CP Axtra

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# Led by operational improvement & synergy

In 4Q24TD, we estimate SSS growth at 3% YoY, slightly improving from 1.5-2.3% YoY in 3Q24, boosted by more fresh food and omnichannel sales plus better consumption sentiment. We expect 4Q24F to be this year's high, up YoY on better sales and margin and QoQ on seasonality. We expect synergy from the amalgamation to start in 4Q24F, growing stronger in 2025-27F. CPAXT is trading at 28x 2025PE, above its peers at 23x 2025PE, reflecting its status as the sector's lead in 2025F growth (+19% YoY vs +15% YoY for peers on average). We stay Outperform with a mid-2025 DCF TP of Bt41 (WACC of 7.1%, LT growth of 2.5%).

**Stronger sales in 4Q24TD.** <u>SSS</u>. In 4Q24TD, we estimate SSS growth at 3% YoY on average in the B2B and B2C units, up from 1.5% YoY in B2B and 2.3% YoY in B2C in 3Q24, led by a structural change involving adding fresh food and omnichannel sales in both B2B and B2C units, better sentiment, and a small boost from stimulus. The government started handing out Bt10,000 cash to 14.5mn vulnerable persons on Sep 25-30 and we believe there gave a small boost to SSS growth YoY in 4Q24 (the first week of October), similar to 3Q24 (the last week of September). <u>Store/mall expansion and adjustment</u>. In 4Q24F, CPAXT plans to open three new B2B stores (two in Thailand and one overseas) and 69 B2C stores in Thailand and Malaysia (a hypermarket, three supermarkets and 65 Lotus's Go Fresh stores). In Malaysia, it plans to continue to adjust B2C stores in some locations, from a current focus on the middle-income mass market to a greater lean to the lower and upper end markets to enable better sales and margin, as seen in 9M24. At its malls, it aims to add 210K sqm in net leasable area to reach 1mn sqm within 2028F (+25% from 2023) via mall extension and improvement.

**Better margin ahead.** Its EBIT margin is set to widen YoY further on 1) more highmargin products, i.e. fresh food and house brand products at both B2B and B2C units; 2) good control of SG&A/sales, with lower expenses on earlier closure of non-performing small B2C stores and a slower rise in omnichannel expenses than in sales in the B2B unit in 4Q24F, and the end of high distribution center costs in the B2B unit after the completion of transitioning to a new center in early 2025F.

**Synergy coming from 4Q24-2027.** After the completion of amalgamation of B2B and B2C units in September, CPAXT expects synergy to begin with employee cost savings in 4Q24 (after booking Bt200mn one-off employee expenses from amalgamation in 3Q24), followed by synergy on trade (i.e. pricing alignment from product cost selling and change to joint purchasing for direct product sourcing) within the next 3-9 months and non-trade (i.e. back-office cost savings in IT, supply chain via distribution centers and fleet management, housekeepers and security guards) within the next 12-18 months. It targets Bt5bn in synergy from amalgamation in 4Q24-2027: Bt2.5bn (50%) from sales and margin improvement and Bt2.5bn from capex reduction. We conservatively factor in synergy of Bt1.7bn on the P&L post amalgamation in 4Q24-2027 (below its target), translating into 3-4% p.a. core earnings growth, included in our 2025-27 forecasts.

**Key risks** are changes in government policies and purchasing power. Key ESG risks are energy & waste management, sustainable products (E) and product quality management, labor practices and data privacy (S).

# **Forecasts and valuation**

Year to 31 Dec	Unit	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Revenue	(Btmn)	466,082	486,472	514,403	537,278	560,946
EBITDA	(Btmn)	34,252	33,986	38,827	41,716	44,681
Core profit	(Btmn)	7,922	8,777	10,901	12,874	15,067
Reported profit	(Btmn)	7,697	8,640	10,443	12,874	15,067
Core EPS	(Bt)	0.75	0.83	1.03	1.23	1.44
DPS	(Bt)	0.51	0.57	0.50	0.62	0.72
P/E, core	(x)	45.7	41.3	33.1	27.7	23.7
EPS growth, core	(%)	(39.9)	10.8	24.6	19.4	17.0
P/BV, core	(x)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
ROE	(%)	2.7	3.0	3.7	4.3	4.9
Dividend yield	(%)	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.8	2.1
EV/EBITDA	(x)	14.1	14.1	12.4	11.2	10.3
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Source: InnovestX Research

