Sappe PCL (SAPPE TB)

Thirst for growth

Initiate BUY for strong growth potential: TP THB60

Initiate coverage with BUY and TP of THB60.00. SAPPE is a leading drinks producer in Thailand with about 65% of sales from exports in FY21. We believe SAPPE is at a growth inflection point that could see core profit accelerate at a 22% CAGR from FY21-26E (vs FY16-FY21 at 5%), driven by: 1) the success of many products, eg Mogu Mogu, the export sales of which paused during Covid; and 2) resumption of export growth whose sales are more profitable because of higher selling prices. We estimate export sales contribution will rise to 84% of total sales in FY26E from 65% in FY21. Because of the higher gross margin for exports, we expect a 22% core profit CAGR from FY21-FY26E, outpacing our forecast sales CAGR of 19% for the same period. Because about 75% of FY22E sales are from exports, SAPPE is a prime beneficiary of the weak THB trend. We estimate every 1% THB depreciation leads to THB1.9% higher core profit.

Export markets resume post-Covid

SAPPE started to export in FY04 (to the Netherlands) and will focus on strengthening distributorship in these markets to accelerate sales growth. As it was affected by Covid and supply chain bottlenecks in FY21, we forecast export sales growth to accelerate by 54% YoY in FY22E (to THB3.5b of sales) and further by 21% YoY in FY23E (to THB4.2b). We expect export sales to contribute 84% of total sales in FY26E, up from 65% in FY21.

Expect core profit to more than double (FY21-26E)

SAPPE guided for revenues to approximately triple from FY21-FY26E (from THB3.4b to THB10b), or a 24% CAGR. Our assumptions are more conservative with a 19% revenue CAGR in the same period to THB8.3b as SAPPE's guidance includes inorganic growth (ie M&A), which is not visible in the near future and we only take into account the potential organic growth. We estimate SAPPE has substantial cash of THB2.1b at end of FY22E which could be used for potential M&A. As we expect core profit to more than double to THB1.1b in FY26E, from THB417m in FY21, we think SAPPE is particularly attractive for long-term investors. We also expect SAPPE to pay a high dividend yield of 3.7% in FY22E.

DCF-based valuation. Rising costs is a key risk

We use DCF (base year FY23E), 11% WACC and 3.5% terminal growth. SAPPE is trading at 18.3x FY23E P/E, the cheapest among its consumer discretionary peers (Fig 31). Rising costs, especially for packaging and logistics, is a key risk that could pressure margins and profitability.

FYE Dec (THB m)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	3,268	3,444	4,619	5,372	6,222
EBITDA	706	743	1,026	1,261	1,550
Core net profit	383	417	643	768	894
Core EPS (THB)	1.26	1.36	2.10	2.51	2.92
Core EPS growth (%)	(0.6)	8.2	54.1	19.4	16.5
Net DPS (THB)	1.02	1.10	1.68	2.01	2.34
Core P/E (x)	15.3	19.3	21.9	18.3	15.7
P/BV (x)	2.1	2.8	4.4	4.1	3.8
Net dividend yield (%)	5.3	4.2	3.7	4.4	5.1
ROAE (%)	14.2	14.7	21.0	23.0	24.8
ROAA (%)	10.9	11.1	15.6	16.7	17.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.4	8.7	11.8	9.6	7.8
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Consensus net profit	-	-	578	615	676
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	11.3	24.9	32.3

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Share Price 12m Price Target THB 46.00 THB 60.00 (+30%)

Company Description

Sappe is a leader in Thailand's functional drinks segment. As it expands, the bulk of its sales are to overseas markets.

Statistics

52w high/low (THB)	47.00/24.10
3m avg turnover (USDm)	1.3
Free float (%)	45.1
Issued shares (m)	304
Market capitalisation	THB14.0B
	USD386M
Major shareholders:	
Ms. Piyajit Ruckariyapong	17.7%
Mr. Atisak Ruckariyapong	17.0%
Mr. Arnupap Ruckariyapong	15.3%

Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	26	31	72
Relative to index (%)	23	30	69
Source: FactSet			

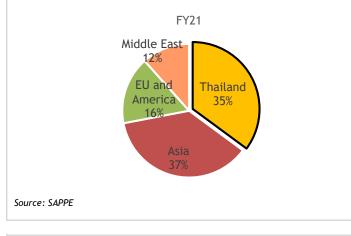




Value Proposition

- SAPPE is one of the largest beverage players in Thailand.
- It sells products in 90 countries, with only 35% revenue contribution from Thailand in FY21. With 65% of revenues from exports, it benefits from a weak THB trend.
- The company has many product champions, such as Mogu (jelly drink), All CoCo (coconut drink) and Beauti Drink (vitamin water).
- SAPPE has four beverage manufacturing lines in Thailand, and grows its own coconuts and aloe vera. The company has a fair trade policy towards its farmers.

