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Siam Cement (SCC TB)

Buy (Maintained)

Resumption Of Its Glory Days; Keep BUY

Target Price (Return): THB500.00 (10.6%)
 Price: THB452.00
 Market Cap: USD17,290m
 Avg Daily Turnover (THB/USD) 1,173m/38.1m

- **BUY, higher DCF-based THB500.00 TP from THB440.00, 11% upside and c.3% yield.** Siam Cement has performed well in all its core businesses on a YTD basis, led by the petrochemicals division and its subsidiary's packaging business. Following its excellent 1Q21 earnings, we expect the positive momentum to continue in the subsequent quarters.

- **1Q21 earnings grew significantly.** The 1Q21 THB14.9bn net profit (+114% YoY, +85% QoQ) marked its return to a level above THB10bn, overwhelmingly beating consensus expectations. The petrochemical business continued to dominate SCC's overall earnings, with the segment's 1Q21 net profit rising 397% YoY and 51% QoQ – accounting for 59% of the quarter's overall net profit, on higher polyolefin sales volumes and wider petrochemical spreads. Its packaging business saw a surprise jump in 1Q21 net profit (+23% YoY, +44% QoQ), mainly on its integrated packaging chain's strong performance. Among its business segments, cement and building materials saw the smallest improvement, with only +1% YoY growth. 1Q21 net D/E remained at a solid level of 0.4x.

- **Maintain FY21 earnings estimates.** Given its solid 1Q21 performance and the strong prospects going forward, we maintain our FY21 earnings estimates at THB40bn, representing +17% YoY growth. We expect the petrochemical division to lead the pack in contributing growth to its overall earnings. There are two factors supporting our expectations: i) Strong global demand for petrochemical products post vaccinations, driving polyolefin spreads; and ii) its petrochemical division's production capacity increasing by almost 10% after debottlenecking the Map Ta Phut Olefin cracker. As for its subsidiary's packaging business, acquisition growth will play a major role this year, with FY21 revenue targeted at THB100bn. For the cement and building materials business, cost optimisation measures are still in place to mitigate slow demand growth.

- **Possible IPO for petrochemicals business.** Similar to the Oct 2020 SCG Packaging (SCGP TB, NOT RATED) IPO, there may be another large business deal to unlock the potential of SCC's petrochemical segment. Although the company is undergoing a feasibility study for a business restructuring project, which is due to be completed by end-FY22, an IPO may be a viable solution. If this happens, we expect that the optimistic view will be more pronounced.

- **DCF-based TP lifted by 13.6%.** With the petrochemical unit enjoying the industry upcycle, and the packaging business riding the growth stage organically and via acquisitions, our implicit growth rate assumption is raised from 1.76% to 2.30% for DCF valuation, resulting in our new TP.

- **Risks:** Rising cost of coal, used in cement production, and naphtha costs, which could squeeze petrochemical spreads in the short term.

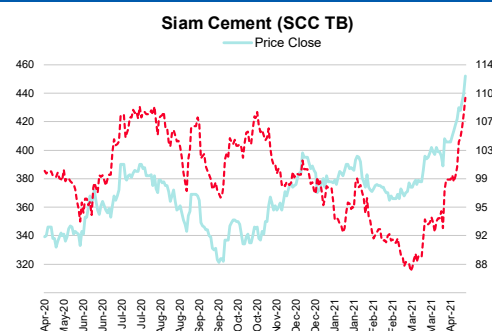
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Share Performance (%)

	YTD	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	19.6	14.4	18.6	31.0	33.3
Relative	10.8	14.3	11.2	0.5	9.6
52-wk Price low/high (THB)					321 – 452