# Tactical: OUTPERFORM (3-month)

# Stock data

Stock data	
Last close (Nov 26) (Bt)	34.25
Target price (Bt)	41.00
Mkt cap (Btbn)	357.15
12-m high / low (Bt)	35.3 / 31.3
Avg. daily 6m (US\$mn)	7.40
Foreign limit / actual (%)	49 / 2
Free float (%)	15.3
Outstanding Short Position (%)	0.06

Share price performance								
(%)	1M	3M	12M					
Absolute	2.2	7.9	22.3					
Relative to SET	4.0	2.3	18.5					

INVX core earnings vs consensus							
Earnings vs consensus	2024F	2025F					
Consensus (Bt mn)	10,377	12,177					
INVX vs Consensus (%)	5.1	5.7					

Earnings momentum	YoY	QoQ
INVX 4Q24F core earnings	Up	Up

# 2023 Sustainability/2022 ESG Score SET ESG Ratings AAA

<b>Bloomberg ESG Score and Rar</b>	nk in the s	ector
ESG Score and Rank	4.03	6/33
Environmental Score and Rank	4.34	4/33
Social Score and Rank	4.01	8/33
Governance Score and Rank	3.75	10/33

Source: SET, InnovestX Research, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

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# Value proposition

CP Axtra PCL (CPAXT), renamed from Siam Makro PCL (MAKRO) in June 2023, is a membership-based cash & carry trade center registered under the "Makro" banner in Thailand, Cambodia, and Myanmar and "LOTS Wholesale Solutions" in India, to sell groceries and consumer products and engage in the import, export and distribution of frozen and chilled food products as well as provide storage and delivery services for the food service business.

After the Oct 25, 2021 completion of the EBT via offering new CPAXT shares to Lotus's shareholders in exchange for Lotus's business, CPAXT holds 99.99% in CPRD, which holds: 1) 99.9% in Lotus's Stores (Thailand), which holds 99.9% of Ek-Chai, which operates a retail business under the name Lotus's in Thailand; 2) 100% of Lotus's Stores (Malaysia), which operates a retail business under the name Lotus's in Malaysia.

#### **Business outlook**

In 2024, CPAXT targets total sales to grow in the high single digits YoY. In the retail unit, it plans to improve sales via SSS growth and store expansion, with a focus on raising the proportion of fresh food and O2O sales. In 2024, it plans to add ten B2B stores (eight in Thailand and two overseas) and more than 100 B2C stores (a hypermarket, four supermarkets and 100 Lotus' Go Fresh stores). For the mall unit, it plans to both expand and improve malls and targets occupancy rate at 96-97% at end-2024 from 95% at end-2023, with higher rental rate from tenant mix adjustment. Its 2024 capex budget is Bt13bn, flat YoY.

In 2024, CPAXT targets a 50bps widening in gross margin in the B2C unit and 20bps in the B2B unit via offering more high-margin fresh food products with a wider product assortment plus synergy from fully integrated global sourcing for the B2B and B2C units and manageable market competition. It targets a reduction in SG&A/sales for B2C, with high IT and store adjustment expenses booked earlier and benefit from earlier closure of non-performing small stores in Thailand, but SG&A/sales for the B2B unit will be higher by more O2O investment.

To leverage synergy for the B2B and B2C units and enhance management flexibility, CPAXT started an internal business restructuring plan in mid-February with the amalgamation of the B2B and B2C units completing at the end of September. CPAXT targets synergy of Bt5n in 4Q24-2027: 50% will come from sales and margin improvement and the rest from capex reduction. We have factored in Bt1.7bn on the P&L for synergy post amalgamation in 4Q24-2027 (below its target of Bt2.5bn).

In the medium to long term, CPAXT's strategies are to build a fresh food-focused omnichannel retail platform in South and Southeast Asia, targeting fresh food sales contribution to total sales at 40-50% (vs 34% in 2023). It aims to raise high-margin house brand sales to total sales from 15% (17% from B2B and 11% in B2C) in 2023 to 25% in 2028F. It also plans to extend its leadership position in online sales, targeting a jump in online sales to total sales to 25% in 2028F (vs 13% in 2023 and 17% in 9M24). Its mall transformation plan targets the addition of 210K sqm in net leasable area to reach 1mn sqm within 2028F (+25% from 2023) via mall extension and improvement.

