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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF TB/BUY/Bt24.50/Target: Bt33.00) China businesses starting to turn around.

Siam Cement (SCC TB/HOLD/Bt321.00/Target: Bt296.00) Page 5 Expect 3Q22 core earnings to decline sharply qoq due to weak chemical spreads.

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KEY INDICES

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| | Symbol | Close | Chg | %Chg |
|---|-------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| | SET | 1,589.18 | 8.91 | 0.56 |
| | SET50 | 950.17 | 1.84 | 0.19 |
| ~ | Value (Btm) - SET | 58,418 | | |
| 2 | Top 5 Sector | | | |
| | BANK | 372.37 | 2.23 | 0.60 |
| 5 | PETRO | 932.45 | 1.25 | 0.13 |
| J | PROP | 246.81 | 0.28 | 0.11 |
| | ENERG | 24,377.68 | 66.73 | 0.27 |
| | ICT | 165.38 | (1.66) | (0.99) |
| | Source: Bloomberg | | | |

TOP VOLUME

| Symbol | Price (Bt) | Chg (%) | Volume ('000) |
|--------|------------|------------|------------------|
| DELTA | 700.00 | 5.11 | 5,608.4 |
| ADVANC | 186.50 | (1.84) | 20,090.5 |
| PTT | 34.50 | 0.00 | 71,940.6 |
| KBANK | 142.50 | 0.35 | 16,147.5 |
| PTTEP | 170.00 | 1.19 | 12,524.1 |

TOP GAINERS

| | | Chg | Volume |
|--------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Symbol | Price (Bt) | (%) | ('000) |
| RCL | 30.50 | 12.96 | 15,567.1 |
| DPAINT | 10.30 | 9.57 | 4,331.1 |
| AMA | 5.80 | 7.41 | 10,307.9 |
| KC | 0.30 | 7.14 | 8,004.5 |
| ANAN | 1.52 | 7.04 | 143,711.1 |

TOP LOSERS

| City | Volume |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| (%) | ('000) |
| (13.29) | 101,403.2 |
| (8.65) | 126,250.9 |
| (7.59) | 470,134.0 |
| (7.09) | 26,040.9 |
| (5.56) | 5,238.0 |
| | (13.29) (8.65) (7.59) (7.09) |

KEY STATISTICS

| | | %Chg | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Commodity | Current Price | 1m | 3M | YTD |
| Brent crude* | 94.4 | 8.2 | (1.2) | 28.6 |
| Dubai crude* | 93.9 | 0.1 | (12.4) | 22.8 |
| Baltic Dry Index | 1,992.0 | 75.8 | (3.9) | (10.1) |
| Gold Spot*** | 1,712.0 | (0.4) | (1.6) | (6.4) |
| *(US\$/bbl), *** (US\$/toz) | | | | |

FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT IN EQUITIES (THAILAND)

| Day | MTD Net | YTD Net | YTD Net |
|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| (Mil US\$) | (Mil US\$) | (Mil US\$) | YoY% |
| 10.1 | 49.5 | 4,567.1 | 6,972.3 |

Source: Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange Rate - THB/US\$ (onshore) = 37.48 Interest Rate (%) - TH 1-day RP = 1.50 Thai Lending Rate (%)* - MLR = 5.25

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COMPANY UPDATE

Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF TB)

China Businesses Starting To Turn Around

We expect CPF to report a net profit of Bt5.5b for 3Q22, up 30% qoq, driven by improvements in sales, gross profit margin, and share of profit from CTI. 4Q22 earnings will continue to grow qoq due to the wider margin in the short term, as well as CTI turning around. We forecast 2022 and 2023 net profit to grow by 30% and 15% yoy respectively on the back of better Vietnam and China operations. Maintain BUY. Target price: Bt33.00.