Source: Bloomberg

Forecasts and Valuation	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Total turnover (THBm)	437,980	399,939	435,655	470,452	491,655
Recurring net profit (THBm)	32,014	34,144	40,084	44,632	46,217
Recurring net profit growth (%)	(28.5)	6.7	17.4	11.3	3.6
Recurring P/E (x)	16.94	15.89	13.53	12.15	11.74
P/B (x)	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
P/CF (x)	9.07	7.70	12.28	9.65	9.57
Dividend Yield (%)	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.52	9.67	8.91	8.22	7.70
Return on average equity (%)	10.4	10.6	11.6	12.1	11.7
Net debt to equity (%)	55.8	39.9	43.7	45.7	43.2

Source: Company data, RHB

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Financial Exhibits

Asia	Financial summary (THB)	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Thailand	Recurring EPS	26.68	28.45	33.40	37.19	38.51
Basic Materials	DPS	14.00	14.00	14.50	16.00	17.00
Siam Cement	BVPS	261.56	277.48	296.38	318.07	339.59
SCC TB	Return on average equity (%)	10.4	10.6	11.6	12.1	11.7
Buy						
	Valuation metrics	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Valuation basis	Recurring P/E (x)	16.94	15.89	13.53	12.15	11.74
DCF	P/B (x)	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
	FCF Yield (%)	(1.3)	(9.5)	2.7	0.5	(0.9)
Key drivers	Dividend Yield (%)	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.8
i. Stronger domestic demand for cement with a series of infrastructure construction projects ahead;	EV/EBITDA (x)	11.52	9.67	8.91	8.22	7.70
ii. Chemical spreads widening.	EV/EBIT (x)	19.55	16.16	14.10	12.46	11.71
	Income statement (THBm)	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Key risks	Total turnover	437,980	399,939	435,655	470,452	491,655
i. Rising cost of coal, which is mainly used in cement production;	Gross profit	82,228	89,992	96,889	103,665	107,556
ii. Naphtha costs – which normally rise in tandem with global oil prices – should squeeze petrochemical spreads in the short term.	EBITDA	58,249	68,113	75,715	83,230	87,552
	Depreciation and amortisation	(23,932)	(27,377)	(27,852)	(28,325)	(29,988)
	Operating profit	34,318	40,735	47,863	54,905	57,564
	Net interest	(6,587)	(7,082)	(8,405)	(9,966)	(10,766)
	Pre-tax profit	39,363	43,109	50,227	56,264	58,894
	Taxation	(6,167)	(5,809)	(6,926)	(8,084)	(8,689)
	Reported net profit	32,014	34,144	40,084	44,632	46,217
	Recurring net profit	32,014	34,144	40,084	44,632	46,217
Company Profile	Cash flow (THBm)	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
SCC operates as a holding company that is engaged in the industrial supplies and construction industries. It operates three core businesses: Investments in cement & building materials, chemicals, and paper packaging.	Change in working capital	12,918	18,471	(11,435)	(6,124)	(10,596)
	Cash flow from operations	59,817	70,415	44,158	56,212	56,657
	Capex	(67,095)	(122,022)	(29,368)	(53,595)	(61,751)
	Cash flow from investing activities	(45,054)	(71,185)	(43,038)	(50,665)	(51,740)
	Dividends paid	(19,799)	(14,998)	(17,400)	(18,600)	(20,400)
	Cash flow from financing activities	(15,924)	37,542	6,133	(4,936)	(10,495)
	Cash at beginning of period	28,789	27,627	64,399	71,653	72,264
	Net change in cash	(1,162)	36,772	7,253	611	(5,577)
	Ending balance cash	27,627	64,399	71,653	72,264	66,686
	Balance sheet (THBm)	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
	Total cash and equivalents	44,222	102,981	110,423	105,388	113,419
	Tangible fixed assets	305,986	363,425	361,115	379,000	381,334
	Total investments	101,749	117,009	120,518	133,533	149,330
	Total assets	634,733	749,381	783,991	825,575	868,492
	Short-term debt	71,581	90,418	107,974	113,056	114,561
	Total long-term debt	155,361	170,436	177,055	185,619	194,019
	Total liabilities	306,990	353,255	384,281	402,477	417,086
	Total equity	327,743	396,126	399,710	423,099	451,405
	Total liabilities & equity	634,733	749,381	783,991	825,575	868,492
	Key metrics	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
	Revenue growth (%)	(8.5)	(8.7)	8.9	8.0	4.5
	Recurrent EPS growth (%)	(28.5)	6.7	17.4	11.3	3.6
	Gross margin (%)	18.8	22.5	22.2	22.0	21.9
	Operating EBITDA margin (%)	13.3	17.0	17.4	17.7	17.8
	Net profit margin (%)	7.3	8.5	9.2	9.5	9.4
	Capex/sales (%)	15.3	30.5	6.7	11.4	12.6
	Interest cover (x)	5.21	5.75	5.69	5.51	5.35

