first branch tentatively scheduled to open in 4Q26F.

On a positive note, we raise our same-store sales growth assumption for the wholesale business to 4% (from 1% previously) for 4Q25F as we expect it to benefit from the government's co-payment plus scheme and tourism stimuli, driving our SSSG on wholesale assumptions to 1.0/1.5/2.0% in 2025-27F (from 0.3/1.5/2.0%), though we maintain them for Lotus's at 1% SSSG in 4Q25F, or 0.4/1.5/2.0% in 2025-27F. Following this, our earnings projections are revised down by 2/6/6% in 2025-27F. Our DCF-based 12-month TP (2026F base year) is lowered by 4% to Bt25.0/share (from Bt26.0 earlier).

### Ex 1: Key Assumption Changes

|                                          | 2022  | 2023  | 2024   | 2025F  | 2026F  | 2027F  |
|------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Blended gross margin on sales (%)</b> |       |       |        |        |        |        |
| New                                      | 14.2  | 13.8  | 14.4   | 14.5   | 14.6   | 14.7   |
| Old                                      |       |       |        | 14.7   | 14.8   | 14.9   |
| Change (bp)                              |       |       |        | (15.6) | (20.9) | (21.8) |
| <b>Wholesale business</b>                |       |       |        |        |        |        |
| <b>SSS growth (%)</b>                    |       |       |        |        |        |        |
| New                                      | 6.8   | 5.3   | 2.8    | 1.0    | 1.5    | 2.0    |
| Old                                      |       |       |        | 0.3    | 1.5    | 2.0    |
| Gross margin on sales - Thailand (%)     | 10.5  | 10.7  | 11.4   | 12.0   | 12.2   | 12.3   |
| - unchanged                              |       |       |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Retail business</b>                   |       |       |        |        |        |        |
| <b>SSS growth (%)</b>                    |       |       |        |        |        |        |
| New                                      | (0.2) | 1.3   | 3.6    | 0.4    | 1.5    | 2.0    |
| Old                                      |       |       |        | 0.5    | 1.5    | 2.0    |
| <b>Gross margin on sales (%)</b>         |       |       |        |        |        |        |
| New                                      | 18.6  | 17.7  | 18.1   | 17.8   | 17.8   | 17.8   |
| Old                                      |       |       |        | 18.1   | 18.2   | 18.2   |
| <b>Overseas stores (YE)</b>              |       |       |        |        |        |        |
|                                          | 10    | 8     | 10     | 11     | 12     | 12     |
| Cambodia                                 | 3     | 3     | 3      | 3      | 3      | 3      |
| India                                    | 4     | 4     | 6      | 6      | 6      | 6      |
| China                                    | 2     | 0     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Myanmar                                  | 1     | 1     | 1      | 2      | 2      | 2      |
| Philippines                              | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0      | 1      | 1      |
| <b>Normalized profit (Bt m)</b>          |       |       |        |        |        |        |
| New                                      | 7,697 | 8,640 | 10,569 | 11,263 | 12,983 | 14,547 |
| Old                                      |       |       |        | 11,548 | 13,791 | 15,556 |
| Change (%)                               |       |       |        | (2.5)  | (5.9)  | (6.5)  |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

**Ex 2: 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                  | 31,516  | 33,921 | 36,310 | 39,069 | 41,876 | 43,228 | 45,833 | 48,331 | 49,326 | 51,888 | 54,578 |                |
| Free cash flow          | 9,802   | 12,249 | 14,167 | 18,041 | 20,438 | 21,412 | 30,162 | 36,335 | 36,987 | 39,190 | 41,499 | 552,497        |
| PV of free cash flow    | 9,775   | 10,188 | 10,743 | 12,475 | 12,888 | 12,312 | 15,811 | 17,369 | 16,123 | 15,579 | 15,039 | 200,227        |
| Risk-free rate (%)      | 2.5     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| Market risk premium (%) | 8.0     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| Beta                    | 0.9     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| WACC (%)                | 9.7     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| Terminal growth (%)     | 2.0     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| Enterprise value        | 348,531 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| Net debt (2025F)        | 86,869  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| Minority interest       | 931     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| Equity value            | 260,732 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| # of shares (m)         | 10,428  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| Equity value/share (Bt) | 25.00   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |

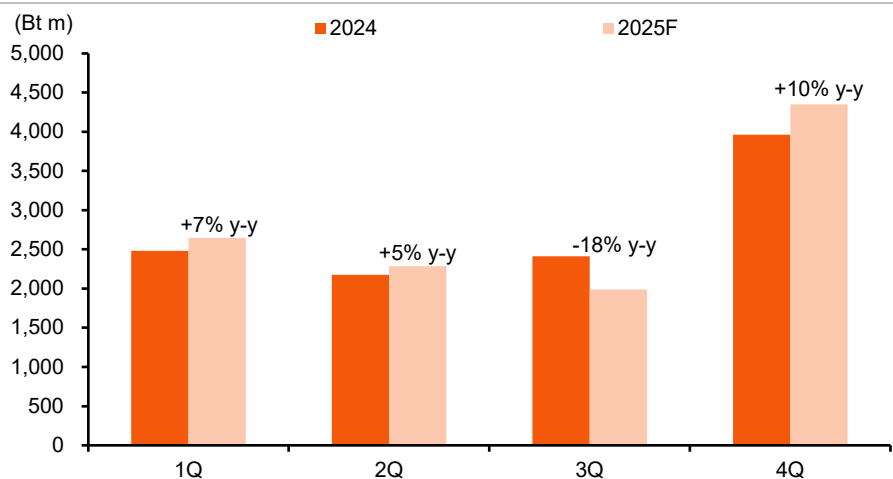
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**We reaffirm our BUY call**

We reaffirm our BUY call on CPAXT given 17% potential share price upside to our new TP.

**1) Weak 3Q25F is not a trend, in our view**

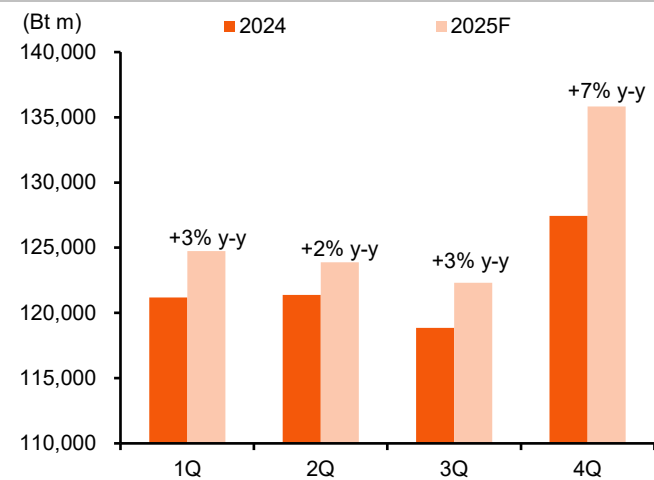
**First**, the hiccup in 3Q25F core earnings is not a trend in our view, as we estimate an earnings turnaround of 10% y-y in 4Q25F. With economic stimulus measures in 4Q25F, we expect CPAXT to deliver 7% y-y sales growth in 4Q25F, improving from 3% growth in 9M25F. Without the high gross margin base for Lotus's as in 3Q24 when it benefited from the government's digital wallet cash handout scheme, and given our expectation of improved spending sentiment in 4Q25F, we estimate Lotus's gross margin to decline by just 30bp y-y in 4Q25F vs. a 60bp fall in 3Q25F.