3Q22 RESULTS PREVIEW

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 3Q21 | 2022 | 3Q22F | yoy % chg | qoq % chg |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Revenue | 125,940 | 155,996 | 161,729 | 28.4% | 3.7% |
| Gross profit | 21,236 | 17,791 | 22,624 | 6.5% | 27.2% |
| SG&A/Sales | 12,297 | 12,124 | 13,564 | 10.3% | 11.9% |
| EBIT | (2,027) | 9,060 | 9,594 | N.A. | 5.9% |
| Net profit | (5,374) | 4,208 | 5,473 | N.A. | 30.1% |
| Core profit | (4,215) | 3,631 | 6,213 | N.A. | 71.1% |
| Core EPS (Bt) | 0.49) | 0.42 | 0.72 | N.A. | 71.1% |
| Ratio (%) | | | | | |
| Gross margin | 8.8% | 14.5% | 14.8% | 6.0% | 0.3% |
| SG&A/Sales | 10.4% | 8.7% | 8.9% | -1.6% | 0.2% |
| Net profit margin | -4.3% | 2.7% | 3.4% | 7.7% | 0.7% |
| Source: CPF, UOB Kay Hian | | | | | |

WHAT'S NEW

- Strong qoq growth in 3Q22 earnings. We expect Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF) to report 3Q22 net profit of Bt5,460m, up 30.1% qoq, and turning around from the loss of Bt5,473m reported in 3Q21. 3Q22 core profit, excluding biological asset losses of Bt1.2b from Vietnam, should increase by 71.1% qoq to Bt6,213m, thanks to better sales, gross profit margin, and significant improvement in share of profit from its Chia Tai Investment (CTI, a feed and integrated swine business in China).
- ASP to remain solid in 3Q22. We forecast CPF's 3Q22 sales to grow by 3.7% qoq and 27.2% yoy due to the low base caused by the country's lockdown restrictions in 3Q21. The qoq sales growth in 3Q22 will be mainly driven by higher average livestock prices in both Thailand and Vietnam. For Thailand, swine and chicken prices traded at Bt109/kg and Bt47.7/kg in 3Q22, up 4.8% and 9.4% qoq respectively. In 3Q22, Vietnamese swine price was VND61,000/kg, up 10% qoq from VND55,387/kg in 2Q22. However, as Vietnamese swine prices softened in late-3Q22 due to the flood, we thus expect to see some mark-to-market biological asset losses in 3Q22.

KEY FINANCIALS

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 2020 | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|--|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Net turnover | 589,713 | 512,704 | 599,219 | 605,103 | 621,918 |
| EBITDA | 71,891 | 37,448 | 55,971 | 57,216 | 56,923 |
| Operating profit | 49,578 | 15,009 | 32,018 | 33,161 | 32,775 |
| Net profit (rep./act.) | 26,022 | 13,028 | 16,920 | 19,419 | 20,307 |
| Net profit (adj.) | 25,404 | 2,312 | 16,279 | 18,734 | 19,601 |
| EPS (Bt) | 3.0 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| PE (x) | 8.4 | 92.0 | 13.1 | 11.4 | 10.9 |
| P/B (x) | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 9.3 | 17.8 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.7 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 4.0 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| Net margin (%) | 4.4 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity (%) | 171.8 | 183.2 | 171.2 | 159.9 | 150.1 |
| Interest cover (x) | 4.3 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| ROE (%) | 14.4 | 6.4 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 8.3 |
| Consensus net profit | - | - | 13,096 | 15,948 | 18,773 |
| UOBKH/Consensus (x) | - | - | 1.24 | 1.17 | 1.04 |
| Source: Charoen Pokphand Foods, Bloomberg, U | UOB Kay Hian | | | | |

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BUY

(Maintained)

| Share Price | Bt24.50 |
|--------------|---------|
| Target Price | Bt33.00 |
| Upside | +34.7% |

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

CPF, which is Thailand's leading conglomerate, engages in the agro-industrial processing of feed, farm and food.