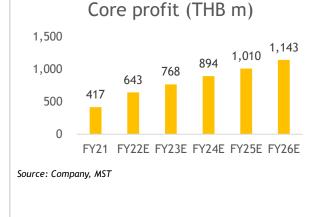
Revenue mix (FY21)



Financial Metrics

- We expect revenue to grow 34% YoY in FY22E (to THB4.6b) and core profit to increase 54% YoY (to THB643m), driven by sales in Thailand and overseas as Covid eases this year.
- Gross margin in FY22E should improve by 0.7ppt to 40%, as sales in more profitable export markets grow faster than in Thailand (60% vs -4% in FY22E). We estimate demand in the Thai market to remain soft this year as Covid in Thailand eased later than overseas.
- From FY21-FY26E, we expect core profit to post a 22% CAGR to THB1.1b, driven by exports.

Core profit (THB m)



Price Drivers

Historical share price trend



Source: Company, MST

- 1. Share price rebounded after the government announced a sugar tax with a 2-year grace period.
- 2. Sales growth accelerated across the board following the success of new products, such as two new flavours of Mogu Mogu.
- 3. Lockdown in Thailand dimmed sales outlook.
- 4. Concerns about cost inflation, especially for packaging, which is tied to the price of oil.
- 5. Weak THB strengthens SAPPE's earnings outlook as most of its sales are exports.

Swing Factors

Upside

- Weaker THB could increase sales as most sales are in foreign currencies.
- Stronger-than-expected demand from export markets.
- Lower packaging costs could increase EBIT margin.

Downside

- Strong THB could hurt sales as most sales are in foreign currencies.
- Export demand could be impacted if there is a recession.
- Higher packaging costs could lower EBIT margin.



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Risk Rating & Score ¹	Research Not Available
Score Momentum ²	Research Not Available
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Controversy Score ³	Research Not Available

Business Model & Industry Issues

- SAPPE has a fair policy towards its employees and stakeholders. It also helps farmers nearby the factory to earn additional income by teaching them to grow aloe vera, which is used for SAPPE's beverage products.
- During Covid, SAPPE donated a significant amount of beverages to medical staff and patients.
- In terms of energy consumption, SAPPE is using more solar energy, which is friendly to the environment and also helps to lower costs.
- The area where we feel SAPPE could do more is reducing the use of plastic for packaging its beverages and snacks, by applying more environment friendly materials, such as glass and paper.

Material E issues

- The company has invested around THB45.3m to install 4,263 solar cell panels on the roof of the factory, which helped save 2,940,869 kWp in power consumption, equivalent to CO2 absorption of 34,408 big trees.
- In 2021, the company recycled waste water to be used in sanitary and utility systems within the building.
- The company emphasises on the 3R practice: reduce, reuse and recycle.

Material S issues

- Since 2019, SAPPE initiated the 'Leader in Me' project in Ruamjit Prasert school in Pathum Thani to train students to embrace the seven habits of leadership.
- In 2021, SAPPE donated THB14m worth of beverages to hospitals, field hospitals and health venues for patients and medical personnel amid the Covid pandemic.
- The company donated about 40 tonnes of paper boxes for recycling and produced 600 paper beds for field hospitals in 2021 at the height of the pandemic.
- SAPPE emphasises equality and fairness in dealing with its business partners.
- Since 2016, SAPPE helped farmers near its factory to grow aloe vera, which in turn is supplied to SAPPE.

Key G metrics and issues

- The board of directors consists of 10 members with 6 nonexecutive directors, 5 of whom are independent and 3 are also members of the audit committee. Three of the 10 directors are female.
- During every annual general meeting, at least one third of the directors must retire by rotation. The retired directors can be re-appointed.
- There are 3 members in the audit committee. The audit committee members hold office for a term of 3 years but may be re-appointed.
- For the remuneration of the CEO, the board of directors will review and evaluate his or her performance. The evaluation criteria are based on the key performance indicators, both financial and non-financial indicators.
- In FY21, the company paid THB67.87m to its executives.
- KPMG Phoomchai Audit is the company's auditor.
- The company paid THB3.43m in audit fees for FY21, or 0.82% of net profit.
- In the case of related-party transactions or any transactions that relate to a director or an executive, it must obtain approval from the audit committee and the board of directors.
- The company has a dividend policy of not less than 40% of net profit.

1*Risk Rating & Score* - derived by Sustainalytics and assesses the company's exposure to unmanaged ESG risks. Scores range between 0 - 50 in order of increasing severity with low/high scores & ratings representing negligible/significant risk to the company's enterprise value, respectively, from ESG-driven financial impacts. <u>²Score</u> <u>Momentum</u> - indicates changes to the company's score since the last update - a <u>negative</u> integer indicates a company's inproving risk score; a <u>positive</u> integer indicates a deterioration. <u>³Controversy Score</u> - reported periodically by Sustainalytics in the event of material ESG-related incident(s), with the impact severity scores of these events ranging from Category 0-5 (0 - no reports; 1 - negligible risks; ...; 5 - poses serious risks & indicative of potential structural deficiencies at the company).

1. Investment thesis

We believe SAPPE's revenue and profit will accelerate from FY22E onwards following the easing of Covid, which is leading to recovery in both domestic demand and export sales. In export markets, which have been severely hampered by supply chain issues, we expect international sales to increase by 54% YoY this year, compared with our forecast of a 4% YoY decline in domestic sales as Covid in Thailand has eased later than in international markets.

Although SAPPE guided for sales to almost triple from FY21E-FY26E to THB10b (from THB3.4b), our projection is less aggressive as we only factor in organic growth and in FY26E, and we expect sales to reach THB8.3b. We note that SAPPE's more aggressive assumptions include M&A, which is not highly visible at present. We also estimate SAPPE will have THB2.1b cash on hand by end-FY23E, to finance M&A, if any.