**Ex 3: Quarterly Core Profit**

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

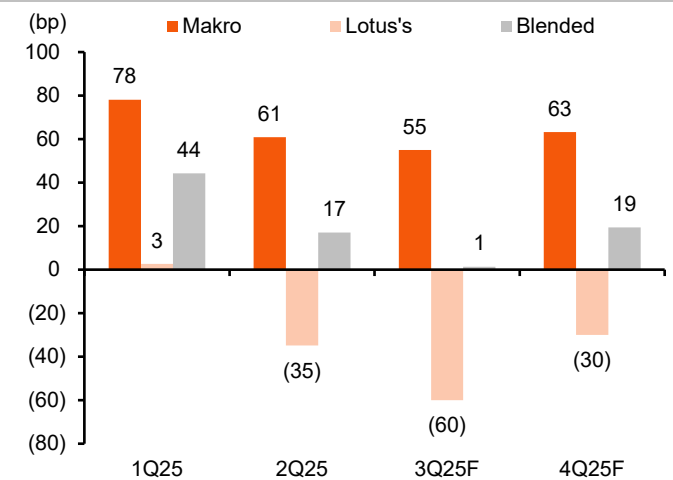
Note: 3Q24 core profit is adjusted for Bt458m in one-time expenses from amalgamation and an FX loss

Ex 4: Sales Growth



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 5: Expansion Of Gross Margin On Sales



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

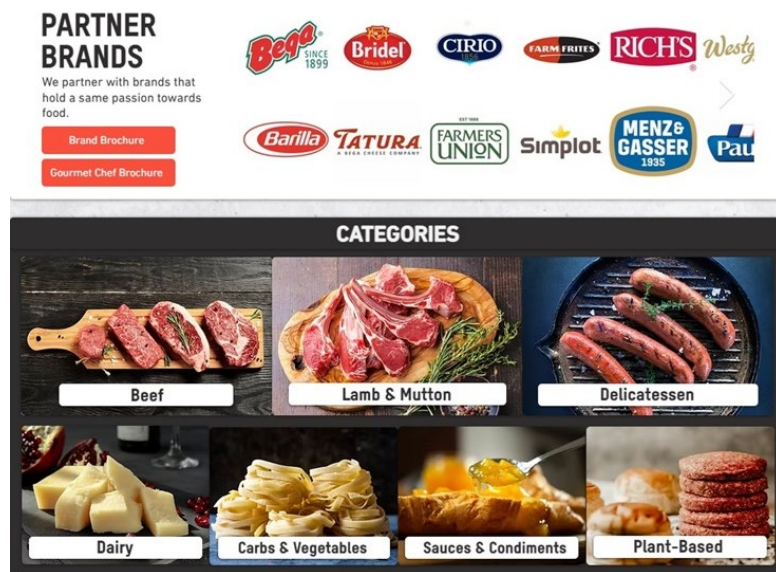
## 2) 15/12/10% EPS growth in 2026-28F

We estimate Lucky Frozen to contribute 2.6% to CPAXT's 2026F profit

**Second**, we estimate EPS growth at 15/12/10% in 2026-28F, driven by 1.5/2.0/2.0% SSSG, 2% p.a. store expansion, 8/9/9bp gross margin expansion, and profit contribution from the food importer Lucky Frozen in Malaysia, which was acquired in September this year.

**Lucky Frozen acquisition.** On 29 August 2025, CPAXT's 99.99% subsidiary, Siam Food Services Co Ltd (SFS), bought a 100% stake in Renewed Hope Pte Ltd, a registered company in Singapore, which is a holding company (with nine subsidiaries) holding shares in Lucky Frozen worth MYR1.05bn (Bt8.1bn). Lucky Frozen is a food importer, producer, and distributor for the hotel, restaurant, retail, and wholesale sectors in Malaysia. This move strengthened and expanded CPAXT's food service business overseas. Last year, SFS contributed 1-2% of CPAXT's sales and net profit. For the fiscal year from July 2024 to June 2025, Lucky Frozen posted MYR1.1bn in sales with around a 6% net profit margin. We believe the acquisition price at 1x price-to-sales was fair for a stable and profitable company established over 40 years ago. We expect some earnings accretion to CPAXT's 2025F profit with profit contribution from September, net of 2% interest costs and one-time expenses related to the acquisition to be booked in 3Q-4Q25F. For 2026F, we assume Bt8.6bn in revenues and a Bt344m profit contribution (net of interest costs), or 2.6% of CPAXT's 2026F net profit. Future synergies could be with CPAXT's Lotus's business in Malaysia.

## Ex 6: Lucky Frozen In Malaysia



Source: www.luckyfrozen.com.my

2% p.a. store expansion in  
2026-28F

**Branch expansion.** We assume CPAXT opens six new large-format wholesale branches (classic + eco plus) to reach a total of 117 stores this year and four Lotus's hypermarket and supermarket branches. From next year, we expect it to resume opening eight wholesale stores p.a. in 2026-28F and three Lotus's hypermarkets p.a. in Thailand (from 228 at end-2025F), along with a combined five supermarkets p.a. in Thailand and Malaysia (207 at end-2025F) as we see room for it to gain market share from traditional stores. We estimate store space growth of c. 2% p.a. in 2026-28F.

## Ex 7: Store Network

|                      | 2022         | 2023         | 2024         | 2025F        | 2026F        | 2027F        | 2028F        |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Wholesale</b>     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Thailand (YE)</b> | <b>152</b>   | <b>160</b>   | <b>165</b>   | <b>169</b>   | <b>177</b>   | <b>185</b>   | <b>193</b>   |
| Classic + Eco Plus   | 96           | 103          | 111          | 117          | 125          | 133          | 141          |
| Foodservice          | 42           | 45           | 45           | 45           | 45           | 45           | 45           |
| Food shop            | 4            | 4            | 4            | 4            | 4            | 4            | 4            |
| Frozen shop          | 7            | 5            | 3            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Fresh@Makro          | 3            | 3            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            | 2            |
| <b>Overseas (YE)</b> | <b>10</b>    | <b>8</b>     | <b>10</b>    | <b>11</b>    | <b>11</b>    | <b>11</b>    | <b>11</b>    |
| <b>Retail</b>        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Thailand (YE)</b> | <b>2,578</b> | <b>2,454</b> | <b>2,483</b> | <b>2,537</b> | <b>2,592</b> | <b>2,647</b> | <b>2,702</b> |
| Hypermarkets         | 223          | 226          | 226          | 228          | 231          | 234          | 237          |
| Supermarkets         | 202          | 178          | 178          | 180          | 182          | 184          | 186          |
| Mini-supermarkets    | 2,153        | 2,050        | 2,079        | 2,129        | 2,179        | 2,229        | 2,279        |
| <b>Malaysia (YE)</b> | <b>65</b>    | <b>68</b>    | <b>70</b>    | <b>70</b>    | <b>73</b>    | <b>76</b>    | <b>79</b>    |
| Hypermarkets         | 46           | 43           | 43           | 43           | 43           | 43           | 43           |
| Supermarkets         | 19           | 25           | 27           | 27           | 30           | 33           | 36           |

