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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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BTS Group Holdings (BTS TB/HOLD/Bt4.84/Target: Bt4.79) Pink Line and Yellow Lines to remain key drags yoy.
Minor International (MINT TB/BUY/Bt25.75/Target: Bt38.00) Exciting prospects ahead.
PTT (PTT TB/BUY/Bt32.50/Target: Bt37.00) Five-year plan expected to be completed by the end of Dec 24.

KEY INDICES

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Symbol	Close	Chg	%Chg
SET	1,460.11	7.33	0.50
SET50	944.85	5.94	0.63
Value (Btm) - SET	41,787		
Top 5 Sector			
BANK	393.72	(0.03)	(0.01)
PETRO	604.09	6.56	1.10
PROP	207.72	1.69	0.82
ENERG	18,751.64	257.97	1.39
ICT	201.52	(0.24)	(0.12)
Source: Bloomberg			

TOP VOLUME

Symbol	Close (Baht)	+/-(% Chg)	5-day ADT (BTm)
CCET	8.70	(10.77)	2,475.0
EA	6.40	10.34	908.6
BH	209.00	1.46	2,279.5
DELTA	165.50	0.61	2,578.6
PTTEP	127.50	3.24	1,373.1

TOP GAINERS

Symbol	Close (Baht)	+/-(% Chg)	5-day ADT (BTm)
ARIN	0.87	22.54	7.6
INET	7.55	14.39	302.7
TFI	0.08	14.29	0.0
THG	15.70	11.35	74.3
PRIN	2.38	11.21	0.0

TOP LOSERS

	Close	+/-(%	5-day ADT
Symbol	(Baht)	Chg)	(BTm)
TWZ	0.03	(25.00)	0.3
CIG	0.04	(20.00)	0.1
UMS	0.49	(19.67)	0.0
PTECH	1.00	(19.35)	0.0
STOWER	0.07	(12.50)	0.1

^{*}ADT: Average daily turnover

KEY STATISTICS

		%Chg			
Commodity	Current Price	1m	3M	YTD	
Brent crude*	73.4	0.9	(3.1)	(1.8)	
Dubai crude*	72.3	(2.1)	(9.0)	(5.5)	
Baltic Dry Index	1,756.0	11.4	1.2	(16.1)	
Gold Spot***	2,639.6	(3.0)	5.0	27.9	

^{*(}US\$/bbI), *** (US\$/toz)

FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT **IN EQUITIES (THAILAND)**

Day	MTD Net	YTD Net	YTD Net	
(Mil US\$)	(Mil US\$)	(Mil US\$)	YoY%	
(13.5)	(265.1)	(3.691.1)	529.1	_

Source: Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange Rate - THB/US\$ (onshore) = 34.50 Interest Rate (%) - TH 1-day RP = 2.50 Thai Lending Rate (%)* - MLR = 7.10

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COMPANY UPDATE

BTS Group Holdings (BTS TB)

Pink Line And Yellow Lines To Remain Key Drags yoy

BTS reported a 2QFY25 net loss of Bt456m, up from Bt382m in 1QFY25, but down from a net profit of Bt257m in 2QFY24. The key pressures were losses from the Pink and Yellow Lines. Although we expect qoq lower loss contributions from both lines, operations are likely to remain weak yoy. We still project unexciting earnings catalysts and an unattractive valuation. Maintain HOLD. Target price: Bt4.79.

WHAT'S NEW

- Restructuring completion. BTS Group Holdings (BTS) completed the the rights offering (RO) transaction with total proceeds of Bt13.2b where Bt7.1b were used for a voluntary tender offer (VTO) for Rabbit Holding (RABBIT) and Roctec Global (ROCTEC). The remaining Bt6.1b will be used for debt repayment and working capital.
- Management firmly believes it will receive operation and maintenance (O&M). Based on payment schedule, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) and Krungthep Thanakom (KT) must repay the Bt14b debt to BTS by 22 Jan 25.
- **Deleveraging the gearing ratio.** Adjusted net debt to equity (adjusted net D/E) for 2QFY25 improved to 2.36x, down from 2.50x as of end-FY24. The adjusted net D/E is expected at 1.83x, including RO proceeds from the capital increase transaction.

STOCK IMPACT

• Qoq improvement in Pink and Yellow Lines ridership. Based on our channel check, average ridership of the Yellow and Pink Lines increased to 41,000 and 59,353 trips/day respectively, up 26.9% and 15.6% qoq in 2QFY25. The ridership for both lines has been improving mom since early-1QFY25 (Apr 24). Management expects the Pink and Yellow Lines to break even in 2027-28 while we expect them to break even in 2031 and 2033, respectively.