SAPPE is trading at 18.3x FY23E P/E, a discount to the average of 21.3x for peers. We think the discount is unjustified given SAPPE's accelerating EPS growth of 54% YoY in FY22E as well as our forecast of 22% earnings CAGR from FY21-FY26E.

2. Corporate background

SAPPE was founded in 1988 by Mr. Anant Ruckariyapong, manufacturing Thai snacks under the brand 'Piyajit'. By 2001, the company branched out to manufacture beverages under the brand 'Mogu Mogu', which is a fruit juice with coconut jelly that is now its best-selling product. In 2004, SAPPE began to export its best-selling Mogu Mogu drink. We estimate export markets to contribute around 75% of total FY22 revenues and it covers Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East.

In terms of product portfolio, there are 5 categories: 1) fruit juice; 2) functional drinks; 3) functional powder; 4) healthy snacks; and 5) other ready-to-drink products. Its best-selling product is Mogu Mogu drink, which we estimate generates 60-70% of total sales, all from exports.

SAPPE prides itself on product innovation and every year launches 15-20 new products. In addition to adding new products, SAPPE emphasises new markets and plans to expand more internationally. Because of this, we expect the overseas sales contribution to reach 84% of total sales in FY26E, up from 65% in FY21.

Fig 1: SAPPE's timeline

Year	Description
1973	Founded. Sold snacks under brand "Piyajit"
1988	Sapanan General Food was established at Bangchan Industrial Park
2001	Launched its first drink "Mogu Mogu", the world's first drink made from fruit juice with coconut jelly
2006	Sappe Beauti Drink launched with the slogan "Just drink and become beautiful"
2010	Sappe factory began operations in Pathum Thani
2011	Established Sappe Europe in Slovakia
2014	Listed on SET
2016	Established Sappe Trading (Hong Kong)
	Acquired shares in Coconut Factory Co, and renamed All Coco
2019	Partnered with Myen PTD (Danone) to launch B'lue vitamin water
2021	Launched "Krun Pensri" candy, in collaboration with Workpoint (WORD TB, Not rated)

Source: SAPPE

Fig 2: Mogu Mogu drink is the product champion, contributing about 60-70% of total sales



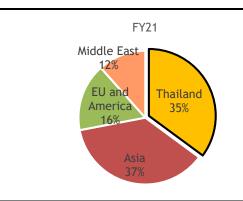
Fig 3: The Philippines, South Korea and Indonesia are SAPPE's largest export markets



Source: SAPPE

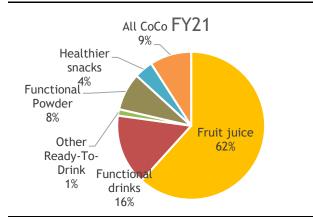
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Fig 4: Revenue structure by geography (FY21)



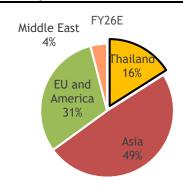
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Fig 6: Revenue structure by product (FY21)



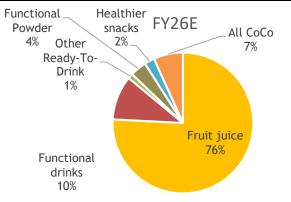
Source: SAPPE

Fig 5: Domestic sales contribution could be lower due to faster sales growth for exports



Source: MST

Fig 7: Fruit juice, especially Mogu Mogu, will be the growth driver and hence, revenue contribution rises to 76% in FY26E