Ι	Bearish views
<ol> <li>Better sentiment and purchasing power boosted by government stimulus</li> </ol>	1. Weak purchasing power from a fragile economy
2. Rental income to recover from higher rental and	2. Fragile purchasing power delays the return of rental rate to
occupancy rates as the economy gradually revives	pre-COVID level
3. More local and international travel will support SSS	3. Slow return in Chinese tourists to pre-COVID level would
Key catalysts	delay the return of SSS

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Factor	Event	Impact	Comment
4Q24F core earnings	Better sales and margin	Up YoY and QoQ	We expect 4Q24F to be this year's high, up QoQ on seasonality and YoY on better sales and EBIT margin, with some synergy on employee cost savings (after booking Bt200mn one-off employee expenses from amalgamation in 3Q24) starting to be seen.
Business synergy in 4Q24-2027F	Better sales & margin post amalgamation	Business synergy in 4Q24-27F	We factor in P&L business synergy post amalgamation of Bt1.7bn in 4Q24-27F (below its target of Bt2.5bn).

Factor	Earnings impact	TP impact
1% change in SSS in B2B & B2C units	1% and 1%	Bt0.5/sh.

Sonsitivity Analysis

### Our view on ESG

Key ESG risks are energy & waste management, sustainable products (E) and product quality management, labor practices and data privacy (S). On environment issue, CPAXT showed its long-term commitment on climate resilience policy (net zero target) similar to other sector's leaders, but it had the absence of short-term target to track the progress. It also provides medium-term target with progress on waste management and sustainable products. On social issue, we view CPAXT's commitment and progress in product quality management is in the leading position compared to peers, with positive development on its employee turnover rate YoY in 2023.

#### **ESG Ratings and Indices**

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Bloomberg ESG Financial Materiality Score	4.03 (2022)		CG Rating	DJSI	SETESG	SET ESG Ratings	
Rank in Sector	6/33	CPAXT	5	No	No	AAA	
		Source: The	ai Institute of Direc	ctors and	SET		
Environmental Issue (E)		Social Is	ssue (S)				
<ul> <li>CPAXT has committed to being carbon 2030 with net zero GHG emissions by 24 45% will be contributed by impro efficiency, followed by 25% renewable green refrigerant, 10% electric vehicle, absorption and 5% carbon credit.</li> <li>By 2030, it targets 100% food waste to lar</li> </ul>	050. Of this, ved energy energy, 10% 5% carbon	to ge 2023 educ • By 2 volur	enerate inco 3), with 15 ation and up 030, CPAXT	me for 0,000 skilling aims B2C p	the comm people to achieve products &	0,000 jobs supported nunity (vs 262,696 in supported through e 70% of total sales services to promote	
in 2023), 100% drop in water withdrawals from 2020.	per revenue	• By 20 learn	030, it aims t ing and initia	o have atives (	100% of e vs 100% ei	mployees engaged in nployees trained and	
<ul> <li>By 2030, it targets 100% use of sustainable</li> <li>CPAXT showed its long-term commitmer</li> </ul>	1 0 0		loped in 202 (vs 88% in 20		d all stakeh	older engagement of	

In 2023, the portion of its female employees was 59% (unchanged vs 2022) and employee turnover was 32% (vs 42% in 2022).
In 2023, it had customer data protection policy.

#### Governance Issue (G)

- In 2023, CPAXT's board of directors consists of 15 directors. Of total, two were female number (13% of the entire board), 5 were independent directors (33% of the entire board), and 13 were non-executive directors (87% of the entire board). We view its board consists of high expertise and experience persons in the business, but lack of gender diversity might result in the lack of perspective variety in strategic decision.
- In 2023, its chairman of board was not the highestranking executive, showing independency in board structure.
- In 2023, the number of board of directors meeting was 10 times and the number of audit committee meeting was 9 times. Its regular meetings help it to enhance effectiveness in overseeing business management.
- On shareholder rights, we view its free float at 15% (even up from 13.5% since late 2022) is the sector's lowest vs peers under our coverage.

#### ESG Financial Materiality Score and Disclosure

turnover rate YoY in 2023.

We view CPAXT's commitment and progress in product quality management is in the leading position compared to peers. Regarding on employment practices, we observed the positive development on its employee

	2022	2023
ESG Financial Materiality Score	4.03	—
Environment Financial Materiality Score	4.34	_
GHG Scope 1 ('000 metric tonnes)	147	175
GHG Scope 2 Location-Based ('000 metric tonnes)	645	650
GHG Scope 3 ('000 metric tonnes)	6,876	7,818
Total Energy Consumption ('000 MWh)	1,359	1,575
Renewable Energy Use ('000 MWh)	9	13
Total Waste ('000 metric tonnes)	131	158
Waste Recycled ('000 metric tonnes)	91	117
Social Financial Materiality Score	4.01	_
Quality Assurance and Recall Policy	No	No
Consumer Data Protection Policy	Yes	Yes
Community Spending (millions)	35	23
Women in Workforce (%)	59	59
Employee Turnover (%)	43	32
Employee Training (hours)	2,305,950	3,057,710
Governance Financial Materiality Score	3.75	_
Company Conducts Board Evaluations	Yes	Yes
Board Size (persons)	15	15
Number of Non Executive Directors on Board (persons)	13	14
Number of Board Meetings for the Year (times)	7	10
Number of Women on Board (persons)	2	2
Number of Independent Directors (persons)	5	5
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.		