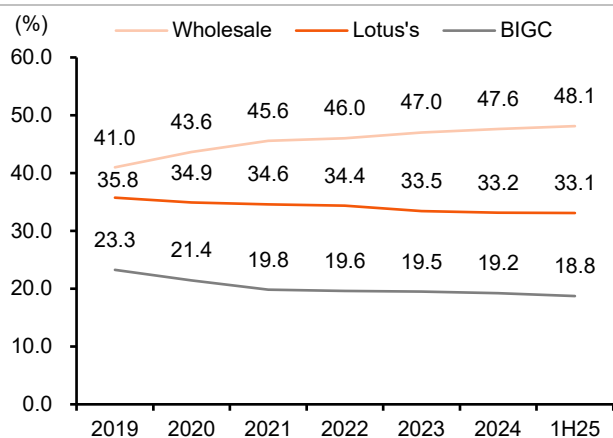
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Omnichannel sales, a  
growth engine

In addition to market share gains from traditional trade, CPAXT's successful omnichannel strategy, particularly for its Makro business, with its omnichannel sales mix reaching 30% in 3Q25F, allows it to gain market share from modern trade peers. CPAXT's online sales mix rose to 18% in 2024 (Makro and Lotus's combined) from 8% in 2021, boosted by the Makro PRO and Lotus's online apps that were launched in 2022. In 1H25, its e-commerce sales grew by 25% y-y to Bt51bn and drove its mix further to 20.4% of sales. Strong omnichannel sales helped to support 1% SSSG in 1H25. We estimate its online sales mix

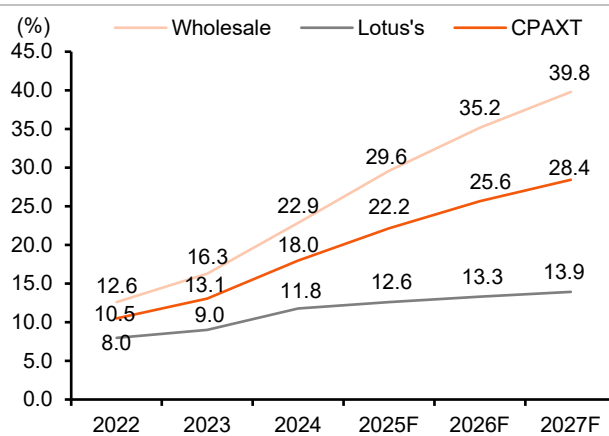
will rise to 28.4% in 2027F, compared to CPAXT's five-year target of 50%. Online channels help CPAXT grow its customer base, too. Among modern trade players, Makro and Lotus's saw their aggregate sales share grow from 76.8% in 2019 to 81.2% in 1H25.

Ex 8: CPAXT's Market Share Gain



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 9: Omnichannel Sales Mix



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

**The Happitat is due to commence operation fully in April next year**

**The Happitat project.** The commercial property at the Happitat project (Lotus's Bangna mall), acquired in December last year, looks on track to open some zones late this year, with full commercial operation targeted by April next year. Of its three shopping mall buildings, namely Bloominas (Zone 1), Wonderwild (Zone 2), and Festie Town (Zone 3), two (zones 2 and 3) and a 10-floor Hilltop office building (located in Zone 2) are due to commence operation by the end of this year. Zone 3 is a festive town with event space, while Zone 2 houses the offices, a premium supermarket, restaurants and cafes. Zone 1, scheduled to open next year, is intended as a retail hub and lifestyle shopping center, featuring leasing space for a fitness center, swimming pool, and sports activity area. We assume a mall occupancy rate of 85% in 2026F, in line with the company's latest guidance, and project the mall's rental rate at Bt1,300/sqm/month in 2026F. Our net loss estimates for the project are Bt347/446/382/323m in 2025-28F.

Ex 10: The Happitat Commercial Project

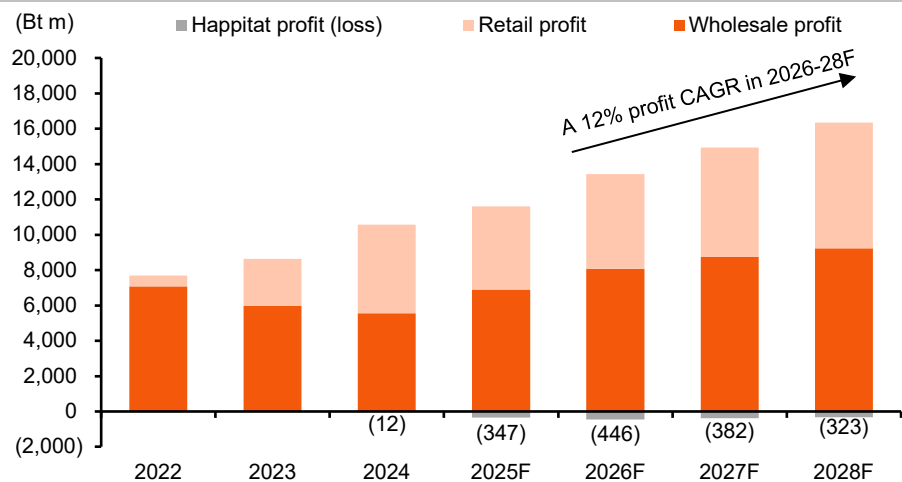


Source: Company data

Ex 11: The Happitat's Three Zones



Source: Company data

**Ex 12: A 12% Profit CAGR In 2026-28F**

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

3) *A long-term growth stock with a not-too-excessive valuation, in our view*

**Third,** we believe CPAXT's PE multiples of 17.2/15.3x in 2026-27F are inexpensive for a long-term growth stock with organic drivers for its domestic business and overseas growth opportunities.

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## Ex 13: 3Q25F Preview

| Yr-end Dec (Bt m)        | Income Statement |               |               |               |               | Change      |          |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
|                          | 3Q24             | 4Q24          | 1Q25          | 2Q25          | 3Q25F         | (q-q%)      | (y-y%)   |
| Revenue                  | 123,727          | 132,638       | 129,300       | 128,448       | 126,909       | (1)         | 3        |
| <b>Gross profit</b>      | <b>20,371</b>    | <b>22,534</b> | <b>21,068</b> | <b>20,650</b> | <b>20,592</b> | <b>(0)</b>  | <b>1</b> |
| SG&A                     | 17,397           | 17,185        | 17,073        | 17,023        | 17,428        | 2           | 0        |
| Operating profit         | 3,688            | 6,336         | 4,645         | 4,260         | 3,728         | (12)        | 1        |
| <b>EBITDA</b>            | <b>7,107</b>     | <b>9,837</b>  | <b>7,957</b>  | <b>7,677</b>  | <b>7,204</b>  | <b>(6)</b>  | <b>1</b> |
| Other income             | 714              | 987           | 649           | 633           | 564           | (11)        | (21)     |
| Other expenses           | 0                | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |             |          |
| Interest expenses        | 1,434            | 1,438         | 1,404         | 1,422         | 1,434         | 1           | -        |
| <b>Profit before tax</b> | <b>2,255</b>     | <b>4,898</b>  | <b>3,241</b>  | <b>2,838</b>  | <b>2,294</b>  | <b>(19)</b> | <b>2</b> |
| Income tax               | 480              | 1,119         | 708           | 698           | 482           | (31)        | 0        |
| Equity & invest. Income  | 173              | 177           | 106           | 144           | 170           | 18          | (2)      |
| Minority interest        | 4                | 3             | 5             | 3             | 4             | 50          | (6)      |
| Extraordinary items      | 0                | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |             |          |
| <b>Net profit</b>        | <b>1,952</b>     | <b>3,960</b>  | <b>2,643</b>  | <b>2,286</b>  | <b>1,987</b>  | <b>(13)</b> | <b>2</b> |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