STOCK DATA

| a.a.a | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| GICS sector | Consumer Staples | | | |
| Bloomberg ticker: | CPF TB | | | |
| Shares issued (m): | 8,611.2 | | | |
| Market cap (Btm): | 210,974.4 | | | |
| Market cap (US\$m): | 5,702.0 | | | |
| 3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m): 14 Price Performance (%) | | | | |
| 52-week high/low Bt27.25/Bt2 | | | | |
| | | | | |
| 1mth 3mth 6mth | 1yr YTD | | | |
| 1mth3mth6mth(3.1)(5.9)3.3 | 1yr YTD (4.1) (3.1) | | | |
| | , | | | |
| (3.1) (5.9) 3.3 | (4.1) (3.1) % | | | |
| (3.1) (5.9) 3.3 Major Shareholders | (4.1) (3.1) % .td. 25.1 | | | |
| (3.1) (5.9) 3.3 Major Shareholders Charoen Pokphand Group Co., L | (4.1) (3.1) % .td. 25.1 | | | |
| (3.1) (5.9) 3.3 Major Shareholders Charoen Pokphand Group Co., L Charoen Pokphand Holding Co., | (4.1) (3.1) % .td. 25.1 Ltd. 11.8 | | | |

PRICE CHART



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- Improving gross margin to offset higher SGA-to-sales. Although we expect SGA-to-sales ratio to be higher qoq in 3Q22, this would be offset by the better gross profit magin in 3Q22. We project 3Q22 gross margin to come in at 14.8%, up from 14.5% and 8.8% in 2Q22 and 3Q21 respectively. This will be on the back of better ASPs of its farming business in Thailand and Vietnam.
- 360-degree turnaround in China business. The share of profit from associate companies is expected to increase to Bt3,294m in 3Q22, up from the losses of Bt793m and Bt1,266m in 2Q22 and 3Q21 respectively. The sharp improvement will be driven by the turnaround of its China business operations as well as biological asset gain. Average China swine price in 3Q22 rose 51% qoq to Rmb22.8/kg vs Rmb15.1/kg in 2Q22. The recovery in swine prices was mainly driven by the easing of lockdown restrictions in China, which drove the domestic consumption.
- STOCK IMPACT
- Swine prices in China and Vietnam will remain firm. Although Vietnamese swine prices declined in late-3Q22, we believe the prices will recover after the flood and rain situation ends. Also, China swine prices should remain firmly in this range following the improvement in demand for meats. The Chinese government is selling some inventory of pork to cool down the prices, but management guided that the government's pork stocks only account for 5% of total supply. Hence, we do not foresee a sharp drop in China swine prices.
- Earnings to continue to recovery in 2022-23. Although we are more cautious on domestic chicken prices in 4Q22 as we believe the peak has passed, this risk will be mitigated by the short-term wider margin caused by ASPs decreasing at a slower rate compared with costs. Hence, we expect 4Q22 earnings to continue to grow qoq. There will also be limited impact from higher minimum wages and electricity costs. Overall, we project 2022 net profit to grow by 30% yoy on the back of strong sales and gross profit margin recovery of core businesses, especially in 2H22. 2023 net profit will increase 15% yoy from the better improvement in gross profit margin and share of profit in Thailand retail names such as CPALL (7-11, convenience store), MAKRO (cash & carry), Tesco (hypermarket) and CTI China.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

None.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

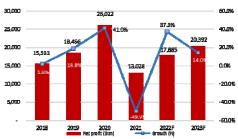
• Maintain BUY with a target price of Bt33.00. We adopt the PE valuation method. We use the +1SD forward PE to CPF's five-year mean, which is equivalent to 15x. We roll over our valuation to 2023 as the market should weigh more on 2H22-2023 earnings' recovery outlook following the improvement in its Vietnam and China operations.

SHARE PRICE CATALYST

• The easing of lockdown restrictions in China, China swine prices remaining high in 2H22 and lower raw material costs.