Source: Company data, RHB

Cement & building materials unit attempting to maintain earnings level

For the domestic cement industry, overall demand in 1Q21 increased moderately by 3% YoY. All sectors performed well in 1Q21. While demand from government infrastructure projects grew 6% YoY, private sector demand – including those for the residential and commercial segments – also rose 2% YoY during the quarter. This demand reversal occurred in 1Q21 after a sharp plunge (-7% YoY) in 4Q20. However, the average domestic cement price was unchanged QoQ at THB1,700-1,750 per tonne.

Domestic demand for ceramic tiles was flat YoY in 1Q21, while demand for other building materials used in roofing, ceiling, and walls performed better with +8% YoY growth. Total sales volumes of ceramic tiles in Thailand and other ASEAN markets grew 8% YoY to 41m sqm in 1Q21, due to higher renovation activities in Thailand and stronger demand across the region. Based on tightening competition in all regional markets, the average selling price of ceramic tiles under its ASEAN operations declined 4% YoY.

1Q21 revenue increased 15% QoQ and was flat YoY. Higher demand in building materials helped offset the negative impact from the resurgence of COVID-19 cases across the regional markets, and lower volumes of cement production in its Cambodia production plant during the planned maintenance period. The cement & building materials business posted a net profit of THB2.8bn (+1% YoY), recovering from 4Q20's net loss of THB194m after being hit hard by THB1.32bn asset impairments set aside for its cement operations in Myanmar and Indonesia.

Petrochemical unit enjoying widening spreads and inventory gains

For the chemicals business, naphtha costs in 1Q21 increased significantly by 37% QoQ to USD557.00 per tonne, in tandem with the rising Brent crude oil prices. Oil prices during this period were influenced by Saudi Arabia's voluntary production cut, worsening winter conditions in the US, and improving demand post the rollout of vaccines in several major markets.

Prices of both HDPE and PP rose 15% QoQ and 19% QoQ in 4Q20. Consistent increases in product prices were supported by supply shortages after several petrochemical plants were shut down during the winter freeze in Feb 2021. Due to rising prices of naphtha and polyolefin, HDPE-naphtha spreads were stable QoQ at USD588.00 per tonne, while PP-naphtha spreads increased +9% QoQ to USD791.00 per tonne.

SCC's polyolefin sales volumes rose significantly to 488,000 tonnes (+27% QoQ) after the planned turnaround of the Map Ta Phut olefins cracker was completed in 4Q20, and there was an additional 20,000 tonne production from the facility's debottlenecking project, which was completed ahead of schedule.

1Q21 revenue increased strongly by 43% QoQ and 35% YoY, mainly on the effects of rising product prices and higher sales volumes. The business unit also benefitted from i) A surge (+358% YoY) in equity income, as 63% of 1Q21 equity income was from the petrochemicals business, and ii) abundant inventory gains of THB1.14bn during the quarter. Therefore, 1Q21 net profit grew strongly (+51% QoQ, +397% YoY) to THB8.8bn.