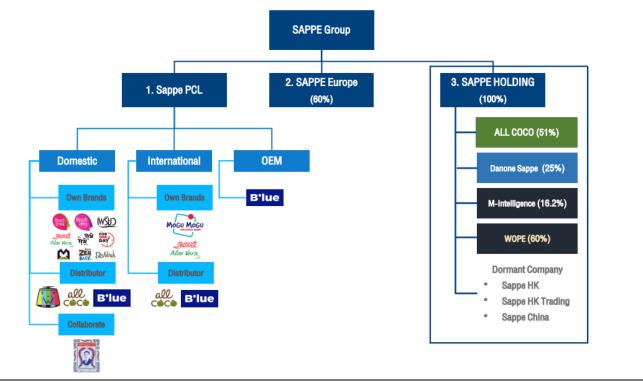
Source: MST



Fig 8: Product portfolio

Products	Target Customers
Sappe Beauti Drink	Health and beauty conscious women.
B'lue	• Teenage group or people of working age with young spirit who look for new and sensational things but care for health and seek items that meet their lifestyles.
All Coco	 People who care about health and look for the best item in the market to meet their requirements of taste, benefit and social image.
Sappe Aloe Vera Drink	• A new generation in all genders who are passionate about novelties and pleasure and prefer a delicious and refreshing product with aloe vera pulps.
Preaw Coffee Preaw Pudding	 Ready mix coffee powder for health and beauty conscious women A new generation of both teenagers and working people who love snacks but still care about health.
Preaw Chlorophyll	Ready mix chlorophyll powder imported from Japan for health-conscious consumers of all ages.
SlimFit Coffee	Ready mix coffee powder for heath and beauty conscious women, available in an affordable price.
Sappe Beauti Jelly	 Jelly products for young people of all ages, who want to take good care of their health.
ZeaMax	 Teenagers and working people who like to have snacks but prefer being healthy.
Maxtive	Health-conscious men who want to boost confidence
DeNosh	 A new generation, both teenagers and working forces who love being healthy.
Sappe x Takabb	• Mid-aged and elderly groups who are familar with the brand, which has been developed and being presented in an innovative pattern.
Kru Pensri	Students and working people, being influened by social media and look for candy with creative flavors.
Gumi Gumi Jelly	 The new generation ranging from school-age to working age who like having sweet as a snack but favor the delicious and refreshing item, full of benefit and make stomach full. The affordable price is also preferable to make it the routine snack.
Mogu Mogu and Gumi Gumi	 General people who prefer the delicious, refreshing product added with coconut jelly.

Fig 9: Corporate structure



Source: SAPPE

Since 2021, SAPPE has also established two partnerships, one with the 5 Takabb brand (anti-cough herbal medicine) to launch herbal drink Sappe Takabb, and the other one with Workpoint (WORK, CPTHB18.80, Not Rated) to launch Kru Pensri candies. Given the success with Kru Pensri candies, SAPPE and WORK set up a new joint venture called WOPE (not listed), in which SAPPE holds a 60% stake for THB30m.

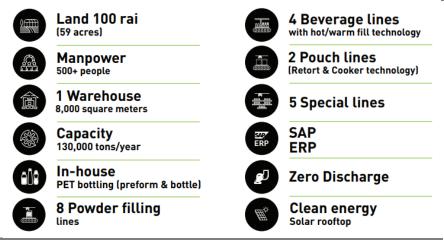
In our view, these partnerships have allowed SAPPE to leverage the partners' brand (e.g. Takabb) or expertise in advertising and promotions towards brand building, in the case of WORK. We believe these partnerships should allow SAPPE to add more products to its portfolio with relatively lower promotional costs.

3. Operating assets

SAPPE has a manufacturing facility in Pathum Thani province, near Bangkok. The plant is on 59 acres of land with modern equipment. It consists of a warehouse, four beverage production lines, two pouch lines with 129,598 tonnes of capacity per year, eight powder-filling lines with a capacity of 2,450 tonnes per year and a warehouse.

In terms of utilisation, SAPPE reached 72% in FY21 and it expects to hit 100% by FY25E when a new production line will be added with capex of around THB500m. The company is also considering expanding the production facility in a key export market (e.g. in Europe), which could lead to lower logistics costs. However, SAPPE will make final decisions nearer to the time.

Fig 10: Details of SAPPE's plant



Source: SAPPE

Fig 11: SAPPE's factory in Pathum Thani...



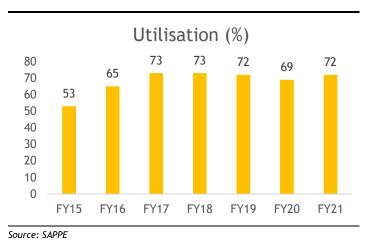
Source: SAPPE

Fig 12: ...with four beverage lines and a warehouse



Source: SAPPE

Fig 13: Utilisation dipped in FY20, due to soft sales amid Covid

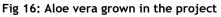


In 2016, SAPPE tested growing aloe vera at its factory in Pathum Thani. The company hired experts to teach farmers in Pathum Thani to plant aloe vera under the Wan Wan Wan project. Apart from buying the aloe vera from the farmers to ensure stable income for people in the surrounding community, this will reduce risk of shortage of aloe vera in the future.

Fig 15: Aloe vera farmer in the Wan Wan Wan project



Source: SAPPE



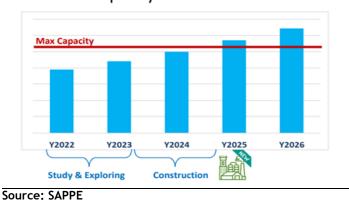


Source: SAPPE

Max Capacity will reach in 2025

new production facility to be added

Fig 14: Management expects full utilization by FY25E, and a

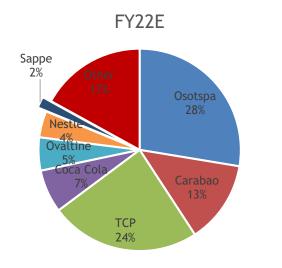


4. Competitive landscape and positioning

According to Euromonitor, Thailand's functional beverage sales reached THB51.3b in 2021, up by 5% YoY. About 58% of functional drinks sales are energy drinks, which is why the top players are all energy drinks manufacturers, such as Osotspa (OSP, CP THB30.75, BUY, TP THB45.0), TCP (not listed) and Carabao (CBG, CP THB100, not rated), commanding market shares of 28%, 24% and 13%, respectively. Given the energy drink players' combined market share of 55%, this leaves little room for other players.

From 2016-2021, functional beverage sales posted a 2.7% CAGR on average. Despite the low growth as the energy drinks market was already highly penetrated, some sub-segments grew rapidly, such as amino acid drinks, which registered a 22% CAGR from 2020-2021, as well as the vitamins and mineral sub-segment, which rose 18.8% YoY during the same period. We note that most of SAPPE's products, e.g. Beauti Drinks, are in the rapidly growing vitamins segment.