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NET PROFIT AND GROWTH



Source: CPF, UOB Kay Hian

CHINA SWINE PRICES



Source: Zhujia Zhuwang

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PROFIT & LOSS

CASH ELOW

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net turnover | 512,704 | 599,219 | 605,103 | 621,918 |
| EBITDA | 37,448 | 55,971 | 57,216 | 56,923 |
| Deprec. & amort. | 22,439 | 23,953 | 24,056 | 24,148 |
| EBIT | 15,009 | 32,018 | 33,161 | 32,775 |
| Total other non-operating income | 16,255 | 3,528 | 3,579 | 3,681 |
| Associate contributions | 4,167 | 6,537 | 9,922 | 11,951 |
| Net interest income/(expense) | (16,596) | (17,047) | (17,182) | (16,904) |
| Pre-tax profit | 16,732 | 25,035 | 29,480 | 31,502 |
| Тах | (2,654) | (5,758) | (5,896) | (6,300) |
| Minorities | (1,050) | (2,358) | (4,164) | (4,895) |
| Net profit | 13,028 | 16,920 | 19,419 | 20,307 |
| Net profit (adj.) | 2,312 | 16,279 | 18,734 | 19,601 |

| CASHFLOW | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
| Operating | 7,820 | 38,566 | 42,590 | 42,149 |
| Pre-tax profit | 16,732 | 25,035 | 29,480 | 31,502 |
| Тах | (2,654) | (5,758) | (5,896) | (6,300) |
| Deprec. & amort. | 22,439 | 23,953 | 24,056 | 24,148 |
| Associates | 4,167 | 6,537 | 9,922 | 11,951 |
| Working capital changes | (44,018) | (863) | (885) | (2,306) |
| Non-cash items | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Other operating cashflows | 11,154 | (10,339) | (14,086) | (16,846) |
| Investing | (22,705) | (27,919) | (27,956) | (27,994) |
| Capex (growth) | (24,163) | (25,000) | (25,000) | (25,000) |
| Investments | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Others | 1,458 | (2,919) | (2,956) | (2,994) |
| Financing | (5,744) | (13,206) | (12,936) | (16,924) |
| Dividend payments | (7,969) | (5,597) | (7,778) | (8,524) |
| Issue of shares | 226 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Proceeds from borrowings | 43,889 | (15,158) | (13,400) | (10,060) |
| Loan repayment | (20,138) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others/interest paid | (21,752) | 7,550 | 8,242 | 1,660 |
| Net cash inflow (outflow) | (20,628) | (2,559) | 1,697 | (2,769) |
| Beginning cash & cash equivalent | 54,406 | 36,686 | 34,127 | 35,824 |
| Changes due to forex impact | 2,908 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending cash & cash equivalent | 36,686 | 34,127 | 35,824 | 33,055 |
| | | | | |

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BALANCE SHEET 2022F Year to 31 Dec (Btm) 2021 2023F 2024F Fixed assets 230,507 231,496 232,387 233,191 Other LT assets 399,084 402,582 395,623 406,116 Cash/ST investment 36,686 34,127 35,824 33,055 Other current assets 179,864 180,670 182,100 186,047 Total assets 842,681 845,377 852,892 858,409 ST debt 129,477 135,571 143,813 145,473 Other current liabilities 74,451 74,280 74,692 76,193 LT debt 301,240 286,082 272,681 262,621 Other LT liabilities 50,376 50,985 51,606 52,240 Shareholders' equity 238,031 215,067 226,389 249,813 Minority interest 72,070 72,070 72,070 72,070 Total liabilities & equity 842,681 845,377 852,892 858,409

KEY METRICS

| Year to 31 Dec (%) | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Profitability | | | | |
| EBITDA margin | 7.3 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.2 |
| Pre-tax margin | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 5.1 |
| Net margin | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| ROA | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| ROE | 6.4 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 8.3 |
| Growth | | | | |
| Turnover | (13.1) | 16.9 | 1.0 | 2.8 |
| EBITDA | (47.9) | 49.5 | 2.2 | (0.5) |
| Pre-tax profit | (69.6) | 49.6 | 17.8 | 6.9 |
| Net profit | (49.9) | 29.9 | 14.8 | 4.6 |
| Net profit (adj.) | (90.9) | 604.2 | 15.1 | 4.6 |
| EPS | (90.9) | 604.2 | 15.1 | 4.6 |
| Leverage | | | | |
| Debt to total capital | 60.0 | 58.6 | 57.3 | 55.9 |
| Debt to equity | 200.3 | 186.3 | 175.0 | 163.4 |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity | 183.2 | 171.2 | 159.9 | 150.1 |
| Interest cover (x) | 2.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 |

