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Top Story

CP ALL (CPALL TB, BUY, TP: THB75.00)

Weak 1Q21 Results; Keep BUY

Company Update

Keep BUY with new DCF-based TP to THB75.00 from THB77.00, 23% upside and c.2% yield. CP ALL posted sluggish 1Q21 results on weak convenience store (CVS) operations and share of profits from Tesco Asia, as well as higher interest expense. 2Q21F earnings should slightly improve YoY, with a stronger momentum over 2H. We lower our forecasts and expect a modest 5% profit growth this year. Improving Tesco Asia performance post-transition period may strengthen equity profits and long-term earnings growth outlook.

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Other Story

PTT Global Chemical (PTTGC TB, BUY, TP: THB76.00)

Heading For a Rousing 1H21F; U/G To BUY

Results Review

Upgrade to BUY from Neutral with new THB76.00 TP from THB63.00, 13% upside and c.5% yield. PTT Global Chemical's stellar 1Q21 results trounced our estimates on stronger-than-expected chemical spreads, which drove particularly stronger contributions by its olefins and performance materials segments. A bumper 1H21 showing should anchor 2021F's leap in earnings and market sentiment on the stock, despite 2H21 anticipated to be relatively subdued on tapering margins and plant downtime.

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Chart 1: SET intra-day graph


SET	2018	2019	2020	2021F
PE (x)	16.23	18.10	26.21	36.26
P/BV (x)	1.74	1.70	1.62	1.79
Yield (%)	3.35	3.26	2.75	2.33

SET Value by investor Type: Daily	Buy (THBm)	Sell (THBm)	Net (THBm)
Institution	6,734.95	10,109.83	-3,374.88
Proprietary	10,911.74	10,790.36	121.39
Foreign	41,674.81	44,931.05	-3,256.24
Retail	57,839.09	51,329.36	6,509.73

SET Value by investor Type	MTD (THBm)	YTD (THBm)
Institution	-8,886.22	-45,884.81
Proprietary	-2,346.27	1,132.80
Foreign	-14,528.23	-47,556.78
Retail	25,760.72	92,308.77

SET50 Index Future	Long	Short	Net	MTD	YTD
Institution	53,200	48,346	4,854	15,244	50,988
Foreign	74,066	104,594	-30,528	16,735	-5,082
Local	144,847	119,173	25,674	-31,979	-45,906

Note: *As at 12 May 2021 closing

Table 1: Key market indices (13 May 2021)

	Index	Chg	% Chg
SET	1571.85	-7.08	-0.45
SET50	952.55	-4.42	-0.46
SET100	2163.29	-8.67	-0.40
Dow Jones	33587.66	-681.50	-1.99
Nasdaq	13031.68	-357.75	-2.67
S&P500	4063.04	-89.06	-2.14
FTSE	7004.63	+56.64	+0.82
FSSTI	3123.26	-21.04	-0.67
Hang Seng	28231.04	+217.23	+0.78
Nikkei	28147.51	-461.08	-1.61
KLCI	1582.52	+4.88	+0.31
SHANGHAI SE	3462.75	+20.90	+0.61
JCI	5938.35	-	-

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Bulletins

STOCK/SECTOR	NEWS	COMMENT	RATING
Bangkok Expressway & Metro (BEM TB)	<p>Bangkok's Red Line (Bang Sue-Rangsit) may not start running by the end of this year as planned due to several problems that need to be solved first, the State Railway of Thailand (SRT) announced recently.</p> <p>The first problem is a delay in the delivery of the electromechanical system and passenger bogies, which, according to the contract, were to be delivered between February and September. The SRT had signed the contract with MHSC, a joint venture between Mitsubishi Heavy Industrial, Hitachi and Sumitomo Corporation.</p> <p>The legal team is working on the matter and expects to have a new deal by mid this month. The service was scheduled to start trial runs by July, and operate commercially by November. SRT sources also say that THB10.35bn is still required to complete the construction of the line and that the agency is preparing a report for the Transport Ministry's consideration. (Source: <i>The Nation</i>)</p>	<p>Although there should be additional passengers to be fed from the Red-Line MRT into Bangkok Expressway & Metro's Blue Line MRT as these two MRT routes are inter-connected via the walking tunnel at Bangsue Grand Station, we expect the figure to be lower than 10,000 per day at the commencement of the Red-Line MRT's operations – representing only about 3% of the Blue-Line MRT ridership without the pandemic effect. Therefore, this should not provide significant impact on our assumption of BEM's ridership numbers for this year while we expect the delay risk of the Red-Line MRT's commencement to remain ongoing as the M&E procurement cannot be delivered on time.</p>	<p>BUY, TP: THB10.40</p>