Surprising earnings from packaging business

For the integrated packaging chain, 1Q21 sales revenue increased 14% YoY and 13% QoQ to THB23bn on stronger demand from clients in the consumer products segment, especially for fiber-based packaging and packaging paper, a demand pick-up among regional clients, regional price increases driven by the supply tightness, and the consolidation effect of the Bien Hoa Packaging JSC in Vietnam boosting the sales volumes of the corrugated container segment.

For the fibrous chain, 1Q21 sales revenue increased 4% YoY due to the regional pulp price increase and consolidation effect of Go-Pak UK. It also rose 30% QoQ on rising demand from industry clients, including tissue paper and textile, and demand improvement within the printing and writing paper segment.

In total, 1Q21 revenue from the two major chains stood at THB27.3bn (+12% YoY, +15% QoQ). Excluding the consolidation effect from the two recent acquisitions, revenue grew organically by 8% YoY. Net profit of THB2.1bn (+23% YoY, +44% QoQ) was dominated by the integrated packaging chain's performance (+18% YoY, +22% QoQ), although the fibrous chain segment showed a strong net profit growth (+209% YoY, +121% YoY).

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Results At a Glance

Figure 1: SCC's 1Q21 earnings beat our and consensus' estimates with the petrochemicals industry uptrend

FYE Dec (THBm)	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
Total turnover	105,741	96,010	100,938	97,250	122,066	25.5	15.4
Gross profit	19,958	21,865	24,810	23,359	30,374	30.0	52.2
Gross profit margin (%)	18.9	22.8	24.6	24.0	24.9		
EBITDA	15,251	17,774	18,745	16,342	24,157	47.8	58.4
EBITDA margin (%)	14.4	18.5	18.6	16.8	19.8		
EBIT	6,420	8,900	10,268	11,590	15,334	32.3	138.8
EBIT margin (%)	6.1	9.3	10.2	11.9	12.6		
Interest expense	(3,113)	(647)	(2,024)	(1,299)	(1,691)	30.2	-45.7
Equity income	1,245	1,705	3,041	3,465	5,697	64.4	357.6
Pre-tax profit	5,368	10,299	9,833	8,154	14,901	82.7	177.6
Pre-tax profit margin (%)	5.1	10.7	9.7	8.4	12.2		
Tax	(611)	(1,338)	(1,802)	(2,058)	(2,322)	12.8	279.8
Minority interest	970	(1,282)	(1,330)	(1,514)	(3,363)	NM	NM
Net profit	6,971	9,384	9,741	8,047	14,914	85.3	113.9
EPS (THB)	5.8	7.8	8.1	6.7	12.4	85.3	113.9

Source: Company data, RHB

Figure 2: DCF valuation

THBm	2021F	2022F	2023F	2024F	2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F
Operating EBIT	47,863	54,905	57,564	60,877	63,544	67,431	72,315	77,857	82,660	87,112
Operating EBIT x (1-t)	39,462	45,028	46,876	51,002	53,869	57,886	61,572	66,767	71,810	75,352
D&A	27,852	28,325	29,988	31,542	34,152	37,563	40,412	43,852	46,852	48,965
Δ Net working capital	(11,435)	(6,124)	(10,596)	4,175	3,728	4,014	6,421	8,152	8,354	8,550
FCF from operations	55,879	67,230	66,268	86,719	91,750	99,463	108,406	118,771	127,017	132,867
Capex	(29,368)	(53,595)	(61,751)	(50,981)	(49,087)	(50,988)	(49,766)	(51,010)	(53,129)	(53,500)
Net FCFF	26,511	13,635	4,517	35,738	42,662	48,476	58,640	67,761	73,888	79,367
Discounted net FCFF	24,903	11,782	3,591	26,136	28,702	30,002	33,388	35,492	35,603	35,182
Terminal value										1,268,200
PV of net FCFF	264,781									
PV of terminal value	562,167									

Implicit growth rate	2.30%
WACC	8.7%

Firm value	826,949
Net debt	(249,155)
Minority interest	(75,154)
PV of DCF	502,640
Investment value in associated companies (at cost)	97,375
Equity value	600,015
No. of share outstanding (m shares)	1,200
Equity value per share (THB)	500