#### Disclaimer

Bloomberg ESG Scores rate companies on their level of management of financially material industry-specific ESG issues. Bloomberg offers four financially material scores, for overall ESG, as well as Environmental, Social, and Governance. Values range from 0 to 10; 10 is best. To review the fully transparent methodology, see ESG Financial Materiality Score Model in Bloomberg.



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# **Financial statement**

# **Profit and Loss Statement**

FY December 31	Unit	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Total revenue	(Btmn)	206,180	218,259	265,398	466,082	486,472	514,403	537,278	560,946
Cost of goods sold	(Btmn)	(185,012)	(192,072)	(229,384)	(389,588)	(408,274)	(431,123)	(449,760)	(469,006)
Gross profit	(Btmn)	21,168	26,186	36,014	76,494	78,198	83,280	87,518	91,940
SG&A	(Btmn)	(17,390)	(17,731)	(26,293)	(62,842)	(64,929)	(68,263)	(70,668)	(73,229)
Other income	(Btmn)	4,447	502	970	3,050	3,105	4,818	5,040	5,270
Interest expense	(Btmn)	(310)	(619)	(1,557)	(6,897)	(5,923)	(5,753)	(5,703)	(5,611)
Pre-tax profit	(Btmn)	7,915	8,337	9,134	9,804	10,451	14,081	16,187	18,371
Corporate tax	(Btmn)	(1,710)	(1,813)	(2,128)	(2,729)	(2,460)	(3,875)	(4,065)	(4,116)
Equity a/c profits	(Btmn)	0	0	149	831	746	695	751	813
Minority interests	(Btmn)	60	39	14	15	41	0	0	0
Core profit	(Btmn)	6,265	6,563	7,169	7,922	8,777	10,901	12,874	15,067
Extra-ordinary items	(Btmn)	(20)	0	6,517	(225)	(137)	(458)	0	0
Net Profit	(Btmn)	6,245	6,563	13,687	7,697	8,640	10,443	12,874	15,067
EBITDA	(Btmn)	10,948	12,534	16,819	34,252	33,986	38,827	41,716	44,681
Core EPS (Bt)	(Btmn)	1.31	1.37	1.25	0.75	0.83	1.03	1.23	1.44
Net EPS (Bt)	(Bt)	1.30	1.37	2.38	0.73	0.82	0.99	1.23	1.44
DPS (Bt)	(Bt)	0.96	1.00	0.72	0.51	0.57	0.50	0.62	0.72

#### **Balance Sheet (Btmn)**

FY December 31	Unit	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Total current assets	(Btmn)	23,333	28,251	110,000	87,355	76,739	95,099	100,791	107,971
Total fixed assets	(Btmn)	39,308	131,336	459,490	461,288	463,632	465,734	467,437	468,730
Total assets	(Btmn)	62,641	159,587	569,490	548,643	540,371	560,832	568,228	576,702
Total loans	(Btmn)	8,487	16,170	184,293	160,653	147,925	155,622	155,622 150,622	
Total current liabilities	(Btmn)	32,749	40,475	118,395	90,763	118,150	101,568	105,704	109,979
Total long-term liabilities	(Btmn)	9,158	10,848	162,597	166,949	128,749	161,358	156,908	152,477
Total liabilities	(Btmn)	41,907	51,324	280,992	257,713	246,899	262,926	262,613	262,456
Paid-up capital	(Btmn)	2,400	2,400	5,290	5,290	5,290	5,290	5,290	5,290
Total equity	(Btmn)	20,734	108,263	288,498	290,931	293,473	297,907	305,615	314,246
BVPS (Bt)	(Bt)	4.22	4.63	27.22	27.44	27.69	28.21	29.25	30.08

#### **Cash Flow Statement (Btmn)**

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FY December 31	Unit	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Core Profit	(Btmn)	6,265	6,563	7,169	7,922	8,777	10,901	12,874	15,067
Depreciation and amortization	(Btmn)	2,723	3,577	6,128	17,551	17,612	18,993	19,826	20,699
Operating cash flow	(Btmn)	10,270	13,353	16,769	22,014			34,549	37,663
Investing cash flow	(Btmn)	(3,130)	(2,288)	14,966	(17,164)	(14,239)	(21,081)	(21,530)	(21,993)
Financing cash flow	(Btmn)	(7,402)	(5,413)	26,461	(32,955)	(28,552)	1,687	(10,165)	(11,437)
Net cash flow	(Btmn)	(262)	5,653	58,195	(28,105)	(7,928)	4,453	2,854	4,234