KEY FINANCIALS

Year to 31 Mar (Btm)	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	18,311	18,175	14,921	15,531	16,582
EBITDA	3,056	2,208	1,736	3,029	3,819
Operating profit	2,089	899	(141)	716	1,266
Net profit (rep./act.)	1,836	(5,241)	(1,477)	502	1,495
Net profit (adj.)	2,078	275	(1,477)	502	1,495
EPS (Bt)	0.1	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	9.9
PE (x)	41.4	312.8	n.a.	171.3	0.5
P/B (x)	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	81.2	112.4	143.0	81.9	65.0
Dividend yield (%)	6.4	3.3	(1.7)	0.6	1.8
Net margin (%)	10.0	(28.8)	(9.9)	3.2	9.0
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	283.1	374.9	328.8	316.9	300.8
Interest cover (x)	8.0	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6
ROE (%)	3.1	(10.2)	(3.2)	1.1	3.2
Consensus net profit	-	-	143	777	1,608
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	(10.33)	0.65	0.93

Source: BTS Group Holdings, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

HOLD

(Maintained)

Share Price	Bt4.84
Target Price	Bt4.79
Upside	-1.1%
(Previous TP	Bt4.47)

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

BTS Group Holdings is a multi-industry conglomerate specialised in mass transit business, especially rail transport, media, digital services and property businesses seeking to amplify value from data integration and cross-business synergies.

STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Industrials
Bloomberg ticker:	BTS TB
Shares issued (m):	13,167.6
Market cap (Btm):	79,005.8
Market cap (US\$m):	2,284.6
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m):	14.9

Price Performance (%)

52-week high/low			Bt7.	45/Bt3.72
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
7.1	19.8	(20.7)	(34.1)	(33.2)
Major Sh	areholders	3		%
Kanjanapas Group				31.60
THAI NVDR COMPANY LIMITED				8.38
UBS AG SINGAPORE BRANCH				5.95
FY25 NAV	//Share (Bt)			3.45
FY25 Net Debt/Share (Bt)				11.34

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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2QFY25 RESULTS

Year to 31 Mar (Btm)	2QFY25	2QFY24	1QFY25	yoy % chg	qoq % chg
Sales	3,972	3,981	3,654	0%	9%
Gross Profit	1,288	1,316	1,012	-2%	27%
EBITDA	227	784	211	-71%	8%
Pre-tax Profit	(208)	778	(141)	NA	NA
Net Profit	(456)	257	(382)	NA	NA
Ratio (%)					
Gross Margin (%)	32.4%	33.1%	27.7%		
EBITDA Margin (%)	5.7%	19.7%	5.8%		
Net Margin (%)	-11.5%	6.5%	-10.5%		

Source: BTS Group Holdings, UOB Kay Hian

• Result recap. BTS reported 2QFY25 net loss of Bt456m, up from 1QFY25 of Bt382m, but turning from a net profit of Bt257m in 2QFY24. 2QFY25 operating revenue came in flattish yoy but grew 6.1% qoq. Construction revenue dropped, mainly due to lower contracting revenue of the Pink Line yoy, but offset by the improvement in the Pink and Yellow Lines farebox revenues. 2QFY25 gross profit margin came in at 32.4%, down from 33.1% in 2QFY24, but increasing from 29.4% in 1QFY25.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

• Forecast revised. We revise our FY25-26 earnings downward mainly due to the lower-thanexpected Yellow Line ridership, but to be offset by the better-than-expected Pink Line in medium to long term.

EARNINGS REVISION

		2025F	2026F			
(Btm)	Old	New	Chg %	Old	New	Chg %
Sales	14,999	14,921	-0.5%	15,659	15,531	-0.8%
Net Profit	49	(1,477)	-3117.4%	1,183	502	-57.6%
Core Profit	49	(1,477)	-3117.4%	1,183	502	-57.6%

Source: BTS, UOB Kay Hian

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

• Maintain HOLD with a higher SOTP-based target price of Bt4.79. Although we expect a narrowing loss for BTS for qoq earnings, we maintain our HOLD rating on BTS as we still see a lack of share price catalysts and unattractive valuation.

SHARE PRICE CATALYST

 a) Yellow Line ridership and pass-through ridership from other monorail lines, and b) better associate and JV performance.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE (ESG)

CG Report: 5 SET ESG Rating: AA

Environmental

Net zero. BEM aims to be a carbon neutral and net zero company by 2050 and 2065 respectively. It is committed to developing the business sustainably and growing according to the sustainable development framework, in order to comply with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Social

 The company emphasises business operations with social responsibility in every operation by treating every stakeholder with respect for human rights as a basis. It emphasises fair and equal treatment of workers, and strictly complies with relevant laws.

Governance

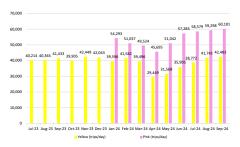
 Good governance practices. BTS is committed to operating its business in accordance with good corporate governance policy and management excellence. BTS received the "Excellent" rating on good corporate governance from the Thai Institute of Directors (IOD).