## Ex 14: Quarterly Performance

| Quarterly performance | 1Q24 | 2Q24 | 3Q24 | 4Q24 | 1Q25 | 2Q25  | 3Q25F |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| <b>Wholesale</b>      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| SSSG (%)              | 3.4  | 1.8  | 1.8  | 3.0  | 1.0  | (1.2) | 0.0   |
| Sales growth (%)      | 5.9  | 5.3  | 5.2  | 4.7  | 3.1  | 2.4   | 4.0   |
| GP - Sales (%)        | 11.3 | 10.9 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 11.5  | 12.0  |
| SG&A/sales (%)        | 10.2 | 10.4 | 11.0 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.5  | 10.6  |
| <b>Retail</b>         |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| SSSG (%)              | 7.1  | 3.5  | 2.3  | 1.9  | 0.5  | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Sales growth (%)      | 6.7  | 3.9  | 3.5  | 3.4  | 2.7  | 1.7   | 1.5   |
| GP - Sales (%)        | 17.6 | 18.1 | 18.1 | 18.6 | 17.6 | 17.8  | 17.5  |
| SG&A/sales (%)        | 18.6 | 18.3 | 19.3 | 17.8 | 18.3 | 17.8  | 19.1  |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

## Stimulus to drive a turnaround from 4Q25F

**CPAXT looks set to benefit from economic stimulus measures**

We expect 4Q25F net profit of Bt4.3bn, up 10% y-y and 119% q-q, on the back of 7% y-y sales growth vs. 3% in 9M25F, a 19bp y-y sales gross margin expansion (+63bp y-y for wholesale, the same pace as in 9M25F, and -30bp y-y for Lotus's), and a full quarter's profit from Lucky Frozen (driving 2% profit growth y-y). Our 7% sales growth assumption is based on SSSG of 4% for wholesale and 1% for Lotus's in 4Q25F from flat SSSG in 9M25F.

We expect the stronger sales growth in 4Q25F to be a result of the new government's initiatives to boost the economy in 4Q25 with "quick big win" stimulus measures. The co-payment plus scheme is the first program to be implemented with a spending period from 29 October to 31 December this year. The scheme involves the government allocating a Bt44.4bn budget to 20m Thai people to spend on day-to-day living, such as food & drinks, general goods, transportation costs, etc., with daily spending capped at Bt200 at small merchants (modern trade stores are not included). We expect the Makro wholesale business, with 22% of sales from food retailers, to be an indirect beneficiary of this scheme. The government is also coming up with a tourism stimulus measure allowing individuals to claim a tax deduction of up to Bt20,000 on travel expenses. This deduction would be set at 1x for travel to major cities, but at 1.5x for travel to promote secondary cities. The program is to be effective from 29 October to 15 December this year.

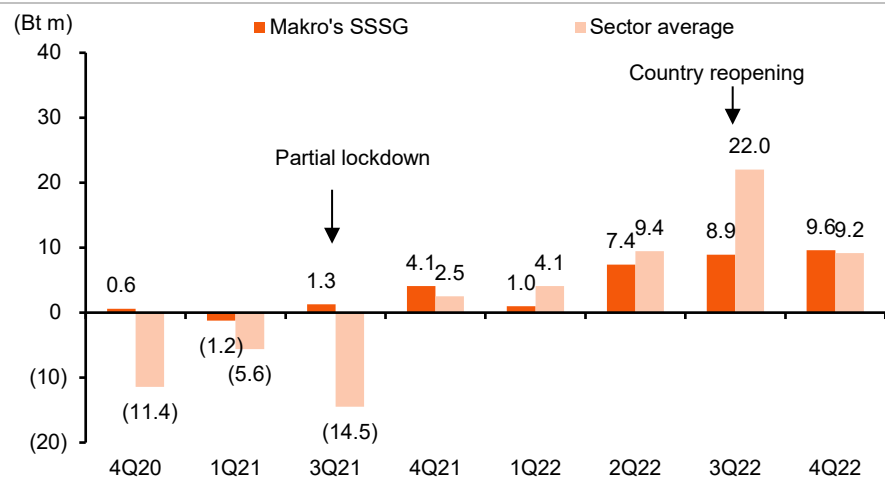
During the co-payment campaign from 4Q20-4Q22, Makro's SSSG outperformed the sector average for most of the scheme period, except for those quarters with a base effect from the lockdown period (where Makro was able to open stores, but had to close the non-food section that accounted for less than 10% of sales) and the country reopening impact.

#### Ex 15: Co-payment & Co-payment Plus

|                        | Period           | Eligible persons (m) | Budget/person (Bt) | Government budget (Bt m) |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Co-payment</b>      |                  |                      |                    |                          |
| - 1st phase            | Oct-Dec 2020     | 10                   | 3,000              | 29,940                   |
| - 2nd phase            | Jan-Mar 2021     | 5                    | 3,500              | 17,500                   |
|                        |                  | 10                   | 500                | 4,990                    |
| - 3rd phase            | Jul-Dec 2021     | 31                   | 4,500              | 139,500                  |
| - 4th phase            | Feb-Apr 2022     | 29                   | 1,200              | 34,800                   |
| - 5th phase            | Sep-Oct 2022     | 27                   | 800                | 21,200                   |
| <b>Total</b>           |                  |                      |                    | <b>247,930</b>           |
| <b>Co-payment plus</b> |                  |                      |                    |                          |
| Tax payers             | 29Oct-31Dec 2025 | 11                   | 2,400              | 26,400                   |
| Non-tax payers         | 29Oct-31Dec 2025 | 9                    | 2,000              | 18,000                   |
| <b>Total</b>           |                  |                      |                    | <b>44,400</b>            |

Source: Thanachart compilation

#### Ex 16: Makro's SSSG Outperformed During The Previous Co-Payment Scheme



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

## Overseas expansion

### Plans to expand to the Philippines next year

Makro launched its first overseas store in Cambodia under a 70% joint venture with a Cambodian partner in 2017. This was followed by stores in India, China, and Myanmar, where all are wholly owned. However, due to the lack of scale benefits from a smaller store format than in other countries, it exited the Chinese market in late 2022.

In 1H25, Cambodia and Myanmar made a profit, while India made a loss. Due to the border conflict in 2H25F, the company expects Cambodia to break even or incur a slight loss this year. In 3Q25, CPAXT was operating 10 overseas Makro branches: in Cambodia (three branches), Myanmar (one), and India (six). On 15 October, it launched its second store in Myanmar, while it plans to open its first store in the Philippines late next year. We see the Myanmar expansion as a good move as the first store generated higher sales/sqm vs. stores in other countries, including Thailand, with a faster profit breakeven period of two

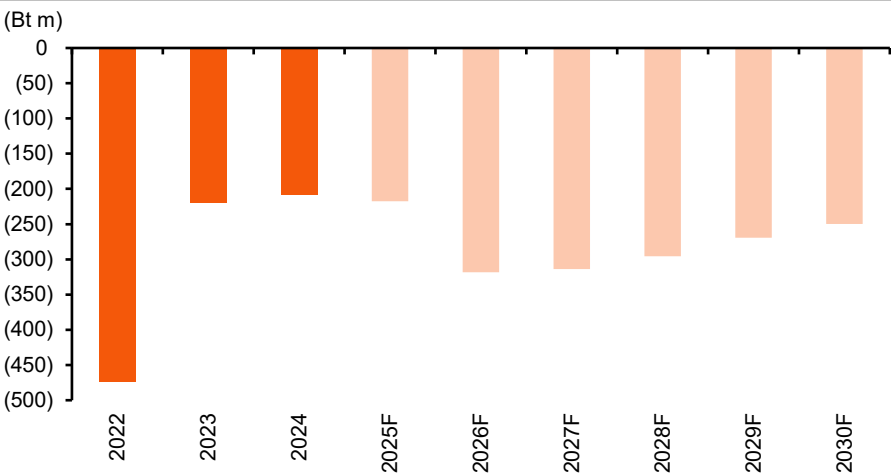
years. We estimate overseas losses of Bt217/318/314/296m in 2025-28F or 2% of profit in those years, falling from 6% in 2022. Despite loss contributions at present, we foresee decent growth prospects in many markets that could become material over the long run.