#### **Key Financial Ratios**

FY December 31	Unit	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Gross margin	(%)	10.3	12.0	13.6	16.4	16.1	16.2	16.3	16.4
Operating margin	(%)	1.8	3.9	3.7	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.3
EBITDA margin	(%)	5.3	5.7	6.3	7.3	7.0	7.5	7.8	8.0
EBIT margin	(%)	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.3
Net profit margin	(%)	3.0	3.0	5.2	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.7
ROE	(%)	32.1	30.9	4.6	2.7	3.0	3.7	4.3	4.9
ROA	(%)	10.0	5.9	2.0	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.6
Net D/E	(x)	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Interest coverage	(x)	35.3	20.2	10.8	5.0	5.7	6.7	7.3	8.0
Debt service coverage	(x)	8.8	1.7	0.5	2.9	0.9	3.1	3.4	3.7
Payout Ratio	(%)	73.8	73.1	38.8	70.1	69.8	50.0	50.0	50.0

#### **Main Assumptions** FY December 31 Unit 2024F 2026F 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2025F SSS growth (%) - B2B (%) 6.3 1.9 2.5 6.8 5.3 2.1 3.0 3.0 (Stores) 140 149 No. of stores, ending - B2B 162 168 172 180 188 144 (6.3) 3.0 SSS growth (%) -B2C TH (%) (2.5) (6.4) 0.2 2.1 3.9 3.0 No. of stores, ending - B2C TH (Stores) 1,988 2,094 2,618 2,578 2,454 2,441 2,496 2,551 SSS growth (%) -B2C MY (%) 2.2 0.7 (2.2) (1.8) (2.5) 3.8 3.0 3.0 No. of stores, ending - B2C MY (Stores) 69 62 62 65 68 71 76 81



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### **Profit and Loss Statement**

FY December 31	Unit	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24
Total revenue	(Btmn)	122,409	119,089	120,909	118,837	127,637	126,157	126,223	123,727
Cost of goods sold	(Btmn)	(101,969)	(99,615)	(101,908)	(99,906)	(106,844)	(105,703)	(105,907)	(103,355)
Gross profit	(Btmn)	20,440	19,473	19,001	18,930	20,793	20,454	20,316	20,371
SG&A	(Btmn)	(16,215)	(16,106)	(16,306)	(16,224)	(16,292)	(16,838)	(16,919)	(16,883)
Other income	(Btmn)	1,075	761	703	665	976	863	733	714
Interest expense	(Btmn)	(1,979)	(1,684)	(1,385)	(1,403)	(1,451)	(1,414)	(1,449)	(1,434)
Pre-tax profit	(Btmn)	3,320	2,444	2,013	1,968	4,025	3,065	2,681	2,769
Corporate tax	(Btmn)	(810)	(573)	(527)	(448)	(912)	(765)	(663)	(536)
Equity a/c profits	(Btmn)	175	193	201	185	168	174	149	173
Minority interests	(Btmn)	11	15	14	11	1	7	9	4
Core profit	(Btmn)	2,696	2,079	1,701	1,716	3,282	2,481	2,176	2,410
Extra-ordinary items	(Btmn)	(225)	87	(185)	(39)	0	0	0	(458)
Net Profit	(Btmn)	2,471	2,166	1,516	1,677	3,282	2,481	2,176	1,952
EBITDA	(Btmn)	9,360	8,063	7,366	7,363	9,442	8,383	7,962	8,141
Core EPS (Bt)	(Btmn)	0.25	0.20	0.16	0.16	0.31	0.23	0.21	0.23
Net EPS (Bt)	(Bt)	0.23	0.20	0.14	0.16	0.31	0.23	0.21	0.18

# **Balance Sheet (Btmn)**

FY December 31	Unit	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24
Total current assets	(Btmn)	87,355	61,841	57,630	63,160	76,739	70,574	66,237	64,190
Total fixed assets	(Btmn)	461,288	461,079	461,947	462,250	463,632	467,085	467,674	467,618
Total assets	(Btmn)	548,643	522,920	519,577	525,410	540,371	537,660	533,912	531,808
Total loans	(Btmn)	137,187	145,314	151,583	150,731	147,925	149,564	155,608	151,111
Total current liabilities	(Btmn)	90,763	97,389	101,285	92,289	118,150	126,651	112,660	111,888
Total long-term liabilities	(Btmn)	166,949	132,716	127,381	142,276	128,749	118,630	126,476	125,632
Total liabilities	(Btmn)	257,713	230,105	228,666	234,564	246,899	245,282	239,136	237,519
Paid-up capital	(Btmn)	5,290	5,290	5,290	5,290	5,290	5,290	5,290	5,290
Total equity	(Btmn)	290,931	292,814	290,911	290,845	293,473	292,378	294,776	294,289
BVPS (Bt)	(Bt)	27.44	27.62	27.44	27.43	27.69	27.58	27.81	27.77