Fig 17: SAPPE has about 2% share of functional beverage market in Thailand



Source: Euromonitor

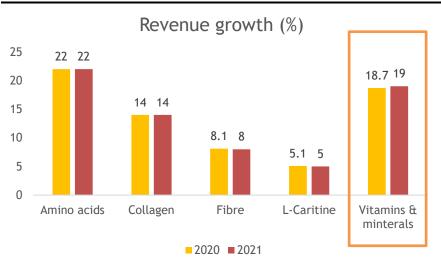


Fig 18: Sappe's drinks are in one of the fastest growing segments in the functional drinks market

Source: Euromonitor

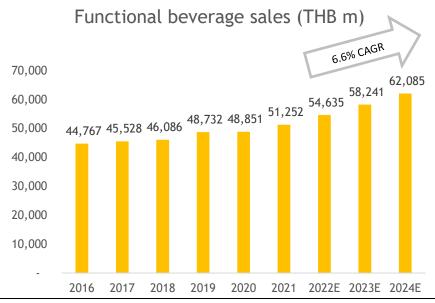


Fig 19: Functional beverage sales could grow 6.6% pa in the next three years

Source: Euromonitor, Matichon

Euromonitor also identified three key trends going forward:

Vitamin C is a growth driver: During Covid, vitamin C drinks sales chalked up an 18.9% CAGR in 2020-2021 as consuming vitamin C could help prevent Covid. Euromonitor believes this trend could continue post-Covid and sales of vitamin C functional drinks could continue to grow strongly in this segment. We also note that Sappe's Beauti Drink (vitamin drinks) is also a leader in this category.

Thai players may have more knowledge of benefits of local herbs: As herbs are increasingly appreciated for their general health benefits and immunity support against Covid, many new products in this category were launched in 2021, such as Sappe's herbal Takabb drink, which is produced in partnership with the Takabb Lozenge brand. Domestic players also have an advantage in this category as they appear to have more knowledge of the benefits of local herbs.

Cannabis use may increase as it became legalised in June 2022: As cannabis and hemp extracts are legal substances in Thailand, many local companies have included cannabis/hemp in their functional beverages, e.g. Ichitan Group (ICHI, CP THB9.05 Not Rated), which launched Ichitan Green Lab in 2021. SAPPE is also considering launching a cannabis drink, but there are no concrete plans yet.

5. Financial analysis

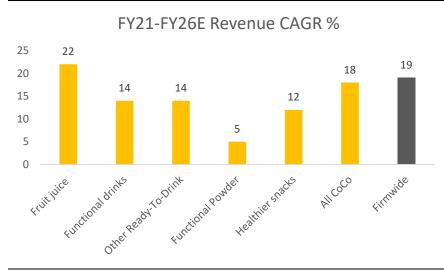
Stagnant sales amid Covid: From 2019-2021, SAPPE's revenues grew only 4% to THB3.4b as both domestic demand and international sales were affected by Covid. The growth was driven by sales in international markets, which rose 21% during this period to THB2.3b whereas domestic sales dropped 11% to THB1.2b as Thailand's vaccination was behind many countries in Asia and Europe - hence, Covid was relatively less contained. SG&A expenses to total sales increased significantly to 31.3% in FY21 from 23.7% in FY19 as supply-chain costs (especially overseas) soared during Covid.

Acceleration in revenue growth in FY22E: Going forward, we project overall sales to grow 34% YoY in FY22E, driven by international sales as Covid eases, making exporting easier. As export sales are more profitable, we expect gross margin to increase by 0.7 ppt YoY to 40% in FY22E. We also forecast SG&A to total sales to remain quite high but still 0.3ppt lower than FY21, at 31% in FY22E as international supply chains remain challenging. With higher gross margin and lower SG&A to total sales, operating margin could expand by 1ppt to 9%.

Strong long-term revenue growth potential: From FY21-FY26E, we expect SAPPE to register 19% revenue CAGR (to THB8.3b), accelerating from 5% CAGR from FY16 to FY21. We think the revenue growth from FY16-FY21 was unnaturally low due to the disruption caused by Covid. Additionally, we believe the success of its marketing, especially for key products such as Mogu Mogu, started to bear fruit recently, particularly in Asia (+83% YoY in 1H22) and Europe (+111 YoY in 1H22). In our view, this is a result of long-term investment in distribution channels and brands, which should lead to core profit to more than double to THB1.1b in FY26E from THB417m in FY21. We also note that our projected revenue growth is lower than management's guidance, which expects sales to reach THB10b in FY26E (ours is THB8.3b) as its forecasts include both organic and M&A-driven growth, whereas ours is based on organic growth only.

Moderate capex in FY22E but could increase in FY23E to expand facilities: we expect SAPPE to invest THB250m in capex in FY22E, before accelerating to THB600m in FY23E. SAPPE expects to reach full capacity utilisation of its production facility by around FY24-FY25 and hence, we expect the new facility to be completed by the end of FY23E. This is why capex should increase to THB600m, up substantially from THB250m in FY22E.