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COMPANY UPDATE

Siam Cement (SCC TB)

Expect 3Q22 Core Earnings To Decline Sharply gog Due To Weak Chemical Spreads

We expect SCC's 3Q22 earnings to decline sharply qoq due to weak chemical spreads as well as lower contribution from the cement and packaging businesses, which are pressured by weak demand caused by China's Zero-Covid policy. We revise down our 2022-23 earnings forecasts by 31% and 16.1% respectively to reflect the lower HDPE and PP spread assumptions. Maintain HOLD with a new target price of Bt296.00. Our sector picks are PTTEP and OR due to their strong earnings momentum.

WHAT'S NEW

- Expect 3Q22 net profit to decline sharply qoq and yoy. We expect Siam Cement (SCC) to post core earnings of Bt1.8b in 3Q22, declining significantly by 82.0% qoq and 73.7% yoy due to: a) very weak chemical spreads (high density polyethylene (HDPE) spread: US\$388/tonne in 3Q22 vs US\$466/tonne in 2Q22, and polypropylene (PP) spread: US\$371 in 3Q22 vs US\$507 in 2Q22), b) a huge inventory loss of Bt1.3b in 3Q22. As a result, the chemical business unit is expected to turn to a net loss in 3Q22, c) the cement business' earnings performance remains weak as high inflation and high interest rates are pressuring the overall demand for cement and building materials, while overall cost is still high and impacted by high coal cost, and d) a softening earnings performance in the packaging business (SCG Packaging, SCGP TB/BUY/Target: Bt61.00) due to lower packaging margin in 3Q22.
- For non-recurring items for the quarter, we expect SCC to record a huge inventory loss of Bt1.3b in 3Q22 (2Q22: Bt1.0b loss, 3Q21: Bt490m gain) along with lower naphtha cost during the quarter. As a result, we expect SCC's core earnings to be around Bt3.0b, down 69.5% qoq and 51.8% yoy.
- The yoy decline in earnings would be mainly due to lower earnings contribution from all business units. This includes: a) the chemical business which should see lower chemical spreads, b) the cement business, which will report lower earnings due to higher energy coal costs, and c) the packaging business, which will be pressured by higher raw material and energy costs.

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HOLD

(Maintained)

| Share Price | Bt321.00 |
|--------------|-----------|
| Target Price | Bt296.00 |
| Upside | -7.8% |
| (Previous TP | Bt410.00) |

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

SCC operates as a holding company which is engaged in the industrial supplies and construction industries. The company operates six core businesses - chemical, paper, cement, building materials, distribution and investment.

STOCK DATA

| GICS sec | ctor | | Materials | |
|---|------------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| Bloombe | rg ticker: | | SCC TB | |
| Shares is | sued (m) | : | | 1,200.0 |
| Market ca | ap (Btm): | | | 385,200.0 |
| Market ca | ap (US\$m |): | | 10,318.8 |
| 3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m) Price Performance (%) | | | m): | 27.6 |
| 52-week high/low | | Bt406 | .00/Bt320.00 | |
| 1mth | 3mth | 6mth | 1yr | YTD |
| (9.8) | (14.6) | (16.2) | (18.7) | (16.8) |
| Major Sh | areholder | S | | % |
| Maha Vajira | alongkorn | | | 33.3 |
| Stock Exchange of Thailand | | | | 10.0 |
| STATE STREET Corp | | | | 4.3 |
| FY22 NAV/Share (Bt) | | | | |
| FY22 NAV | Share (Bt) | | | 293.81 |