Top BUYs

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Airports of Thailand (AOT TB)	74.00	23.33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2QFY21F's performance may be the weakest of the year, before gradually improving with smaller losses throughout 2HFY21, while an earnings turnaround in FY22 may also support AOT's long-term outlook. Local aviation sees favourable recovery: its domestic recovery may approach pre-pandemic levels by FY23, a year ahead of the international side. The Government's latest approval for Phase 3 of the "We Travel Together" local tourism stimulus campaign, from May to August, may be a catalyst and boost flight numbers. As the first-tier tourism player, AOT may strongly underpin the revival of the tourism industry, while the weakening short-term sentiment and earnings present investors with an opportunity to BUY.
Bangkok Bank (BBL TB)	153.00	30.77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of Thailand's large banks which operates its business conservatively but surely. BBL has less NPL risks than peers due to its high exposure to corporate customers (c.40% of total loans) which are robust than other groups. This is also the reason why the bank has lowest proportion of customers under debt relief measures among peers. BBL's strong capital ratio and manageable NPL level are enable it to ready to pay normal dividend without any concerns except the BoT's regulations. FY21 earnings is expected to recover strongly YoY, underpinned by a decrease in provisions, improved cost structure, continued loan growth (mainly from corporate and international loans), and a rebound in fee incomes. Undemanding valuation with current P/BV at 0.5x.
Central Pattana (CPN TB)	66.00	32.66	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving sentiment for its retail mall operations, based on indirect benefits from the year-end tax rebate for shopping campaigns Rental rate discounts may marginally improve, with no material impact from temporary political rallies, on store traffic Efficient cost control measures have lowered its variable and fixed costs, mainly utility and marketing expenses, while profit margins are likely on the uptrend on the back of reviving retail mall operations Residential business sees stronger sales momentum in 4Q20 – the industry's high season – based on more high-rise unit transfers, along with low-rise projects in Bangkok and upcountry
Charoen Pokphand Foods (CPF TB)	38.00	28.81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The uptrend of its core business should be prolonged, given the tighter supply conditions due to the African Swine Fever outbreak in Asia, with relatively low feed costs that remain in place – although Charoen Pokphand Foods should benefit from lower policy rates and a weakening THB Upside from the acquisition of Tesco Thailand and Tesco Malaysia. While we expect the company to enhance its fresh products distribution channel by tapping into the hypermarket network, we think CPF could also ramp up its food services in Tesco's retail space, going forward Other positive synergies include cost savings on logistics network sharing, inventory turnover, and cross-selling between retail trading formats
CP All (CPALL TB)	77.00	26.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> V-shaped earnings recovery, with continued opening of new stores, while Siam Makro's operations remain solid As it has the most extensive store network, CPALL may strongly benefit the new normal in terms of facilitating delivery of products and services through its developing omni-channel platform Still the best-in-class retailer with intact new store opening plan. Expect full-year earnings returning to pre-pandemic levels in 2021 To finance the acquisition of Tesco Lotus with a combination of debt and perpetual debentures to balance its leverage
Home Product Center (HMPRO TB)	17.00	24.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expecting normalising earnings in FY21 – to be supported by full-year operations of all stores and retail malls vs a temporary closure from late March to mid-May, with profit margins approaching pre-pandemic levels HMPRO's investment in Vietnam may strongly benefit growing urbanisation and a potential rise in the construction sector Quarterly earnings momentum will continue its upward trajectory in 1Q21 Rapid improvement in sustainability development may allow the stock to continue trading at a premium

Top BUYs

	TP (THB)	Upside (%)	Catalysts
Krung Thai Bank (KTB TB)	14.30	30.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The laggard of the sector with undemanding valuation plus an earnings recovery. Outstanding loan proportion from corporate and Gov.&SoEs customers (43% of total loans). Public investment via Gov.'s disbursement scheme should help to drawdown loans from KTB. FY21F earnings is set to rebound like other banks, mainly on lower set of provisions, improved fee incomes, while its NII is likely to maintain following a gradual rise in loan offsetting lower NIM. The valuation is compelling with current P/BV at 0.4x.
Muangthai Capital (MTC TB)	82.00	45.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the leaders in microfinance market which provides a variety of loan products. Ample opportunities to grow through the ocean of untapped customers who cannot reach credits from traditional banks. Management's extensive experiences, aggressive new branch expansion, well-known brand will be the keys to drive robust earnings over other players. FY21-23 earnings is expected to grow CAGR of 20%, driven by a growth in loan, lower CIR, sustained NIM, and controlled asset quality. The continued economic recovery should gradually help to improve loan demand, credit cost, and asset quality. TIDLOR's IPO plan in early-May 21 would be the short-term catalyst to drive MTC's share price.
PTT (PTT TB)	51.00	28.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We expect strong earnings rebound in 2021 in tandem with economic recovery, on the back of gradual global vaccination rollout. E&P arm will benefit from higher oil prices while the refineries and petrochemical arms will see pick-up in refined product spreads and wider petrochemical spreads. PTT is targeting to increase its renewable energy capacity to 3GW by 2025, with the primary focus on solar and wind in countries such as China, Vietnam, Taiwan and India.
Siam Cement (SCC TB)	500.00	8.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Petrochemicals is currently in an upcycle. HDPE-naphtha spread in 1Q21 should remain as high as levels recorded in 4Q20, while the polypropylene-naphtha spread reached another high in 1Q21. SCC's polyolefin sales volumes returned to normal levels after the turnaround of the Map Ta Phut olefin cracker was completed in 4Q20. The improvement in cement & building materials business should be noticeable in 1Q21, with cement demand growing 1-2% in Thailand. This would be due to stronger demand from the residential property sector in provincial areas, and continuously solid demand stemming from government infrastructure projects. FY21 will start out with strong earnings growth in 1Q21, while the petrochemical division may be driven by higher production volume after de-bottlenecking the Map Ta Phut olefin cracker finishing 2Q21. For 2H21, we expect a brighter outlook for the cement & building materials business especially in ASEAN countries, when construction activities resume to normal.

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