Fig 20: Growth of the fruit juice market should drive SAPPE's growth owing to the popularity of its Mogu Mogu drinks



Source: MST

Fig 21: We forecast SAPPE's gross margin to grow with rise in international sales contribution

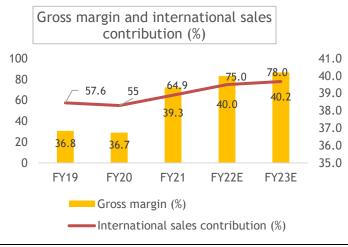
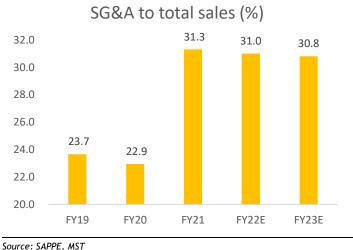
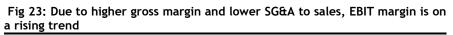
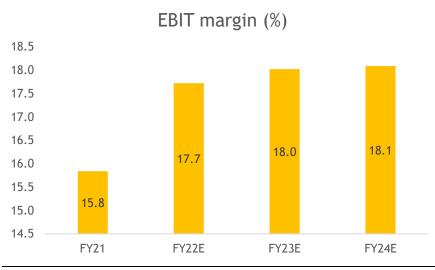


Fig 22: SG&A expenses to total sales rose in FY21 due to supplychain problems that should continually ease in FY22E & FY23E



Source: SAPPE, MST





Source: MST

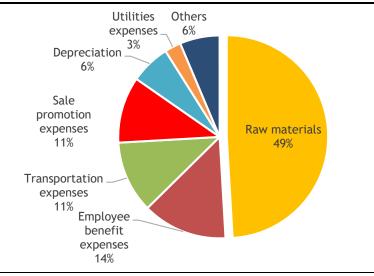


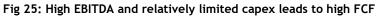
Fig 24: Raw materials make up around 50% of total costs (FY21)

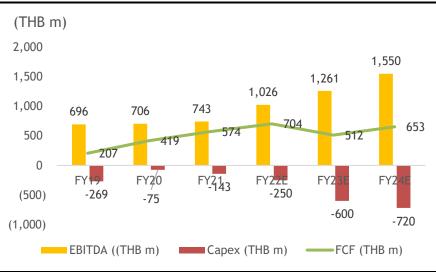
Source: SAPPE

Rising costs could be a risk: About half of SAPPE's total costs are raw materials, 14% is salaries and wages and 11% is for logistics. We believe food and packaging cost inflation could be a risk to its gross margin and profitability. With regard to the rise in minimum wage in October 2022, the company believes the impact will be minimal as most of its employees are not on the minimum wage. Although we think rising costs could be a risk, we believe EBIT margin could trend up due to strong sales growth in the more profitable export markets (26% CAGR from FY21-FY26E), which outpaces domestic sales growth (2% CAGR from FY21-FY26E).

High EBITDA and limited capex set to lead to net cash position: Due to high forecast FY22 EBITDA of THB1b and capex of only THB250m, we expect SAPPE to have THB 2.1b cash on hand by end-FY22E. This could be the source of funds for acquisitions, if any, to accelerate revenue growth.

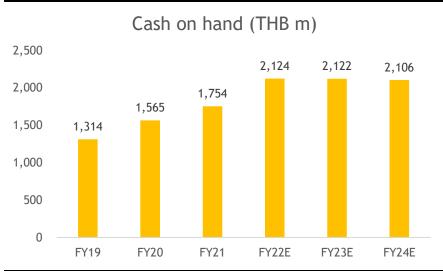
High dividend payout ratio: Due to relatively limited capex and high EBITDA, we forecast the dividend payout ratio to be 80%. This is in line with FY21 payout ratio of 81%.





Source: SAPPE, MST

Fig 26: Substantial cash on hand



Source: MST

Fig 27: Our assumptions

	-Actual			Forecast						
FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E			
3,299	3,268	3,444	4,619	5,372	6,222	7,198	8,331			
14	-1	5	34	16	16	16	16			
1,989	1,766	2,152	3,121	3,682	4,308	5,041	5,898			
15	-11	22	45	18	17	17	17			
548	692	541	623	710	816	931	1,061			
63	26	-22	15	14	15	14	14			
32	26	47	62	68	75	81	89			
-9	-19	86	30	10	10	9	9			
297	250	242	244	261	280	297	314			
-6	-16	-3	1	7	7	6	6			
158	220	144	159	178	199	223	249			
27	39	-34	10	12	12	12	12			
276	315	317	411	473	544	626	720			
-20	14	1	30	15	15	15	15			
36.8	36.7	39.3	40.0	40.2	40.4	40.4	40.4			
23.7	22.9	31.3	31.0	30.8	30.5	30.0	29.5			
269	75	143	250	600	720	864	1,037			
386	383	417	643	768	894	1,010	1,143			
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6. Valuation

We use DCF (FY23E base year), 11% WACC and 3.5% terminal growth to derive a TP of THB60. SAPPE is trading at 18.3x FY23E P/E, which is among the cheapest among Thai food peers. In our view, the discount is unjustified given the accelerating core profit growth of 54% in FY22E and 19% in FY23E, driven by its product success as well as the recovery post-Covid. For long-term investors, we think SAPPE is particularly attractive, given its fast profit growth, which could more than double to THB1.1b in FY26E from THB417m in FY21.