SOTP-BASED VALUATION

Business(es)	Value (Btm) Note
Mass Transit - Green Line O&	N 57,905	DCF, WACC 5.2%
Mass Transit - BTSGIF	17,153	DCF, WACC 6.4%
Mass Transit - Pink Line	15,295	DCF, WACC 4.9%
Mass Transit - Yellow Line	15,168	DCF, WACC 4.9%
MIX Business (Media)	14,239	Based on VGI's Fair value
Thanulux PCL	4,491	Market Price
RABBIT Holdings	15,063	BV
Roctec Global	709	BV
Intercity Motorways	5,274	DCF, WACC 5.0%
- Adjusted Net Debt	(82,260)	
Total Value	63,038	
number of shares (m)	13,168	
Fair Value (Bt)	4.79	
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Source: BTS, UOB Kay Hian

AVERAGE DAILY RIDERSHIP OF YELLOW AND PINK LINES



Source: MRTA

NEW SHAREHOLDING AFTER THE RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTION



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PROFIT & LOSS Year to 31 Mar (Btm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	BALANCE SHEET Year to 31 Mar (Btm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	18,175	14,921	15,531	16,582	Fixed assets	71,440	74,685	73,011	73,281
EBITDA	2,208	1,736	3,029	3,819	Other LT assets	152,935	154,919	152,980	151,326
Deprec. & amort.	1,309	1,877	2,313	2,553	Cash/ST investment	11,923	29,345	18,907	11,765
EBIT	899	(141)	716	1,266	Other current assets	35,784	5,468	5,694	5,851
Total other non-operating income	1,645	5,759	5,764	5,768	Total assets	272,082	264,417	250,592	242,223
Associate contributions	(2,063)	84	691	1,299	ST debt	42,042	31,676	27,276	33,284
Net interest income/(expense)	(6,008)	(6,741)	(6,408)	(5,962)	Other current liabilities	9,713	9,558	10,155	10,679
Pre-tax profit	(5,526)	(1,039)	762	2,371	LT debt	144,386	146,929	135,863	118,795
Tax	(1,707)	(1,299)	(953)	(1,423)	Other LT liabilities	9,549	11,007	11,928	12,969
Minorities	1,992	861	693	547	Shareholders' equity	46,542	45,396	45,519	46,645
Net profit	(5,241)	(1,477)	502	1,495	Minority interest	19,851	19,851	19,851	19,851
Net profit (adj.)	275	(1,477)	502	1,495	Total liabilities & equity	272,082	264,417	250,592	242,223
CASH FLOW Year to 31 Mar (Btm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	KEY METRICS Year to 31 Mar (%)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Operating	(14,911)	28,043	5,967	8,274	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	(5,526)	(1,039)	762	2,371	EBITDA margin	12.2	11.6	19.5	23.0
Tax	(1,707)	(1,299)	(953)	(1,423)	Pre-tax margin	(30.4)	(7.0)	4.9	14.3
Deprec. & amort.	1,309	1,877	2,313	2,553	Net margin	(28.8)	(9.9)	3.2	9.0
Associates	2,063	(84)	(691)	(1,299)	ROA	(1.9)	(0.6)	0.2	0.6
Working capital changes	(7,033)	26,182	3,060	3,374	ROE	(10.2)	(3.2)	1.1	3.2
Non-cash items	109	2,238	95	99					
Other operating cashflows	(4,126)	168	1,381	2,599	Growth				
Investing	2,884	(3,906)	(563)	(3,234)	Turnover	(0.7)	(17.9)	4.1	6.8
Capex (growth)	(6,207)	(5,123)	(638)	(2,823)	EBITDA	(27.7)	(21.4)	74.5	26.1
Investments	71,354	71,473	72,190	73,506	Pre-tax profit	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	211.0
Others	(62,264)	(70,257)	(72,115)	(73,917)	Net profit	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	197.8
Financing	10,066	(6,714)	(15,843)	(12,182)	Net profit (adj.)	(86.8)	n.a.	n.a.	197.8
Dividend payments	(2,097)	1,108	(377)	(1,122)	EPS	(86.8)	n.a.	n.a.	34,857.1
Issue of shares	0	0	0	0					
Proceeds from borrowings	13,814	0	0	0	Leverage				
Loan repayment	0	(7,822)	(15,466)	(11,060)	Debt to total capital	73.7	73.2	71.4	69.6
Others/interest paid	(1,651)	0	0	0	Debt to equity	400.6	393.4	358.4	326.0

(1,962)

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11,923

17,422

11,923

29,345

(10,439)

29,345

18,907

(7,141)

18,907

11,765

Net debt/(cash) to equity

Interest cover (x)

374.9

0.4

328.8

0.3

316.9

0.5

300.8

0.6

Net cash inflow (outflow)

Beginning cash & cash equivalent

Ending cash & cash equivalent

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COMPANY UPDATE

Minor International (MINT TB)

Exciting Prospects Ahead

We attended MINT's 3Q24 analyst meeting which had a positive tone. MINT reported strong core earnings growth in 3Q24 and the outlook in 4Q24 is promising. MINT revealed that they are developing a large REIT and will utilise the proceeds to deleverage and possibly fund a new project that we are looking forward to. Maintain BUY. Target price: Bt38.00.