WACC assumption	
Cost of debt	3.3%
Weight	39%
Cost of equity	12.1%
Weight	61%

Expected market return	12.0%
Risk-free rate	2.0%
Beta	1.01

Source: RHB

Recommendation Chart



Source: RHB, Bloomberg

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2021-01-15	Buy	440	390
2020-10-30	Buy	420	338
2020-07-10	Buy	440	383
2020-01-30	Buy	400	356
2019-10-08	Buy	460	386
2019-07-30	Buy	500	434
2019-02-01	Buy	530	464

Source: RHB, Bloomberg

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AI	AU	CHOTI	FER	GSTEL	KASET	MATI	NMG	PK	SANKO	SPRC	THE	TVD	WAVE
AIE	BCH	CHOW	FPI	GUNKUL	KBS	MBAX	NNCL	PL	SAUCE	SR	TICON	TVO	WHA
AIRA	BJC	CIG	FSMART	HARN	KCAR	MC	NTV	PLANB	SC	SRICHA	TIP	TVT	WICE
AJ	BJCHI	COL	GEL	IFS	KTECH	MFEC	NUSA	POST	SCCC	SST	TKN	TWPC	WIJK
ALUCON	BLAND	COM7	GFPT	ILINK	KWC	MIDA	NWR	PRINC	SCN	STA	TLUXE	U	TRUE
AMATAV	BR	CPALL	GGC	INET	KYE	MILL	OGC	PRO	SEAOIL	SUPER	TMILL	UPA	
AOT	BROCK	CPF	GIFT	IRC	L&E	ML	PACE	PSTC	SE-ED	SUSCO	TMT	UREKA	
APCO	BRR	CPR	GJS	J	LEE	MTLS	PAF	PYLON	SENA	SWC	TNP	UWC	
AQUA	CEN	CSC	GLOBAL	JMART	LIT	NBC	PAP	QTC	SIRI	SYMC	TPA	VGI	
ARROW	CGH	EKH	GOLD	JMT	LVT	NCL	PATO	ROH	SMART	TAKUNI	TSE	VIBHA	
ASIA	CHEWA	EPCO	GPSC	JUBILE	MAKRO	NEP	PCSGH	ROJNA	SPACK	TBSP	TTI	VIH	

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ADVANC	BKI	CPN	FE	INTUCH	LANNA	MSC	PLAT	PTT	SAT	SNP	TCMC	TMD	UOBKH
AKP	BLA	CSL	FNS	IRPC	LHBANK	MTI	PM	PTTEP	SCB	SORKON	TFG	TNITY	WACOAL
AMANAH	BROOK	DCC	FSS	IVL	LHK	NKI	PPP	PTTGC	SCC	SPC	TGCI	TNL	
AP	BTS	DEMCO	GBX	K	LPN	NSI	PPS	Q-CON	SCG	SPI	THANI	TOG	
ASP	BWG	DIMET	GCAP	KBANK	MBK	OCC	PRANDA	QH	SGP	SSF	THCOM	TOP	
AYUD	CENTEL	DRT	GLOW	KCE	MBKET	OCEAN	PREB	QLT	SINGER	SSI	THRE	TPCORP	
BAFS	CFRESH	DTAC	HANA	KGI	MCOT	PB	PRG	RATCH	SIS	SSSC	THREL	TRU	
BANPU	CIMBT	DTC	HMPRO	KKP	MFC	PDI	PSH	RML	SITHAI	SVI	TIPCO	TSC	
BAY	CM	EASTW	HTC	KSL	MINT	PE	PSL	ROBINS	SMIT	SYNTEC	TISCO	TSSTH	
BBL	CNS	ECL	ICC	KTB	MONO	PG	PT	S & J	SMPC	TAE	TKT	TTCL	
BCP	CPI	EGCO	IFEC	KTC	MOONG	PHOL	PTG	SABINA	SNC	TCAP	TMB	TVI	