# Cash Flow Statement (Btmn)

FY December 31	Unit	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24
Core Profit	(Btmn)	2,471	2,166	1,516	1,677	3,282	2,481	2,176	1,952
Depreciation and amortization	(Btmn)	4,462	4,345	4,404	4,444	4,419	4,360	4,277	4,444
Operating cash flow	(Btmn)	16,853	(704)	2,264	13,374	19,929	(879)	(703)	11,066
Investing cash flow	(Btmn)	(4,554)	(3,942)	(3,011)	(2,770)	(4,516)	(6,156)	(3,318)	(3,008)
Financing cash flow	(Btmn)	174	(19,494)	(1,642)	(4,656)	(2,760)	(1,230)	240	(7,957)
Net cash flow	(Btmn)	12,473	(24,139)	(2,389)	5,947	12,653	(8,265)	(3,781)	102

# **Key Financial Ratios**

FY December 31	Unit	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24
Gross margin	(%)	16.7	16.4	15.7	15.9	16.3	16.2	16.1	16.5
Operating margin	(%)	3.5	2.8	2.2	2.3	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.8
EBITDA margin	(%)	7.6	6.8	6.1	6.2	7.4	6.6	6.3	6.6
EBIT margin	(%)	4.3	3.5	2.8	2.8	4.3	3.6	3.3	3.4
Net profit margin	(%)	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.4	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.6
ROE	(%)	3.7	2.9	2.3	2.4	4.5	3.4	3.0	3.3
ROA	(%)	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.3	2.5	1.8	1.6	1.8
Net D/E	(x)	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Interest coverage	(x)	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.2	6.5	5.9	5.5	5.7
Debt service coverage	(x)	2.4	2.8	1.0	0.7	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.7

#### Main Assumptions FY December 31 SSS growth (%) - B2B 4Q22 Unit 1Q23 2Q23 3Q23 4Q23 1Q24 1.7 168 3.4 169 (%) 9.6 10.9 6.0 3.2 100 100 100 16 /

No. of stores, ending - B2B	(Stores)	162	163	163	164	168	169	170	172
SSS growth (%) -B2C TH	(%)	2.4	0.8	(0.9)	2.5	5.8	6.9	3.6	2.4
No. of stores, ending - B2C TH	(Stores)	2,578	2,589	2,499	2,459	2,454	2,448	2,451	2,429
SSS growth (%) -B2C MY	(%)	(2.4)	(0.9)	(12.2)	0.6	3.6	8.4	3.1	1.7
No. of stores, ending - B2C MY	(Stores)	65	65	66	66	68	69	69	69

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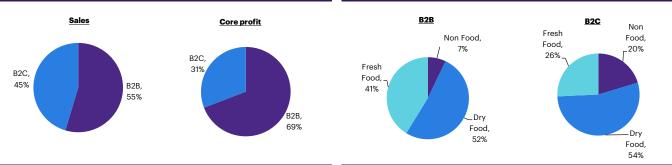
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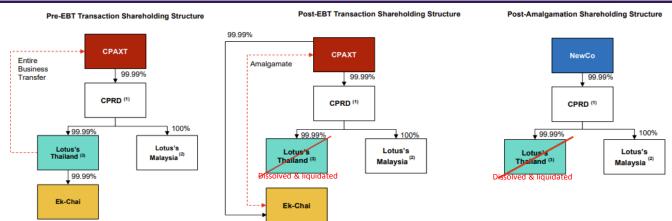
Figure 1: Sales and core profit contribution by business in Figure 2: Sales mix breakdown by business in 2023



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#### Figure 3: Shareholding structure pre and post EBT and amalgamation transactions



Source: Company data and InnovestX Research

# Figure 4: Timeline related to CPAXT's EBT and amalgamation transactions

Timeline	Details
Feb 29, 2024	Record date for AGM
Mar 29, 2024	CPAXT's AGM to consider and approve EBT and amalgamation
Early Apr 2024	EBT closing
Early Apr-Mid Jun 2024	Notification of the amalgamation to CPAXT and Ek-Chai creditors
Late Jun-Early Jul 2024	Purchaser makes an offer to purchase the shares from dissenting shareholders
Early Aug 2024	CPAXT and Ek-Chai boards meet to call for a joint shareholders meeting
Late Sep-Early Oct 2024	Joint shareholders meeting for CPAXT and Ek-Chai and amalgamation date
Oct 3, 2024	Shares of NewCo traded in the SET