WHAT'S NEW

- Great positive from analyst meeting. We attended Minor International's (MINT) analyst meeting and the tone was positive. MINT saw strong core earnings growth in 3Q24, contributed by growth from Europe and Thailand. The key focus for MINT is to expand through asset-light means, with constant rebranding and brand uplifting while they are deleveraging from proceeds from cash-unlocking projects. Mint also revealed that they are developing a REIT which opens up many possibilities.
- Huge proceeds from REIT for exciting new projects. It was revealed in the analyst meeting that MINT is planning to develop a sizable REIT which will materialise in the next 12-18 months. The size of the REIT is expected at US\$1.5b and the management expects it to be one of Asia's largest REITs. The main purpose of this REIT is to use the proceeds of around US\$700m for a substantial deleveraging, reducing the foreign exchange volatility in its profit and loss statement and reinvestment. It came as a surprise that the management did not deny the possibility of engaging in the entertainment complex business with the proceeds of the REIT which was a huge sentiment boost for MINT.
- MINT is still focusing on asset-light expansions. MINT's debt level remains high, hence they are still focusing on asset-light hotel expansions which are easier on its balance sheet. MINT's strategic focus lies in management contracts, where hotel owners engage MINT to oversee operations under a revenue-sharing agreement (typically around 5% of revenue). While each contract contributes a relatively small amount to MINT's revenue, it is highly beneficial for the company as it incurs no operating costs or capital investment. This approach allows MINT to avoid operational expenses during the initial ramp-up phase of new hotels and enhances its profit margins. As of 3Q24, there are 561 hotels in MINT's portfolio, 114 signed projects in the pipeline and 173 projects under negotiation. By 2026, MINT targets increasing its asset-light portfolio to comprise 50% of its total rooms, up from the current 31%.

KEY FINANCIALS

Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net turnover	125,009.6	152,522.1	156,272.4	164,754.3	181,097.9
EBITDA	32,406.8	41,690.5	39,525.8	41,417.7	44,255.5
Operating profit	13,132.1	21,290.6	19,797.4	21,234.4	23,590.0
Net profit (rep./act.)	4,286.4	5,407.1	8,007.5	9,201.6	12,479.1
Net profit (adj.)	4,286.4	5,407.1	8,007.5	9,201.6	12,479.1
EPS (Bt)	8.0	1.0	1.4	1.6	2.1
PE (x)	31.9	26.1	18.5	15.7	12.4
P/B (x)	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.3	8.0	8.5	8.1	7.6
Dividend yield (%)	1.0	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.8
Net margin (%)	3.4	3.5	5.1	5.6	6.9
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	259.2	237.6	215.0	174.8	143.9
Interest cover (x)	4.0	4.2	4.6	5.0	7.8
ROE (%)	6.2	7.3	10.1	10.8	13.4
Consensus net profit	-	-	8,222	9,229	10,463
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	0.97	1.00	1.19

Source: Minor International, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

BUY

(Maintained)

Share Price	Bt25.75
Target Price	Bt38.00
Upside	+47.6%

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

MINT is one of the largest hospitality companies in the Asia-Pacific region. It also operates restaurants in Thailand and overseas and is involved in residential property development and retail trading.

STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Consumer Discretionary
Bloomberg ticker:	MINT TB
Shares issued (m):	5,670.0
Market cap (Btm):	146,001.9
Market cap (US\$m):	4,221.9
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m): 12.2

Price Performance (%)

52-week h	igh/low		Bt34.0	00/Bt23.80
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
(11.2)	3.8	(22.0)	(6.4)	(12.7)
Major Sh	areholders	s		%
Minor Grou	ıp & Heineck	e Family		34.0
Foreign Fu	ınd			27.0
Local Fund	i			12.0
FY24 NAV	/Share (Bt)			14.64
FY24 Net I	Debt/Share (Bt)		31.46

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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3Q24 RESULTS

3Q23	2Q24	3Q24	yoy %chg	qoq %chg
39,747	43,738	41,300	4%	-6%
10,885	12,518	12,045	11%	-4%
6,191	6,969	6,702	8%	-4%
(2,902)	(3,069)	(3,203)	-10%	-4%
2,273	3,230	2,636	16%	-18%
2,144	2,823	149	-93%	-95%
0.39	0.50	0.03	-93%	-95%
			yoy	qoq
45.8%	45.4%	43.7%	-2.1 ppt	-1.7 ppt
27.4%	28.6%	29.2%	1.8 ppt	0.5 ppt
33.1%	29.6%	29.6%	-3.5 ppt	0.1 ppt
5.7%	7.4%	6.4%	0.7 ppt	-1.0 ppt
5.4%	6.5%	0.4%	-5.0 ppt	-6.1 ppt
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Source: MINT, UOB Kay Hian