Ex 17: Overseas Stores

| Stores      | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025F | 2026F | 2027F | 2028F |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cambodia    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3     | 3     | 3     | 3     |
| India       | 0    | 2    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 4    | 4    | 6    | 6     | 6     | 6     | 6     |
| China       | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Myanmar     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2     | 2     | 2     | 2     |
| Philippines | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 1     | 1     | 1     |
| Total       | 1    | 3    | 6    | 7    | 7    | 10   | 8    | 10   | 11    | 12    | 12    | 12    |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 18: Overseas Wholesale Stores' Profit (Loss)



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

## Valuation Comparison

### Ex 19: Valuation Comparison With Regional Peers

| Name                   | BBG code  | Market      | EPS growth   |            | — PE —      |             | — P/BV —   |            | EV/EBITDA   |            | — Div. yield — |            |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------------|------------|
|                        |           |             | 25F          | 26F        | 25F         | 26F         | 25F        | 26F        | 25F         | 26F        | 25F            | 26F        |
| Marks & Spencer        | MKS LN    | UK          | 25.0         | (17.2)     | 12.7        | 15.3        | 2.2        | 2.2        | 6.7         | 7.4        | 1.3            | 1.2        |
| J Sainsbury PLC        | SBRY LN   | UK          | 3.7          | 1.3        | 13.7        | 13.5        | 1.0        | 1.0        | 5.1         | 5.1        | 4.4            | 6.5        |
| Tesco                  | TSCO LN   | UK          | 12.1         | 4.1        | 15.1        | 14.5        | 2.4        | 2.5        | 8.2         | 8.1        | 3.3            | 3.6        |
| Carrefour SA           | CA FP     | France      | (12.1)       | 12.5       | 8.8         | 7.8         | 0.8        | 0.8        | 4.9         | 4.7        | 7.1            | 8.1        |
| Casino Guichard        | CO FP     | France      | (141.5)      | 63.8       | na          | na          | 0.2        | 0.3        | 4.8         | 4.0        | 0.0            | na         |
| L'Oreal SA             | OR FP     | France      | 5.0          | 8.0        | 30.8        | 28.5        | 6.0        | 5.5        | 20.1        | 19.1       | 1.8            | 1.9        |
| Alimentation Couche    | ATD/B CN  | Canada      | (4.1)        | 6.2        | na          | na          | na         | na         | 10.5        | 9.9        | na             | na         |
| Aeon                   | 8267 JP   | Japan       | (8.7)        | (53.0)     | 55.0        | na          | 1.8        | 5.1        | 13.9        | 12.7       | 1.8            | 0.6        |
| Kao Corporation        | 4452 JP   | Japan       | 15.3         | 12.4       | 24.0        | 21.4        | 2.7        | 2.6        | 11.6        | 10.8       | 2.4            | 2.4        |
| Lion Corporation       | 4912 JP   | Japan       | 29.7         | (5.0)      | 16.9        | 17.8        | 1.4        | 1.3        | 7.3         | 7.0        | 1.9            | 2.0        |
| Shiseido Co. Ltd       | 4911 JP   | Japan       | 7.5          | na         | na          | 30.3        | 1.8        | 1.7        | 13.8        | 10.8       | 1.5            | 1.7        |
| Seven & I Holdings     | 3382 JP   | Japan       | (27.3)       | 55.0       | 30.5        | 19.7        | 1.4        | 1.3        | 9.1         | 9.4        | 1.9            | 2.5        |
| Lotte Corp             | 004990 KS | South Korea | na           | na         | na          | 13.1        | 0.6        | 0.5        | 9.1         | 8.6        | 4.2            | 4.7        |
| Shinsegae              | 004170 KS | South Korea | (3.8)        | 30.3       | 8.5         | 6.5         | 0.4        | 0.4        | 8.4         | 7.9        | 2.7            | 2.8        |
| Amore Pacific Group    | 002790 KS | South Korea | (53.2)       | (9.2)      | 14.8        | 16.3        | na         | na         | 5.3         | 5.3        | 1.2            | 1.1        |
| Best Buy Co Inc        | BBY US    | USA         | 0.4          | 8.0        | 13.0        | 12.1        | 5.4        | 5.4        | 6.4         | 6.3        | 4.7            | 5.0        |
| Wal-Mart Stores        | WMT US    | USA         | 5.0          | 12.8       | 41.0        | 36.3        | 8.8        | 7.9        | 20.3        | 18.5       | 0.9            | 0.9        |
| Home Depot Inc         | HD US     | USA         | (0.9)        | 8.8        | 26.0        | 23.9        | na         | na         | 17.3        | 16.3       | 2.4            | 2.5        |
| Levi Strauss & Co.     | LEVI US   | USA         | 7.5          | 10.6       | 15.5        | 14.0        | 3.7        | 3.3        | 9.1         | 8.4        | 2.7            | 2.8        |
| Yonghui Superstores    | 601933 CH | China       | 40.0         | na         | na          | 75.1        | 9.8        | 8.7        | 43.3        | 18.9       | 0.0            | 0.3        |
| Sa Sa International    | 178 HK    | Hong Kong   | (62.1)       | 18.2       | 18.8        | 15.9        | 1.6        | na         | 5.5         | 10.6       | 5.0            | 5.5        |
| Dairy Farm Intl Hldgs  | DFI SP    | Hong Kong   | 27.8         | 4.1        | 17.9        | 17.2        | na         | 11.2       | 6.0         | 6.0        | 16.1           | 3.7        |
| President Chain Store  | 2912 TT   | Taiwan      | 0.4          | 8.2        | 21.5        | 19.9        | 5.8        | 5.5        | 9.0         | 8.5        | 3.9            | 4.2        |
| 7-Eleven Malaysia      | SEM MK    | Malaysia    | (6.9)        | 13.0       | 37.0        | 32.8        | 5.6        | 5.0        | 8.7         | 8.4        | 2.8            | 3.1        |
| Berli Jucker *         | BJC TB    | Thailand    | (0.8)        | 3.7        | 17.2        | 16.6        | 0.6        | 0.6        | 9.5         | 9.4        | 3.9            | 4.2        |
| CP All *               | CPALL TB  | Thailand    | 12.8         | 15.9       | 15.1        | 13.1        | 3.0        | 2.7        | 7.5         | 6.7        | 3.3            | 3.8        |
| CP Axtra *             | CPAXT TB  | Thailand    | 6.6          | 15.3       | 19.8        | 17.2        | 0.7        | 0.7        | 8.8         | 8.1        | 3.5            | 4.1        |
| Central Pattana *      | CPN TB    | Thailand    | (5.7)        | 15.7       | 15.6        | 13.5        | 2.2        | 2.1        | 10.7        | 9.7        | 3.9            | 4.3        |
| Central Retail Corp. * | CRC TB    | Thailand    | (10.7)       | (4.9)      | 16.0        | 16.8        | 1.7        | 1.6        | 5.7         | 6.0        | 8.7            | 2.4        |
| Dohome *               | DOHOME TB | Thailand    | (2.7)        | (13.8)     | 21.2        | 24.6        | 1.0        | 1.0        | 13.3        | 14.0       | 1.2            | 1.0        |
| Siam Global House *    | GLOBAL TB | Thailand    | (21.5)       | 4.4        | 23.3        | 22.3        | 1.7        | 1.6        | 14.1        | 13.6       | 1.7            | 1.8        |
| Home Product*          | HMPRO TB  | Thailand    | (7.1)        | 3.9        | 15.1        | 14.6        | 3.4        | 3.2        | 8.5         | 8.1        | 5.3            | 5.5        |
| MC Group *             | MC TB     | Thailand    | 5.6          | 6.4        | 11.6        | 10.9        | 2.4        | 2.3        | 5.2         | 5.1        | 8.6            | 9.2        |
| Moshi Moshi Retail*    | MOSHI TB  | Thailand    | 32.7         | 28.4       | 17.3        | 13.5        | 4.4        | 3.7        | 8.8         | 7.1        | 2.9            | 3.8        |
| <b>Average</b>         |           |             | <b>(4.0)</b> | <b>8.6</b> | <b>20.5</b> | <b>19.8</b> | <b>2.8</b> | <b>3.1</b> | <b>10.5</b> | <b>9.4</b> | <b>3.5</b>     | <b>3.3</b> |