#### Figure 5: Proforma financial highlights pre and post EBT and amalgamation transactions

	CPAXT (Pre-transaction)			CAPXT (Po	st-transaction	; NewCo)	Change (%) (Post/Pre)			
	2022	2023	1H24	2022	2023	1H24	2022	2023	1H24	
Total revenue (Bt mn)	469,131	489,949	253,976	469,131	489,949	253,976	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Net profit (Bt mn)	7,697	8,640	4,657	7,697	8,645	4,677	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	
No. of shares (mn shares)	10,580	10,580	10,580	10,428	10,428	10,428	-1.4%	-1.4%	-1.4%	
EPS (Bt/share)	0.73	0.82	0.44	0.74	0.83	0.45	1.7%	1.6%	2.2%	
Total assets (Bt mn)	548,643	540,371	533,912	548,643	540,371	533,932	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Total liabilities (Bt mn)	257,712	246,894	239,136	257,712	246,894	239,136	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Total equity (Bt mn)	290,931	293,477	294,776	290,931	293,477	294,796	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

Source: Company data and InnovestX Research (Note\* Par value for CPAXT's share is Bt0.5/share and par value for NewCo's share is Bt1/share)

# Figure 6: Valuation summary (price as of Nov 26, 2024)

	Rating	Price	Target	ETR	P/E (x) EPS growt		rowth	(%) P/BV (x)			)	ROE (%)			Div. Yield (%)			EV/EBITDA (x)			
		(Bt/Sh)	(Bt/Sh)	(%)	23A 24F	25F	23A	24F	25F	23A	24F	25F	23A 2	24F :	25F	23A	24F	25F	23A	24F	25F
BJC	Neutral	23.10	27.5	22.0	19.2 20.2	17.9	(2)	(5)	13	0.7	0.7	0.7	4	4	4	3.5	3.0	3.4	12.2	11.4	10.8
CPALL	Outperform	62.25	81.0	32.3	31.4 22.9	19.7	41	37	16	5.0	4.4	3.9	17	21	21	1.6	2.2	2.6	11.6	10.2	9.3
CPAXT	Outperform	34.25	41.0	21.2	41.3 33.1	27.7	11	25	19	1.2	1.2	1.2	3	4	4	1.7	1.4	1.8	14.1	12.4	11.2
CRC	Outperform	34.50	39.0	14.7	26.1 24.2	21.6	14	8	12	3.1	2.9	2.7	12	12	12	1.6	1.7	1.9	10.3	9.7	9.1
GLOBAL	Outperform	15.70	18.5	18.9	30.5 33.7	29.0	(27)	(10)	16	3.5	3.3	3.1	12	10	11	1.1	1.0	1.2	19.8	21.5	19.3
HMPRO	Outperform	9.65	13.0	38.6	19.7 19.6	17.6	4	0	12	5.0	4.7	4.4	26	25	26	4.1	3.9	4.0	12.1	11.9	10.8
Average					28.0 25.6	22.2	7	9	15	3.1	2.9	2.6	12	12	13	2.3	2.2	2.5	13.3	12.8	11.8

Source: InnovestX Research



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ACE, ALT, AMARIN, AMC, ANI, APCO, ASAP, B52, BLAND, BYD, CFARM, CHASE, CHG, DEXON, DITTO, ECL, EVER, FLOYD, GREEN, HL, HUMAN, ICN, IHL, IP, ITC, JDF, JMART, K, KJL, LDC, LIT, MITSIB, MJD, MOSHI, NEX, NTSC, PLE, PLUS, POLY, PQS, PRI, PRIME, PROEN, PROUD, PTC, RT, S, SAWAD, SCAP, SCGD, SFT, SHR, SINGER, SINO, SJWD, SKE, SNNP, SOLAR, SONIC, SUPER, TBN, TMI, TPAC, TPP, TQM, UOBKH, UREKA, VNG, WELL, WIN, XPG