STOCK IMPACT

- MINT delivered strong core earnings in 3Q24. MINT reported a strong core profit of Bt2.6b (+16.0% yoy, -18.4% qoq) in 3Q24, which was in line with our estimates but above consensus'. The top-line was at Bt41.3b (+3.9% yoy, -5.6% qoq). The key drivers are robust hotel performances in Europe and Thailand, with RevPAR in Europe and Thailand increasing by 9% and 12% yoy respectively, mainly driven by the constant growth in Average Daily Rate (ADR). There is a large non-core foreign exchange impact from the derivative revaluations, although the core earnings performance of MINT was not affected. We should also see gains from the baht's movement in 4Q24, which will offset the non-core forex losses in 9M24.
- 4Q24 outlook. Even though Europe is entering a lower season of travel, the statistics in Oct 24 still show a RevPAR growth of 4-5% yoy. Moreover, the bookings in Nov 24 and Dec 24 show a high single digit revenue yoy growth in Europe. Asia is also seeing a strong RevPAR growth of 9-10% yoy in Oct 24 and a revenue growth of low-teens digit yoy according to the bookings in Nov 24 and Dec 24. The 4Q24 outlook is looking very strong at the moment.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

• Maintain BUY with a target price of Bt38.00. Our valuation is based on 2025 EV/EBITDA multiple at 9.0x. We believe MINT's valuation is undemanding and that a huge upside awaits. We like MINT as a long-term pick due to: a) its diverse base of customers, b) its adaptive growth plan, and c) huge potential from the REIT.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE (ESG)

CG Report: 5 SET ESG Rating: AA

- Environmental
 - Pledge for net zero emissions by 2050.
 - **Strategy to conserve resources.** To reduce emissions and waste, and protect biodiversity across the operations and supply chains.
- Social
 - Strict occupational health and safety guidelines. Ensure supplier compliance to the safety guidelines of chemical handling, management and personnel, and workplace environment.
- Governance
 - **CEO and senior management KPI** are also based on non-financial KPI such as internal control compliance, sustainability and human resource management.
 - The guidelines are reviewed annually to incorporate changes in governance requirements, business operations, regulatory environment, and applicable laws.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE



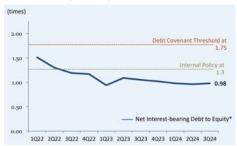
Source: MINT, UOB Kay Hian

MINT'S EXPANSION TARGET BY 2026



Source: MINT. UOB Kay Hian

MINT LEVERAGE RATIO



Source: MINT, UOB Kay Hian
"Net Interest bearing-debt excludes lease liabilities and COVID-19
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PROFIT & LOSS					BALANCE SHEET				
Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F	Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net turnover	152,522	156,272	164,754	181,098	Fixed assets	285,351	275,610	272,533	270,916
EBITDA	41,690	39,526	41,418	44,256	Other LT assets	31,269	39,733	42,265	44,414
Deprec. & amort.	20,400	19,728	20,183	20,665	Cash/ST investment	14,260	24,064	40,307	44,035
EBIT	21,291	19,797	21,234	23,590	Other current assets	28,316	38,190	41,873	45,151
Total other non-operating income	28	3	3	3	Total assets	359,196	377,597	396,978	404,515
Associate contributions	581	770	847	932	ST debt	30,824	46,838	56,838	61,838
Net interest income/(expense)	(9,892)	(8,537)	(8,239)	(5,646)	Other current liabilities	35,572	38,190	42,034	45,387
Pre-tax profit	9,593	12,033	13,845	18,879	LT debt	165,518	153,288	138,288	123,288
Tax	(3,505)	(3,604)	(4,159)	(5,743)	Other LT liabilities	39,988	51,938	57,978	61,971
Minorities	(681)	(421)	(484)	(657)	Shareholders' equity	76,637	81,908	88,547	98,082
Net profit	5,407	8,007	9,202	12,479	Minority interest	10,657	12,432	13,293	13,950
Net profit (adj.)	5,407	8,007	9,202	12,479	Total liabilities & equity	359,196	384,593	396,978	404,515
CASH FLOW					KEY METRICS				
Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F	Year to 31 Dec (%)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Operating	32,358	20,902	37,403	33,876	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	9,593	12,033	13,845	18,879	EBITDA margin	27.3	25.3	25.1	24.4
Tax	(3,505)	(3,604)	(4,159)	(5,743)	Pre-tax margin	6.3	7.7	8.4	10.4
Deprec. & amort.	20,400	19,728	20,183	20,665	Net margin	3.5	5.1	5.6	6.9
Working capital changes	2,078	(3,118)	(124)	(240)	ROA	1.5	2.2	2.4	3.1
Non-cash items	(209)	(4,138)	285	315	ROE	7.3	10.1	10.8	13.4
Other operating cashflows	4,581	770	8,220	932					
Investing	(16,611)	(6,501)	(13,598)	(17,204)	Growth				
Capex (growth)	(31,359)	(9,987)	(17,106)	(19,049)	Turnover	22.0	2.5	5.4	9.9
Investments	18,923	19,111	19,449	19,822	EBITDA	28.6	(5.2)	4.8	6.9
Others	(4,176)	(15,624)	(15,941)	(17,978)	Pre-tax profit	39.5	25.4	15.1	36.4
Financing	(24,453)	(4,596)	(7,562)	(12,945)	Net profit	26.1	48.1	14.9	35.6
Dividend payments	(2,729)	(2,140)	(2,562)	(2,945)	Net profit (adj.)	26.1	48.1	14.9	35.6
Issue of shares	7,894	0	0	0	EPS	22.3	41.0	18.2	26.5
Proceeds from borrowings	(10,784)	3,784	(5,000)	(10,000)					
Others/interest paid	(10,939)	(6,240)	0	0	Leverage				
Net cash inflow (outflow)	(8,706)	9,805	16,243	3,727	Debt to total capital	69.2	68.0	65.7	62.3
Beginning cash & cash	22,966	14,260	24,064	40,307	Debt to equity	256.2	244.3	220.4	188.7
equivalent	14 240	24.044	40 207	44.025	Net debt/(cash) to equity	237.6	215.0	174.8	143.9
Ending cash & cash equivalent	14,260	24,064	40,307	44,035	Interest cover (x)	4.2	4.6	5.0	7.8