Sources: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates

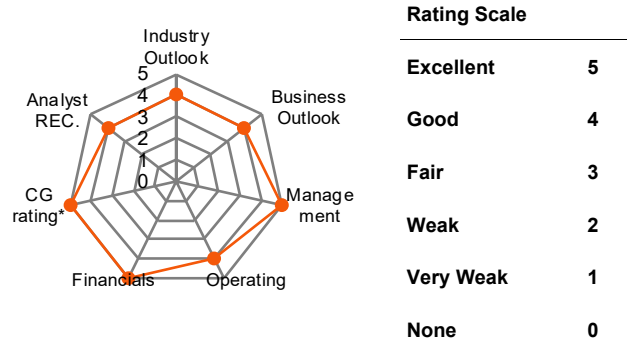
Note: \* Thanachart estimates using normalized EPS growth,  
Based on 21 October 2025 closing price

## COMPANY DESCRIPTION

CP Axtra Pcl (CPAXT) operates the Makro discount store chain, selling food and consumer products to its registered customers, which comprise wholesalers, retailers, small businesses, caterers, and private individuals. It was operating 169 Makro stores as of 2Q25 (including small food-service stores, food shops, frozen shops, Fresh@Makro) in Thailand, three wholesale stores in Cambodia, six eco-plus branches in India, and one branch in Myanmar. It divested its China stores in 3Q23. In 4Q21, Lotus's in Thailand and Malaysia became a wholly owned subsidiary of CPAXT.

Source: Thanachart

## COMPANY RATING



Source: Thanachart; \*CG Rating

## THANACHART'S SWOT ANALYSIS

## S — Strength

- The cash-and-carry wholesale king in Thailand, selling food and non-food products to registered customers.
- Strong product niche with premium food and frozen foods targeting professional customers.
- A significantly higher grocery market share after the Lotus's acquisition.

## O — Opportunity

- Expanding its customer base via omnichannel platforms.
- Further product assortment changes geared toward higher-margin items, i.e., fresh food, private labels.
- Hybrid store model to increase asset utilization.

## W — Weakness

- Low concentration of retail customers and end-users.
- Very efficient inventory management is required given its thin net margin.

## T — Threat

- Risks and challenges in overseas market penetration.
- New food wholesale competitor, GO Wholesale.

## CONSENSUS COMPARISON

|                       | Consensus | Thanachart | Diff    |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Target price (Bt)     | 24.80     | 25.00      | 1%      |
| Net profit 25F (Bt m) | 11,509    | 11,263     | -2%     |
| Net profit 26F (Bt m) | 13,022    | 12,983     | 0%      |
| Consensus REC         | BUY: 15   | HOLD: 6    | SELL: 2 |

## HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?

- Our 2025F net profit is 2% below the Bloomberg consensus estimate, likely because we factor in the lower-than-expected Lotus's gross margin YTD.
- However, our TP is largely in line with the consensus number.

Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart estimates

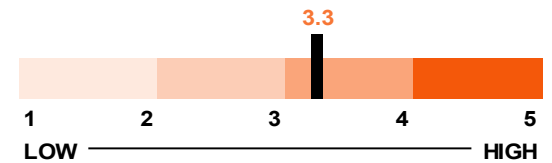
## RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE

- The key downside risk to our earnings forecasts would be a weaker domestic economy and tourism recovery that could dampen overall consumption.
- Another downside risk would be lower-than-expected amalgamation synergies.
- If competitor GO Wholesale expands more quickly than we expect and is highly successful.

Source: Thanachart

CPAXT runs 169 cash & carry stores in Thailand and 10 branches in Cambodia, India, and Myanmar. It also owns 2,500 Lotus's hypermarkets, supermarkets, and small-format stores in Thailand and 70 in Malaysia. CPAXT was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the world's food & staples retailing sector by S&P Global CSA Score in 2024. However, with its recent CG issue, we rate its governance at 2.3/5.0, weighing down its overall ESG score to 3.26.

Thanachart ESG Rating



|       | SET ESG Index | SET ESG (BBB-AAA) | DJSI Index | MSCI (CCC-AAA) | ESG Book (0-100) | Refinitiv (0-100) | S&P Global (0-100) | Moody's (0-100) | CG Rating (0-5) |
|-------|---------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| CPAXT | 3.26          | AA **             | -          | BBB            | -                | -                 | 84.00              | -               | 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)

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## Factors

## Our Comments

## ENVIRONMENT

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

- We assign CPAXT a good 4.0 E score. CPAXT's business nature doesn't create many issues or concerns about overall environmental aspects. Its scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions were only 0.8m tonnes of CO2 equivalent in 2024.
- Despite that, CPAXT targets carbon neutrality by 2030 and net zero by 2050.
- Due to more solar rooftops at its stores and distribution centers and the use of solar thermal for water heater systems and solar tubes at the head office, its renewable energy usage increased to 16% of total energy consumption in 2024 vs. 4/6/9/13% in 2020-23.
- In 2024, total energy efficiency increased by 6%, with Bt94m of cost savings.
- CPAXT is committed to using packaging that can be reduced, reused, recycled, and upcycled.

## SOCIAL

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

- We assign a good S score of 3.8 to CPAXT. CPAXT respects human rights and labor practices in all the countries where it operates and it adheres to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UN Global Compact), the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), and the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of the International Labor Organization (ILO).
- For health & safety purposes, 50% of B2B/B2C sales helped promote health and wellbeing in 2024, beating its 47% target. Its long-term target is to reach 70% by 2030.
- CPAXT strives to ensure food safety throughout the supply chain, and it has appointed a committee on food quality and safety.