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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KEY FINANCIALS

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 2020 | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Net turnover | 399,939 | 530,112 | 588,943 | 691,787 | 776,279 |
| EBITDA | 65,053 | 81,138 | 55,492 | 70,816 | 67,338 |
| Operating profit | 40,735 | 52,851 | 25,165 | 38,449 | 32,930 |
| Net profit (rep./act.) | 34,144 | 47,174 | 25,156 | 38,731 | 32,684 |
| Net profit (adj.) | 36,336 | 44,460 | 25,413 | 38,731 | 32,684 |
| EPS (Bt) | 30.3 | 37.1 | 21.2 | 32.3 | 27.2 |
| PE (x) | 10.6 | 8.7 | 15.2 | 9.9 | 11.8 |
| P/B (x) | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 9.9 | 8.0 | 11.6 | 9.1 | 9.6 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Net margin (%) | 8.5 | 8.9 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 4.2 |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity (%) | 49.3 | 45.6 | 56.6 | 58.3 | 61.5 |
| Interest cover (x) | 9.2 | 12.0 | 8.1 | 10.3 | 9.7 |
| ROE (%) | 11.4 | 14.2 | 7.2 | 10.6 | 8.5 |
| Consensus net profit | - | - | 34,241 | 39,011 | 48,024 |
| UOBKH/Consensus (x) | - | - | 0.74 | 0.99 | 0.68 |

Source: Siam Cement, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

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3Q22 RESULTS PREVIEW

| Year to 31 Dec | 3Q21 (Btm) | 2Q22 (Btm) | 3Q22F (Btm) | yoy % change | qoq% change |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Revenue | 131,825 | 152,534 | 144,907 | 9.9 | (5.0) |
| COGS | -108,182 | -129,630 | -131,237 | 21.3 | 1.2 |
| SG&A | -15,864 | -17,729 | -16,842 | 6.2 | (5.0) |
| EBITDA | 16,450 | 21,575 | 10,929 | (33.6) | (49.3) |
| Interest expenses | -1,681 | -1,715 | -1,732 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| Net income | 6,817 | 9,938 | 1,792 | (73.7) | (82.0) |
| - Cement | -2,400 | 1,668 | 1,550 | 164.6 | (7.1) |
| - Chemical | 5,210 | 3,704 | -1,165 | (122.4) | (131.4) |
| - Packaging | 1,284 | 1,338 | 1,262 | (1.7) | (5.7) |
| EPS (Bt) | 5.7 | 8.3 | 1.5 | (73.7) | (82.0) |
| Inventory gain/ (loss) | 490 | -1,040 | -1,255 | (356.1) | (20.7) |
| Other non-recurring items | 0 | 978 | 0 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Recurring Income | 6,327 | 10,000 | 3,047 | (51.8) | (69.5) |
| SG&A/Sales (%) | 12.0% | 11.6% | 11.6% | | |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 12.5% | 14.1% | 7.5% | | |
| Net profit margin (%) | 5.2% | 6.5% | 1.2% | | |
| Source: SCC, UOB Kay Hian | | | | | |

- Chemical business' core earnings performance to significantly decrease both qoq and yoy. We expect the chemical business' core earnings (excluding inventory gain/loss) to decline significantly in 3Q22 on the back of lower chemical price and spreads, impacted by lower demand brought about by China's prolonged Zero-COVID policy and new additional capacity entering the market amid the oversupply situation.
- The cement business' 3Q22 earnings is expected to decline qoq on seasonally low demand (rainy season) and the impact of the economic slowdown. We expect CBM's earnings to decline to Bt1.6b in 3Q22, down 7.1% qoq but up 164.6% yoy, due to the seasonal low in domestic cement demand during the rainy season and the slowdown in economic activities. Moreover, energy cost will continue to pressure overall margin. SCC's strategy is to continue to raise its cement ASP to cover the higher cost.