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COMPANY UPDATE

PTT (PTT TB)

Five-Year Plan Expected To Be Completed By The End Of Dec 24

The key takeaways from the recent analyst meeting are: a) the five-year plan is expected to be finalised by end-Dec 24, with a potential divestment of the EV car business, b) the new single pool gas initiative is anticipated to be concluded by early-25, and c) PTT remains committed to supporting TOP in the CFP project. Additionally, we expect 4Q24 net profit to improve qoq, driven by profits from subsidiaries with affiliates turning to net profit. Maintain BUY. Target price: Bt37.00.

WHAT'S NEW

- Five-year plan to be finalised by end-Dec 24. PTT is in the process of preparing its 2025 business strategy, which includes a five-year plan for 2025-29, expected to be finalised by Dec 24. Key growth areas include the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and hydrogen businesses both domestically and internationally. However, the electric vehicle (EV) business is under review due to intense market competition. PTT is evaluating options such as finding strategic partners, negotiating with the Foxconn Group to take on a main operator, or potentially exiting the EV business entirely. In 2022, PTT established Arun Plus, a joint venture with Foxconn (PTT holding 60% and Foxconn 40%), to develop an EV manufacturing plant in Thailand with a capacity of 50,000 cars annually by 2024, involving a US\$1.0b investment. Despite challenges in the EV market, PTT plans to continue investing in EV charging stations, leveraging PTT Oil and Retail's (OR) extensive gas station network to expand its presence in this area. For other segments, such as the life sciences and refinery and petrochemical businesses, PTT is actively seeking partnerships with firms that have strong expertise and significant growth potential.
- PTT continues to support TOP in advancing CFP. The Clean Fuel Project (CFP) is facing challenges due to subcontractor protests stemming from the main contractor's financial liquidity issues. As Thai Oil's (TOP) major shareholder, PTT remains committed to supporting this large-scale project. TOP's management is focused on commencing the CFP project's commercial operations as soon as possible, ruling out any cancellation of the project. However, it is likely the project will be delayed by at least a year from its original schedule, leading to additional costs. Despite this, TOP's management anticipates no need for a capital increase or impairment charges related to the project. TOP's financial position remains strong, with cash on hand of Bt25b as of 3Q24, a low net debt-to-equity ratio of 0.9x, and a net debt-to-EBITDA ratio of 7.6x. Furthermore, TOP has plans to monetise assets. We assess that there is a possibility that TOP will divest its investment in PT Chandra Asri Perkasa (CAP).

KEY FINANCIALS

Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net turnover	3,367,203	3,144,551	3,220,515	3,246,691	3,327,421
EBITDA	480,495	442,938	403,867	392,949	398,837
Operating profit	313,165	269,873	234,263	226,738	235,950
Net profit (rep./act.)	91,175	112,024	94,726	84,909	91,879
Net profit (adj.)	160,536	102,933	85,295	84,909	91,879
EPS (Bt)	5.6	3.6	3.0	3.0	3.2
PE (x)	5.8	9.1	11.0	11.0	10.2
P/B (x)	0.8	8.0	8.0	0.8	0.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.0	0.6
Dividend yield (%)	6.1	6.1	4.6	4.9	5.2
Net margin (%)	2.7	3.6	2.9	2.6	2.8
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	67.4	54.3	36.6	23.1	9.4
Interest cover (x)	13.0	9.8	8.7	9.7	11.0
ROE (%)	9.4	11.2	9.5	8.4	8.9
Consensus net profit	-	-	102,229	107,053	107,834
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	0.93	0.79	0.85

Source: PTT, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

BUY

(Maintained)

Share Price	Bt32.50
Target Price	Bt37.00
Upside	+13.85%
(Previously	Bt38.00)

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

PTT is a Thailand-based oil & gas company engaged in the upstream petroleum, downstream petroleum, coal business and other related businesses.