GOVERNANCE &  
SUSTAINABILITY

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

- CPAXT doesn't have an ideal board structure for a high "governance" (G) score, in our view. There are 18 members of its board of directors (BOD), but only six (<2/3 ideal ratio) are independent. Two are female. The BOD chair is also the same person as the executive board chair, which yields a low G score.
- On the positive side, CPAXT has audit, remuneration, and risk management committees with independent chairs.
- The recent investment in CP Group's commercial property project, the Happitat, creates concern over corporate governance. We assign a score of 1/5 for governance and ethics. This brings down the "governance" aspect to a score of 2.3/5.0.

Source: Thanachart, Company data

## INCOME STATEMENT

| FY ending Dec (Bt m)              | 2023A         | 2024A         | 2025F         | 2026F         | 2027F         |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sales                             | 486,472       | 508,745       | 526,408       | 552,285       | 575,151       |
| Cost of sales                     | 408,274       | 425,070       | 439,615       | 460,887       | 479,317       |
| <b>Gross profit</b>               | <b>78,198</b> | <b>83,675</b> | <b>86,793</b> | <b>91,398</b> | <b>95,834</b> |
| % gross margin                    | 16.1%         | 16.4%         | 16.5%         | 16.5%         | 16.7%         |
| Selling & administration expenses | 64,968        | 68,339        | 69,535        | 72,206        | 74,708        |
| <b>Operating profit</b>           | <b>16,707</b> | <b>18,633</b> | <b>19,964</b> | <b>21,962</b> | <b>23,961</b> |
| % operating margin                | 3.4%          | 3.7%          | 3.8%          | 4.0%          | 4.2%          |
| Depreciation & amortization       | 13,971        | 13,686        | 15,372        | 16,472        | 17,271        |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                     | <b>30,678</b> | <b>32,320</b> | <b>35,336</b> | <b>38,434</b> | <b>41,231</b> |
| % EBITDA margin                   | 6.3%          | 6.4%          | 6.7%          | 7.0%          | 7.2%          |
| Non-operating income              | 3,477         | 3,297         | 2,706         | 2,770         | 2,835         |
| Non-operating expenses            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| Interest expense                  | (6,319)       | (5,735)       | (5,857)       | (5,745)       | (5,754)       |
| <b>Pre-tax profit</b>             | <b>10,388</b> | <b>12,898</b> | <b>14,107</b> | <b>16,216</b> | <b>18,207</b> |
| Income tax                        | 2,535         | 3,026         | 3,356         | 3,876         | 4,316         |
| <b>After-tax profit</b>           | <b>7,853</b>  | <b>9,872</b>  | <b>10,751</b> | <b>12,340</b> | <b>13,890</b> |
| % net margin                      | 1.6%          | 1.9%          | 2.0%          | 2.2%          | 2.4%          |
| Shares in affiliates' Earnings    | 746           | 673           | 500           | 510           | 520           |
| Minority interests                | 41            | 24            | 13            | 133           | 136           |
| Extraordinary items               | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| <b>NET PROFIT</b>                 | <b>8,640</b>  | <b>10,569</b> | <b>11,263</b> | <b>12,983</b> | <b>14,547</b> |
| <b>Normalized profit</b>          | <b>8,640</b>  | <b>10,569</b> | <b>11,263</b> | <b>12,983</b> | <b>14,547</b> |
| EPS (Bt)                          | 0.8           | 1.0           | 1.1           | 1.2           | 1.4           |
| Normalized EPS (Bt)               | 0.8           | 1.0           | 1.1           | 1.2           | 1.4           |

*We project a 12% EPS  
CAGR over 2026-28F*

## BALANCE SHEET

| FY ending Dec (Bt m)            | 2023A          | 2024A          | 2025F          | 2026F          | 2027F          |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                  |                |                |                |                |                |
| Current assets:                 | 76,739         | 66,923         | 67,235         | 69,833         | 73,397         |
| Cash & cash equivalent          | 31,721         | 19,474         | 17,758         | 17,953         | 19,426         |
| Account receivables             | 2,304          | 2,625          | 2,308          | 2,421          | 2,521          |
| Inventories                     | 35,884         | 36,484         | 38,542         | 40,406         | 42,022         |
| Others                          | 6,830          | 8,339          | 8,629          | 9,053          | 9,428          |
| Investments & loans             | 14,783         | 15,020         | 23,107         | 23,107         | 23,107         |
| Net fixed assets                | 115,574        | 117,695        | 129,967        | 135,849        | 140,733        |
| Other assets                    | 333,275        | 346,893        | 335,957        | 338,476        | 339,414        |
| <b>Total assets</b>             | <b>540,371</b> | <b>546,531</b> | <b>556,266</b> | <b>567,265</b> | <b>576,651</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>             |                |                |                |                |                |
| Current liabilities:            | 118,150        | 122,838        | 117,416        | 122,045        | 126,077        |
| Account payables                | 60,193         | 58,905         | 60,221         | 63,135         | 65,660         |
| Bank overdraft & ST loans       | 2,382          | 9,418          | 20,925         | 21,308         | 21,431         |
| Current LT debt                 | 23,623         | 22,007         | 4,185          | 4,262          | 4,286          |
| Others current liabilities      | 31,951         | 32,507         | 32,084         | 33,340         | 34,701         |
| <b>Total LT debt</b>            | <b>70,180</b>  | <b>66,732</b>  | <b>79,516</b>  | <b>80,972</b>  | <b>81,436</b>  |
| Others LT liabilities           | 58,569         | 58,344         | 49,335         | 49,885         | 49,999         |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>        | <b>246,899</b> | <b>247,914</b> | <b>246,267</b> | <b>252,902</b> | <b>257,513</b> |
| Minority interest               | 555            | 943            | 931            | 798            | 662            |
| Preferred shares                | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Paid-up capital                 | 5,290          | 10,428         | 10,428         | 10,428         | 10,428         |
| Share premium                   | 263,882        | 263,882        | 263,882        | 263,882        | 263,882        |
| Warrants                        | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Surplus                         | (7,664)        | (12,976)       | (5,201)        | (5,201)        | (5,201)        |
| <b>Retained earnings</b>        | <b>31,410</b>  | <b>36,340</b>  | <b>39,960</b>  | <b>44,456</b>  | <b>49,368</b>  |
| Shareholders' equity            | 292,918        | 297,674        | 309,068        | 313,565        | 318,476        |
| <b>Liabilities &amp; equity</b> | <b>540,371</b> | <b>546,531</b> | <b>556,266</b> | <b>567,265</b> | <b>576,651</b> |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