STOCK IMPACT

• Still cautious on the petrochemical price outlook. We expect HDPE/PP prices and spreads to continue to remain at the current low in 4Q22. We believe that market concerns on the recession risk are pressuring overall petrochemical demand and the oversupply situation. IHS estimates additional supply for polyethylene to increase by 10m tonnes per year (tpa) in 2022 and 7m tpa in 2023 compared with additional demand of 5.8m tpa and 4.6m tpa in 2022 and 2023 respectively. Around 7m tpa and 5.5m tpa of PP supply will be added in the market in 2022 and 2023, compared with additional demand of 5.0m tpa and 4.0m tpa respectively. China is the world's biggest driver of polyolefins global demand. The latest data suggest that China's net HDPE imports will be 5.5m tonnes in 2022, down from 6.4m tonnes in 2021. China's net PP imports look set to fall to 2.4m tonnes in 2022, compared with 3.4m tonnes in 2021.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

• We revise down our 2022 and 2023 earnings forecast by 31% and 16.1% respectively to reflect the lower HDPE and PP spread assumptions (see RHS table) due to the weak demand and oversupply concerns. We have also revised down our sales volume forecasts for 2022.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

• Maintain HOLD with a with a new 2023 target price of Bt296.00 (from Bt410.00 previously), based on SOTP valuation. We peg the valuations of the chemical, cement and packaging businesses to the five-year mean of their regional PE mean multiples of 11.5x, 12x and 31x respectively. Our sector picks are PTT Exploration & Production (PTTEP/BUY/Bt195.00) and PTT Oil & Retail Business (OR/BUY/Bt33.00) for their strong earnings momentum.

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WORLD POLYETHYLENE ADDITIONAL SUPPLY/DEMAND BY REGION 2017-27



Source: HIS Spring 2022, PTTGC

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EARNINGS REVISION IN 2022-23

| | N | New | | d | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|--|
| (Btm) | 2022F | 2023F | 2022F | 2023F | |
| Chemical | 6,756 | 21,159 | 20,642 | 29,742 | |
| Cement | 6,320 | 6,954 | 7,123 | 7,769 | |
| Paper | 8,413 | 9,859 | 8,413 | 9,859 | |
| Others | 3,667 | 759.5 | 2,889 | 1,536 | |
| Total net profit | 25,156 | 38,731 | 36,721 | 46,157 | |
| Total core profit | 25,413 | 38,731 | 36,978 | 46,157 | |
| Key Assumption C | hanges (US | S\$/tonne) | | | |
| HDPE spread | 415 | 447 | 450 | 450 | |
| PP spread | 415 | 447 | 450 | 450 | |
| PE sale volume | 983 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | |
| PP sale volume | 791 | 882 | 882 | 882 | |
| FX (Bt/US\$) | 34.00 | 35.00 | 34.00 | 35.00 | |
| Source: UOB Kay Hian | | | | | |

SOTP-BASED VALUATION

| | Equity value | Bt/share | Methodology |
|----------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| Chemical | 243,326.13 | 203 | 11.5x PE |
| Cement | 83,445.31 | 70 | 12x PE |
| Paper | 220,426 | 184 | 31x PE |
| Other | 7,594.61 | 6 | 10x PE |
| Net debt | (199,514) | -166 | |
| Total | 355,279 | 296 | |

Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

REGIONAL PE MEAN



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PROFIT & LOSS

| 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|---------|---|---|--|
| 530,112 | 588,943 | 691,787 | 776,279 |
| 81,138 | 55,492 | 70,816 | 67,338 |
| 28,288 | 30,328 | 32,368 | 34,408 |
| 52,851 | 25,165 | 38,449 | 32,930 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17,543 | 15,788 | 18,157 | 18,338 |
| (6,757) | (6,828) | (6,896) | (6,965) |
| 63,636 | 34,125 | 49,709 | 44,304 |
| (8,900) | (4,530) | (5,191) | (4,446) |
| (7,562) | (4,439) | (5,787) | (7,174) |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 47,174 | 25,156 | 38,731 | 32,684 |
| 44,460 | 25,413 | 38,731 | 32,684 |
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BALANCE SHEET