Fig 28: DCF assumptions

Risk free rate	3.0
Market risk premium	6.3
Stock beta	1.3
Cost of equity	11.2
Cost of debt	3.0
WACC (%)	11.0

Fig 29: DCF summary

Unit:THB m	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY30E	FY31E	FY32E	FY33E	TV
EBITDA	1,261	1,550	1,852	2,212	2,572	2,973	3,425	3,955	4,576	5,305	6,163	
Adjusted tax	-194	-225	-254	-288	-314	-340	-364	-391	-421	-453	-489	
Working capital	51	48	56	64	53	37	21	16	8	-3	-17	
Capex	-600	-720	-864	-1,037	-1,244	-1,493	-1,792	-2,150	-2,580	-3,096	-3,715	
FCF	518	653	790	951	1,067	1,178	1,291	1,429	1,583	1,753	1,942	2,157
WACC	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%
FCF PV	518	588	641	695	702	698	689	687	685	684	682	9,059
Sum of PV	16,327											

Source: MST

Fig 30: DCF-based TP of THB60

THB m	THB /share
16,327	53.3
2,122	6.9
89	0.3
18,539	60.6
72	0.2
0	0.0
100	0.3
18,367	60.0
	16,327 2,122 89 18,539 72 0 100

Source: MST

Fig 31: Peers valuation

		Mktcap	Price	P/E (x)	P/BV	(x)	ROE (%)	Yield	(%)	EV/EBIT	DA (x)	EPS Gr	(%)	Share	Price P	Perform	ance
BB Ticker	Name	USDm	LC	22E	23E	22E	23E	22E	23E	22E	23E	22E	23E	22E	23E	1M	3M	6M	YTD
AU TB	AFTER YOU PCL	232	10.40	52.0	34.7	10.4	10.4	16.7	27.0	1.9	2.9	14.8	10.4	3,301.4	50.0	7.2	4.5	6.7	4.5
CBG TB	CARABAO GROUP PCL	2,717	99.50	31.5	26.0	8.7	8.8	28.9	31.2	2.2	2.7	23.3	19.7	9.7	21.4	(11.9)	(6.6)	1.0	(16.7)
HTC TB	HAAD THIP PUBLIC CO LTD	177	32.25	11.9	9.8	1.7	1.6	14.8	17.0	5.9	7.1	7.0	6.1	1.1	22.2	7.5	7.5	(0.8)	(9.2)
ICHI TB	ICHITAN GROUP PCL	321	9.05	20.7	17.5	1.9	1.9	9.2	10.8	4.8	5.9	10.0	9.4	4.2	17.8	10.4	(2.2)	(10.4)	(9.5)
M TB	MK RESTAURANTS GROUP PCL	1,452	57.75	32.7	22.6	3.8	3.7	12.1	16.7	2.7	3.9	14.3	11.7	1,212.2	44.7	10.5	13.8	11.1	11.1
OSP TB	OSOTSPA PCL	2,523	30.75	29.7	25.1	4.7	4.6	15.6	18.0	3.2	3.9	18.3	16.1	(4.3)	18.2	(3.1)	(9.6)	(14.0)	(10.2)
SAPPE TB	SAPPE PCL	385	45.75	25.0	21.7	4.5	4.2	18.6	19.9	2.6	2.9	14.8	12.9	38.2	15.1	24.5	31.7	89.8	74.3
ZEN TB	ZEN CORP GROUP PCL	123	15.00	36.6	27.4	3.7	3.5	9.7	12.9	1.5	2.0	8.9	8.0	nm	33.7	26.1	26.1	30.4	25.0
1216 TT	UNI-PRESIDENT ENTERPRISES CO	12,227	66.50	18.9	17.0	3.1	3.0	16.8	18.2	4.1	4.4	8.4	8.0	7.5	11.5	0.8	1.8	1.7	(3.1)
FB PM	SAN MIGUEL FOOD AND BEVERAGE	4,498	43.50	12.4	11.2	2.3	2.0	19.3	19.7	3.9	4.1	5.7	5.2	3.8	10.6	(4.9)	(28.2)	(33.7)	(38.7)
	Average (simple)			27.1	21.3	4.5	4.4	16.2	19.1	3.3	4.0	12.6	10.7						

Source: Bloomberg

+3S.D. = 4.3x

+2 S.D. = 3.7x

+1 S.D. = 3.1x

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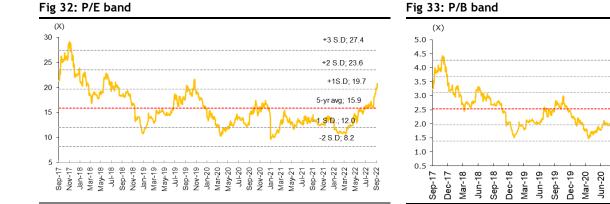
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L-T Average at 2.5

-1 S.D. = 2.0x

Sep-20 Dec-20 Mar-21 Jun-21

-2 S.D. = 1.4x



Source: MST

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7. Risks

Risk from THB fluctuation

About 75% of FY22E revenue should be from exports and as such, SAPPE is exposed to THB appreciation. The company has a policy to hedge the exchange risk with forward contracts, of not more than 75% of FX sales in the next six months. We estimate every 1% THB depreciation leads to 1.9% higher core profit.