| <b>FY ending Dec (Bt m)</b>       | <b>2023A</b>    | <b>2024A</b>    | <b>2025F</b>    | <b>2026F</b>    | <b>2027F</b>    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Earnings before tax               | 10,388          | 12,898          | 14,107          | 16,216          | 18,207          |
| Tax paid                          | (2,518)         | (2,918)         | (3,352)         | (3,806)         | (4,277)         |
| Depreciation & amortization       | 13,971          | 13,686          | 15,372          | 16,472          | 17,271          |
| Chg In working capital            | 6,389           | (2,209)         | (424)           | 936             | 809             |
| Chg In other CA & CL / minorities | 366             | (327)           | (216)           | 1,271           | 1,468           |
| <b>Cash flow from operations</b>  | <b>28,596</b>   | <b>21,130</b>   | <b>25,487</b>   | <b>31,089</b>   | <b>33,476</b>   |
| Capex                             | (7,448)         | (11,948)        | (23,090)        | (17,400)        | (16,800)        |
| Right of use                      | (6,565)         | (5,189)         | (5,000)         | (5,000)         | (5,000)         |
| ST loans & investments            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| LT loans & investments            | 177             | (237)           | (8,087)         | 0               | 0               |
| Adj for asset revaluation         | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| Chg In other assets & liabilities | (1,596)         | (12,162)        | 2,373           | (1,924)         | (1,178)         |
| <b>Cash flow from investments</b> | <b>(15,432)</b> | <b>(29,535)</b> | <b>(33,804)</b> | <b>(24,324)</b> | <b>(22,978)</b> |
| Debt financing                    | (15,476)        | 1,972           | 6,469           | 1,916           | 611             |
| Capital increase                  | 0               | 5,138           | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| Dividends paid                    | (5,396)         | (6,031)         | (7,644)         | (8,486)         | (9,635)         |
| Warrants & other surplus          | (674)           | (4,920)         | 7,775           | 0               | 0               |
| <b>Cash flow from financing</b>   | <b>(21,546)</b> | <b>(3,842)</b>  | <b>6,600</b>    | <b>(6,570)</b>  | <b>(9,025)</b>  |
| <b>Free cash flow</b>             | <b>21,148</b>   | <b>9,183</b>    | <b>2,397</b>    | <b>13,689</b>   | <b>16,676</b>   |

**VALUATION**

| <b>FY ending Dec</b>                | <b>2023A</b> | <b>2024A</b> | <b>2025F</b> | <b>2026F</b> | <b>2027F</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Normalized PE (x)                   | 25.8         | 21.1         | 19.8         | 17.2         | 15.3         |
| Normalized PE - at target price (x) | 30.2         | 24.7         | 23.1         | 20.1         | 17.9         |
| PE (x)                              | 25.8         | 21.1         | 19.8         | 17.2         | 15.3         |
| PE - at target price (x)            | 30.2         | 24.7         | 23.1         | 20.1         | 17.9         |
| EV/EBITDA (x)                       | 9.4          | 9.3          | 8.8          | 8.1          | 7.5          |
| EV/EBITDA - at target price (x)     | 10.6         | 10.5         | 9.8          | 9.1          | 8.5          |
| P/BV (x)                            | 0.8          | 0.7          | 0.7          | 0.7          | 0.7          |
| P/BV - at target price (x)          | 0.9          | 0.9          | 0.8          | 0.8          | 0.8          |
| P/CFO (x)                           | 7.8          | 10.6         | 8.8          | 7.2          | 6.7          |
| Price/sales (x)                     | 0.5          | 0.4          | 0.4          | 0.4          | 0.4          |
| Dividend yield (%)                  | 2.7          | 3.3          | 3.5          | 4.1          | 4.6          |
| FCF Yield (%)                       | 9.5          | 4.1          | 1.1          | 6.1          | 7.5          |
| <b>(Bt)</b>                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Normalized EPS                      | 0.8          | 1.0          | 1.1          | 1.2          | 1.4          |
| EPS                                 | 0.8          | 1.0          | 1.1          | 1.2          | 1.4          |
| DPS                                 | 0.6          | 0.7          | 0.8          | 0.9          | 1.0          |
| BV/share                            | 28.1         | 28.5         | 29.6         | 30.1         | 30.5         |
| CFO/share                           | 2.7          | 2.0          | 2.4          | 3.0          | 3.2          |
| FCF/share                           | 2.0          | 0.9          | 0.2          | 1.3          | 1.6          |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

*PE multiples are falling  
and appear justified by  
strong EPS growth*

## FINANCIAL RATIOS

|                                                         | FY ending Dec                    | 2023A   | 2024A   | 2025F   | 2026F   | 2027F   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>We estimate double-digit EPS growth for 2026-27F</b> | <b>Growth Rate</b>               |         |         |         |         |         |
|                                                         | Sales (%)                        | 4.4     | 4.6     | 3.5     | 4.9     | 4.1     |
|                                                         | Net profit (%)                   | 12.3    | 22.3    | 6.6     | 15.3    | 12.0    |
|                                                         | EPS (%)                          | 12.3    | 22.3    | 6.6     | 15.3    | 12.0    |
|                                                         | Normalized profit (%)            | 12.3    | 22.3    | 6.6     | 15.3    | 12.0    |
|                                                         | Normalized EPS (%)               | 12.3    | 22.3    | 6.6     | 15.3    | 12.0    |
|                                                         | Dividend payout ratio (%)        | 69.8    | 70.1    | 70.0    | 70.0    | 70.0    |
| <b>More debt room given its loan covenant at 2x D/E</b> | <b>Operating performance</b>     |         |         |         |         |         |
|                                                         | Gross margin (%)                 | 16.1    | 16.4    | 16.5    | 16.5    | 16.7    |
|                                                         | Operating margin (%)             | 3.4     | 3.7     | 3.8     | 4.0     | 4.2     |
|                                                         | EBITDA margin (%)                | 6.3     | 6.4     | 6.7     | 7.0     | 7.2     |
|                                                         | Net margin (%)                   | 1.6     | 1.9     | 2.0     | 2.2     | 2.4     |
|                                                         | D/E (incl. minor) (x)            | 0.3     | 0.3     | 0.3     | 0.3     | 0.3     |
|                                                         | Net D/E (incl. minor) (x)        | 0.2     | 0.3     | 0.3     | 0.3     | 0.3     |
|                                                         | Interest coverage - EBIT (x)     | 2.6     | 3.2     | 3.4     | 3.8     | 4.2     |
|                                                         | Interest coverage - EBITDA (x)   | 4.9     | 5.6     | 6.0     | 6.7     | 7.2     |
|                                                         | ROA - using norm profit (%)      | 1.6     | 1.9     | 2.0     | 2.3     | 2.5     |
|                                                         | ROE - using norm profit (%)      | 3.0     | 3.6     | 3.7     | 4.2     | 4.6     |
|                                                         | <b>DuPont</b>                    |         |         |         |         |         |
|                                                         | ROE - using after tax profit (%) | 2.7     | 3.3     | 3.5     | 4.0     | 4.4     |
|                                                         | - asset turnover (x)             | 0.9     | 0.9     | 1.0     | 1.0     | 1.0     |
|                                                         | - operating margin (%)           | 3.4     | 3.7     | 3.8     | 4.0     | 4.2     |
|                                                         | - leverage (x)                   | 1.9     | 1.8     | 1.8     | 1.8     | 1.8     |
|                                                         | - interest burden (%)            | 62.2    | 69.2    | 70.7    | 73.8    | 76.0    |
|                                                         | - tax burden (%)                 | 75.6    | 76.5    | 76.2    | 76.1    | 76.3    |
|                                                         | WACC (%)                         | 9.7     | 9.7     | 9.7     | 9.7     | 9.7     |
|                                                         | ROIC (%)                         | 3.5     | 4.0     | 4.0     | 4.2     | 4.5     |
|                                                         | NOPAT (Bt m)                     | 12,630  | 14,262  | 15,215  | 16,712  | 18,280  |
|                                                         | invested capital (Bt m)          | 357,382 | 376,356 | 395,936 | 402,154 | 406,203 |

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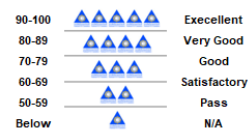
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