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24CS, 3K-BAT, A, A5, AAV, ABM, ACAP, ACC, ACG, ADD, ADVICE, AEONTS, AFC, AGE, AHC, AIT, AJA, AKR, AKS, ALLA, ALPHAX, ALUCON, AMARC, AMR, ANAN, AOT, APO, APP, APURE, AQUA, ARIN, ARIP, ARROW, ASEFA, ASIA, ASIMAR, ASN, ATP3O, AU, AUCT, AURA, BA, BBIK, BC, BCT, BDMS, BEAUTY, BEM, BGT, BH, BIG, BIOTEC, BIS, BIZ, BJCH, BJCHI, BKD, BKGI, BKIH, BLC, BLESS, BLISS, BM, BOL, BPS, BR, BROCK, BSM, BSRC, BTC, BTNC, BTW, BUI, BVG, CCET, CCP, CEYE, CGD, CH, CHAO, CHARAN, CHAYO, CHIC, CHO, CITY, CIVIL, CK, CKP, CMAN, CMO, CMR, CNT, COCOCO, COLOR, COMAN, CPANEL, CPH, CPR, CPT, CRANE, CRD, CREDIT, CSP, CSR, CSS, CTW, CWT, D, DCON, DDD, DHOUSE, DOD, DPAINT, DTCENT, DTCI, DV8, EASON, EE, EFORL, EKH, EMC, ESTAR, ETL, EURO, F&D, FANCY, FE, FM, FMT, FN, FORTH, FTI, FVC, GABLE, GENCO, GFC, GIFT, GL, GLAND, GLOCON, GLORY, GRAMMY, GRAND, GSC, GTB, GTV, GYT, HFT, HPT, HTECH, HYDRO, 12, IIG, IMH, IND, INGRS, INSET, IRC, IRCP, IROYAL, IT, ITD, ITNS, ITTHI, J, JAK, JCK, JCKH, JCT, JKN, JMT, JPARK, JSP, JUBILE, KAMART, KBS, KC, KCG, KCM, KDH, KEX, KIAT, KISS, KK, KKC, KLINIQ, KOOL, KTIS, KTMS, KUMWEL, KUN, KWC, KWI, KWM, KYE, LALIN, LEE, LEO, LOXLEY, LPH, LST, LTS, MAGURO, MANRIN, MASTER, MATI, MCA, M-CHAI, MCS, MDX, MEB, MEDEZE, METCO, MGC, MGI, MGT, MICRO, MIDA, MK, ML, MORE, MPJ, MST, MTW, MUD, MVP, NAM, NAT, NC, NCH, NCL, NCP, NDR, NEO, NETBAY, NEW, NEWS, NFC, NL, NNCL, NOK, NOVA, NPK, NSL, NTV, NUSA, NV, NVD, NWR, NYT, OHTL, OKJ, ONEE, ORN, PACO, PAF, PANEL, PCC, PCE, PEACE, PEER, PERM, PF, PHG, PICO, PIN, PJW, PLT, PMC, PMTA, POLAR, PORT, PPM, PRAKIT, PRAPAT, PRECHA, PRIN, PRO, PSG, PSP, PTL, QTCG, RAM, RCL, READY, RICHY, RJH, ROCK, ROCTEC, ROH, ROJNA, RP, RPC, RPH, RSP, S11, SABUY, SAF, SAFARI, SAFE, SALEE, SAM, SAMART, SAMCO, SAMTEL, SANKO, SAUCE, SAV, SAWANG, SBNEXT, SCI, SCL, SCP, SDC, SE, SEAFCO, SECURE, SEI, SGF, SHANG, SIAM, SICT, SIMAT, SISB, SK, SKN, SKY, SLP, SMART, SMD100, SMT, SO, SPA, SPCG, SPG, SPREME, SPVI, SQ, SR, SRS, SSC, STANLY, STC, STECH, STECON, STHAI, STI, STP, STPI, STX, SUC, SUN, SUTHA, SVR, SWC, SYNEX, TACC, TAN, TAPAC, TATG, TC, TCC, TCJ, TCMC, TCOAT, TEAM, TEAMG, TEKA, TERA, TFM, TGPRO, TH, THAI, THANA, THE, THG, THMUI, TIGER, TITLE, TK, TKC, TLI, TM, TMAN, TMC, TMW, TNDT, TNH, TNPC, TOA, TPBI, TPCH, TPIPL, TPIPP, TPL, TPOLY, TPS, TQR, TR, TRC, TRITN, TRP, TRUBB, TRV, TSE, TTA, TTI, TTT, TTW, TVH, TVT, TWP, TWZ, TYCN, UAC, UBA, UBE, UMI, UMS, UNIQ, UP, UPOIC, UTP, UVAN, VARO, VL, VPO, VRANDA, W, WARRIX, WAVE, WFX, WGE, WINDOW, WINMED, WINNER, WORK, WP, YGG, YONG, ZAA, ZIGA

#### Explanations

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