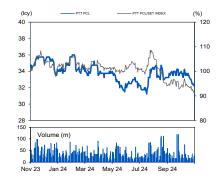
STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Energy
Bloomberg ticker:	PTT TB
Shares issued (m):	28,563.0
Market cap (Btm):	949,719.6
Market cap (US\$m):	26,923.3
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m):	27.8

Price Performance (%)

52-week h	igh/low		Bt36.2	5/Bt31.25		
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD		
1.5	(1.5)	(4.3)	(7.0)	(7.0)		
Major Sh	areholders	3		%		
MOF		51.2				
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NVDR			3.0			
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FY24 NAV	//Share (Bt)			41.39		
FY24 Net	Debt/Share (Bt)		14.42		

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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- New single pool gas expected to conclude in early-25. The new single pool gas is anticipated to be finalised by early-25. PTT expects the impact on GSP production costs to be lower with the new single pool gas compared to the original single pool gas. For 4Q24, the impact of the existing single pool gas on GSP production costs is projected to decline qoq to Bt4.5-5.0b, driven by reduced liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports (impact from single pool gas before tax at Bt5.2b in 3Q24 and Bt8.6b in 2Q24).
- 2025 core profit expected to be flat yoy. We forecast PTT's core profit for 2025 to remain flat yoy at Bt85.0b. The core business is expected to recover, supported by improved performance in the gas separation business due to increased gas production capacity in the Gulf of Thailand. Gas sales volume in the Supply and Marketing (S&M) business is projected to rise by 2% yoy. However, we anticipate lower core earnings contributions from PTT Exploration and Production (PTTEP) and the Petrochemical and Refinery (P&R) business. Crude oil prices are expected to average US\$80/bbl in 2025 (down from US\$84/bbl in 2024), with gross refining margins (GRM) decreasing to US\$4.8/bbl (from US\$5.0/bbl in 2024).
- **Downside on crude oil prices.** The latest data from the US Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Oil Market Report suggests a crude oil oversupply of 1.0-1.2m barrels per day (MBD) in 2025, likely exerting downward pressure on crude oil prices. We estimate that for every US1.0/bbl change in crude oil prices, PTT's core earnings could be impacted by approximately Bt596m, or 0.7% of our 2025 earnings projection.

OIL PRICE ASSUMPTION SENSITIVITY

		PTT	PTT				
2025 Dubai	PTTEP's		2025		PTT's 2025		
(US\$/bbl)	2025 Net	EPS	Target	Current PE	Net Profit	2025 Target	Current PE
Assumption	Profit (Btm)	(Bt/share)	Price (Bt)	2025 (x)	(Btm)	Price (Bt)	2025 (x)
60.00	44,530	11.2	113	11.5	72,980	33.7	12.7
65.00	49,205	12.4	125	10.4	75,962	34.5	12.2
70.00	53,880	13.6	137	9.5	78,944	35.4	11.8
75.00	58,555	14.7	148	8.7	81,926	36.2	11.3
80.00	63,230	15.9	160	8.1	84,909	37.0	10.9

Source: PTT, UOB Kay Hian

STOCK IMPACT

4Q24 core profit expected to recover. We anticipate a qoq recovery in 4Q24 core profit, supported by: a) a rebound in core profit from the exploration and production (E&P) business, driven by record-high sales and reduced unit costs, and b) an improvement in core profit from the refinery business, in line with GRM.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

• Earnings revision: None.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

Maintain BUY with a new SOTP-based target price of Bt37.00. We have revised our 2025 target price downward, reflecting prior adjustments to our earnings estimates and target price for TOP. In the oil & gas sector, we prefer Bangchak Corporation (BCP TB/Target: Bt45.00), and Indorama Ventures (IVL TB/Target: Bt32.0).

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE (ESG)

CG Report: 5

SET ESG Rating: AAA

Environmental

 a) Business growth: refining the energy investment portfolio with an emphasis on low carbon businesses, b) new growth: enhancing the profitability of the future energy & beyond segment to at least 30%, and c) clean growth: PTT targets to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040, with the ultimate aim of attaining net zero emissions by 2050.

Social

- PTT Group Innovation for Community Project. a) Smart farming: developed integrated models in 45 areas, across 29 provinces, b) smart marketing: developed 45 community products and six community-based tourism destinations, and c) community knowledge management.
- The Human Capital Index (HCI) has achieved its target of 80%.

Governance

- No cases of non-compliance with significant legal implications in operations.
- The assessment result for the National Anti-Corruption Commission's Integrity and Transparency Assessment (ITA) is PASSED, Good level.