N/A

2S	ARIP	BSM	CSS	FMT	INOX	LTX	NPK	RCL	SFP	SUC	TITLE	TSR	VPO
AAV	AS	BTC	CTW	FN	INSURE	M	NPP	RICH	SGF	SUN	TIW	TSTE	VTE
ABICO	ASAP	BTNC	CWT	FOCUS	IRCP	MACO	NVD	RICHY	SHANG	SUTHA	TK	TTA	WG
ACAP	ASEFA	BTW	D	FORTH	IT	MAJOR	NYT	RJH	SIAM	SVH	TKS	TTL	WHAUP
ACC	ASIAN	BUI	DCON	FTE	ITD	MALEE	OHTL	ROCK	SIMAT	SVOA	TM	TTTM	WIN
ADAM	ASIMAR	CBG	DCORP	FVC	ITEL	MANRIN	OISHI	RP	SKE	SYNEX	TMC	TTW	WINNER
ADB	ASN	CCET	DDD	GC	JAS	MAX	ORI	RPC	SKN	T	TMI	TUCC	WORK
AEC	ATP30	CCP	DELTA	GENCO	JCT	M-CHAI	OTO	RPH	SKR	TACC	TMW	TWP	WORLD
AEONTS	AUCT	CGD	DIGI	GL	JKN	MCS	PAE	RS	SKY	TAPAC	TNDT	TWZ	WP
AF	BA	CHARAN	DNA	GLAND	JSP	MDX	PDG	RSP	SLP	TASCO	TNH	TYCN	WPH
AFC	BAT-3K	CHO	DTCI	GPI	JTS	MEGA	PERM	S	SMK	TC	TNPC	UAC	WR
AGE	BCPG	CHUO	EA	GRAMMY	JWD	METCO	PF	S11	SMM	TCB	TNR	UBIS	XO
AH	BDMS	CI	EARTH	GRAND	KAMART	MGT	PICO	SAFARI	SMT	TCC	TOA	UEC	YCI
AHC	BEAUTY	CITY	EASON	GTB	KC	MJD	PJW	SALEE	SOLAR	TCCC	TOPP	UKEM	YNP
AIT	BEC	CK	ECF	GULF	KCM	MK	PLANET	SAM	SPA	TCJ	TPAC	UMI	YUASA
AJA	BEM	CKP	EE	GYT	KDH	MM	PLE	SAMART	SPALI	TCOAT	TPBI	UMS	ZIGA
AKR	BFIT	CMO	EFORL	HFT	KIAT	MODERN	PMTA	SAMCO	SPCG	TEAM	TPCH	UNIQU	ZMICO
ALLA	BGRIM	CMR	EIC	HOTPOT	KKC	MPG	POLAR	SAMTEL	SPG	TFD	TIPL	UP	
ALT	BGT	CNT	EMC	HPT	KOOL	MPIC	POMPUI	SAPPE	SPORT	TFMAMA	TIPIP	UPF	
AMA	BH	COLOR	EPG	HTECH	KTIS	NC	PORT	SAWAD	SPVI	TGPRO	TPOLY	UPOIC	
AMARIN	BIG	COMAN	ERW	HUMAN	KWG	NCH	PPM	SAWANG	SQ	TH	TPP	UT	
AMATA	BIZ	CPH	ESSO	HYDRO	LALIN	NDR	PRAKIT	SCI	SSC	THAI	TR	UTP	
AMC	BKD	CPL	ESTAR	ICHI	LDC	NETBAY	PRECHA	SCP	SSP	THANA	TRC	UV	
ANAN	BLISS	CPT	ETE	ICN	LH	NEW	PRIN	SDC	STANLY	THG	TRITN	UVAN	
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APURE	BPP	CSP	FANCY	III	LRH	NOBLE	RAM	SELIC	STHAI	THMUI	TSF	VI	
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