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Fixed assets | 272,554 | 334,343 | 345,792 | 354,181 |
| Other LT assets | 197,018 | 204,127 | 207,145 | 214,649 |
| Cash/ST investment | 67,610 | 34,770 | 24,471 | 12,100 |
| Other current assets | 165,406 | 158,499 | 197,755 | 242,255 |
| Total assets | 702,587 | 731,740 | 775,163 | 823,184 |
| ST debt | 79,610 | 89,610 | 99,610 | 109,611 |
| Other current liabilities | 64,179 | 72,578 | 80,587 | 98,955 |
| LT debt | 144,674 | 144,674 | 144,674 | 144,674 |
| Other LT liabilities | 10,562 | 10,562 | 10,562 | 10,562 |
| Shareholders' equity | 343,692 | 352,574 | 376,930 | 393,546 |
| Minority interest | 59,870 | 61,743 | 62,800 | 65,837 |
| Total liabilities & equity | 702,587 | 731,740 | 775,163 | 823,184 |

CASH FLOW

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Operating | 43,552 | 37,249 | 44,074 | 43,696 |
| Pre-tax profit | 56,074 | 29,686 | 43,922 | 37,129 |
| Тах | (8,900) | (4,530) | (5,191) | (4,446) |
| Deprec. & amort. | 28,288 | 30,328 | 32,368 | 34,408 |
| Associates | (17,543) | (15,788) | (18,157) | (18,338) |
| Working capital changes | (21,928) | (6,886) | (14,656) | (12,232) |
| Non-cash items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other operating cashflows | 7,562 | 4,439 | 5,787 | 7,174 |
| Investing | (60,000) | (60,000) | (60,000) | (60,000) |
| Capex (growth) | (60,000) | (60,000) | (60,000) | (60,000) |
| Capex (maintenance) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Proceeds from sale of assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Financing | (21,297) | 3,726 | 5,626 | 3,934 |
| Dividend payments | (18,297) | (16,274) | (14,375) | (16,068) |
| Issue of shares | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Proceeds from borrowings | (3,000) | 20,000 | 20,001 | 20,002 |
| Loan repayment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others/interest paid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net cash inflow (outflow) | (37,744) | (19,025) | (10,300) | (12,371) |
| Beginning cash & cash equivalent | 103,091 | 67,610 | 34,770 | 24,471 |
| Changes due to forex impact | 2,264 | (13,815) | n.a. | n.a. |
| Ending cash & cash equivalent | 67,610 | 34,770 | 24,471 | 12,100 |

KEY METRICS

| Year to 31 Dec (%) | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|---------------------------|------|--------|-------|--------|
| Profitability | | | | |
| EBITDA margin | 15.3 | 9.4 | 10.2 | 8.7 |
| Pre-tax margin | 12.0 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 5.7 |
| Net margin | 8.9 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 4.2 |
| ROA | 6.5 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 4.1 |
| ROE | 14.2 | 7.2 | 10.6 | 8.5 |
| Growth | | | | |
| Turnover | 32.5 | 11.1 | 17.5 | 12.2 |
| EBITDA | 24.7 | (31.6) | 27.6 | (4.9) |
| Pre-tax profit | 47.6 | (46.4) | 45.7 | (10.9) |
| Net profit | 38.2 | (46.7) | 54.0 | (15.6) |
| Net profit (adj.) | 22.4 | (42.8) | 52.4 | (15.6) |
| EPS | 22.4 | (42.8) | 52.4 | (15.6) |
| Leverage | | | | |
| Debt to total capital | 35.7 | 36.1 | 35.7 | 35.6 |
| Debt to equity | 65.3 | 66.4 | 64.8 | 64.6 |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity | 45.6 | 56.6 | 58.3 | 61.5 |
| Interest cover (x) | 12.0 | 8.1 | 10.3 | 9.7 |

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