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2025 ECONOMIC OUTLOOKS



Source: PTT, UOB Kay Hian

PTT GROUP GUIDANCE



Source: PTT, UOB Kay Hian

2025 PRODUCT PRICE OUTLOOK



Source: PTT, UOB Kay Hian

SOTP VALUATION

	Share	Fair Value	Value	Value	Methodology
	Holding	(Bt/share)	(Btm)	(Bt/share)	memodology
Gas Business (PTT's Operations)	100.0%		758,117	26.54	DCF @ WACC 7.5% G =1%
(-) Net Debt (PTT Only)			-218,661	-7.66	
1) PTT - Equity Value			539,456	18.89	
2) Associates and Subsidiaries					
PTTEP	63.8%	160.00	405,193	14.19	5-yrs regional forward PE mean of 10x
TOP	45.0%	40.00	40,236	1.41	finery regional core forward PE mean of 11x
IRPC	45.1%	1.90	17,491	0.61	Forward PBV -1.0 S.D. of 0.5x
PTTGC	45.2%	24.50	49,909	1.75	Forward 'PBV -2.0 S.D. of 0.41x
GPSC	47.3%	60.00	79,973	2.80	DCF Valuation
OR	75.0%	16.50	148,500	5.20	3-yrs forward PE at -1.0S.D. of 18x
3) Affiliates					
Others Affliates			40,281	1.41	
Total				46.25	
Discount to NAV (2021-2022)				-20%	
PIT'S IP (UOB Kay Hian)				37.00	

Source: PTT, UOB Kay Hian

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PROFIT & LOSS Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F	BALANCE SHEET Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net turnover	3,144,551	3,220,515	3,246,691	3,327,421	Fixed assets	1,541,209	1,618,020	1,684,403	1,768,266
EBITDA	442,938	403,867	392,949	398,837	Other LT assets	837,514	351,078	336,023	239,429
Deprec. & amort.	173,065	169,604	166,212	162,887	Cash/ST investment	417,134	455,540	522,315	595,973
EBIT	269,873	234,263	226,738	235,950	Other current assets	161,401	80,513	81,167	83,186
Associate contributions	3,013	3,085	3,110	3,188	Total assets	3,460,462	3,183,060	3,262,140	3,340,072
Net interest income/(expense)	-45,383	-46,573	-40,421	-36,346	ST debt	193,911	102,403	107,403	112,403
Pre-tax profit	236,593	200,207	189,427	202,792	Other current liabilities	151,415	225,436	227,268	232,919
Tax	-81,313	-60,062	-56,828	-60,837	LT debt	863,303	780,908	693,509	601,110
Minorities	-43,256	-45,419	-47,690	-50,075	Other LT liabilities	383,474	90,174	162,335	216,282
Net profit	112,024	94,726	84,909	91,879	Shareholders' equity	1,178,972	1,167,342	1,203,946	1,252,527
Net profit (adj.)	102,933	85,295	84,909	91,879	Total liabilities & equity	3,460,462	3,183,060	3,262,140	3,340,072
CASH FLOW Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F	KEY METRICS Year to 31 Dec (%)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Operating	382,045	322,713	342,857	300,566	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	236,593	200,207	189,427	202,792	EBITDA margin	14.1	12.5	12.1	12.0
Tax	-81,313	-60,062	-56,828	-60,837	Pre-tax margin	7.5	6.2	5.8	6.1
Deprec. & amort.	173,065	169,604	166,212	162,887	Net margin	3.6	2.9	2.6	2.8
Working capital changes	46,247	32,983	44,047	-4,276	ROA	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.3
Other operating cashflows	7,453	-20,018	0	0	ROE	11.2	9.5	8.4	8.9
Investing	-161,245	-53,278	-145,379	-96,209					
Investments	-189,315	-246,415	-232,595	-246,750	Growth				
Others	28,071	193,137	87,216	150,541	Turnover	-6.6	2.4	0.8	2.5
Financing	-142,159	-231,029	-130,704	-130,698	EBITDA	-7.8	-8.8	-2.7	1.5
Dividend payments	-62,368	-57,126	-48,305	-43,299	Pre-tax profit	11.3	-15.4	-5.4	7.1
Issue of shares	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Net profit	22.9	-15.4	-10.4	8.2
Proceeds from borrowings	-79,791	-173,903	-82,399	-87,399	Net profit (adj.)	-35.9	-17.1	-0.5	8.2
Net cash inflow (outflow)	78,641	38,406	66,775	73,659	EPS	-35.9	-17.1	-0.5	8.2
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	340,054	417,134	455,540	522,315					
Changes due to forex impact	-1,562	0	0	0	Leverage				
Ending cash & cash equivalent	417,134	455,540	522,315	595,973	Debt to total capital	65.1	52.3	45.2	38.1
					Debt to equity	89.7	75.7	66.5	57.0
					Net debt/(cash) to equity	54.3	36.6	23.1	9.4
					Interest cover (x)	9.8	8.7	9.7	11.0



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