Risk from higher raw material prices

About 49% of total costs is for raw materials, and rising costs, especially for packaging (35% of total costs), could hurt earnings. We estimate every 1% increase in raw material prices, core profit could be lower by 1.5%.

Risk from product imitation

SAPPE customers have strong brand loyalty in many of its well-known products. If SAPPE's intellectual property is not properly protected, eg if its products are imitated with lower-quality products, this can hurt its reputation and brands as well as revenue and earnings in the long term.

Risk from Covid

Covid can hurt the company's production and supply chain/logistics in the export markets. Nevertheless, we expect Covid to ease by the end of FY22E.



Appendix

Fig 34: Product portfolio (1)



Source: SAPPE



Fig 35: Product portfolio (2)



Source: SAPPE



FYE 31 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	15.0	18.8	21.9	18.3	15.7
Core P/E (x)	15.3	19.3	21.9	18.3	15.7
P/BV (x)	2.1	2.8	4.4	4.1	3.8
P/NTA (x)	2.1	2.8	4.4	4.1	3.8
Net dividend yield (%)	5.3	4.2	3.7	4.4	5.1
FCF yield (%)	7.1	7.1	5.0	3.6	4.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.4	8.7	11.8	9.6	7.8
EV/EBIT (x)	9.0	11.8	14.8	12.5	10.7
INCOME STATEMENT (THB m)					
Revenue	3,268.1	3,444.2	4,619.2	5,372.1	6,221.9
EBITDA	706.0	743.4	1,026.5	1,261.1	1,550.5
Depreciation	(202.2)	(197.9)	(207.8)	(292.8)	(424.8
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(424.0)
EBIT	503.9	545.5	818.6	968.3	1,125.6
Net interest income / (exp)	(3.2)	(2.5)	(2.1)	(2.1)	(1.3)
Associates & JV Other pretax income	(15.6) 0.0	(20.2) 0.0	(15.0) 0.0	(5.0) 0.0	0.0 0.0
Other pretax income Pretax profit	485.1	522.8	801.6	961.3	1,124.
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Income tax Winorities	(96.0) (5.8)	(106.0) 0.6	(163.3) 5.0	(193.3) 0.0	(224.9 (5.0
	383.4	417.3	643.2	768.0	894.
Reported net profit	383.4	417.3	643.2	768.0	894.
Core net profit	565.4	417.5	043.2	768.0	074
BALANCE SHEET (THB m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	1,565.5	1,753.7	2,124.1	2,122.3	2,105.
Accounts receivable	435.6	340.6	340.6	340.6	340.
nventory	290.7	221.1	299.7	341.3	383.
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	1,006.2	951.3	993.4	1,300.6	1,595.
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
nvestment in Associates & JVs	14.2	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.
Other assets	335.0	492.8	563.9	609.4	660.
Total assets	3,647.2	3,848.4	4,410.6	4,803.2	5,175.6
ST interest bearing debt	36.2	21.4	20.0	20.0	20.0
Accounts payable	577.9	675.9	916.2	1,043.5	1,173.
LT interest bearing debt	65.9	51.9	51.9	51.9	0.0
Other liabilities	94.0	93.0	110.0	122.0	136.0
Total Liabilities	774.1	841.9	1,098.6	1,237.7	1,329.1
Shareholders Equity	2,771.6	2,905.7	3,212.2	3,465.6	3,745.7
Minority Interest	101.5	100.8	99.8	99.8	100.8
Total shareholder equity	2,873.1	3,006.5	3,312.0	3,565.4	3,846.5
Total liabilities and equity	3,647.2	3,848.4	4,410.6	4,803.2	5,175.6
CASH FLOW (THB m)	405.4	F22 0	804 (0(4.2	4 424
Pretax profit	485.1	522.8	801.6	961.3	1,124.
Depreciation & amortisation	202.2	197.9	207.8	292.8	424.8
Adj net interest (income)/exp	(3.2)	(2.5)	(2.1)	(2.1)	(1.3
Change in working capital	(116.6)	115.6	107.1	50.6	48.
Cash taxes paid	(96.9)	(106.7)	(163.9)	(193.9)	(225.3
Other operating cash flow	4.1	(33.2)	(13.7)	(3.6)	1.
Cash flow from operations	493.5	716.5	953.9	1,112.2	1,373.
Capex	(74.5)	(142.9)	(250.0)	(600.0)	(720.0
Free cash flow	418.9	573.6	703.9	512.2	653.
Dividends paid	(252.6)	(310.5)	(336.7)	(514.6)	(614.4
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	47.5	0.0	0.0	0.
Change in Debt	72.0	(28.8)	(1.4)	0.0	(51.9
Other invest/financing cash flow	13.3	(93.5)	4.6	0.6	(3.6
Net cash flow	251.7	188.2	370.4	(1.8)	(16.6



FYE 31 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	(1.0)	5.4	34.1	16.3	15.8
EBITDA growth	1.4	5.3	38.1	22.9	22.9
EBIT growth	(0.2)	8.3	50.1	18.3	16.2
Pretax growth	(0.0)	7.8	53.3	19.9	17.0
Reported net profit growth	(0.6)	8.9	54.1	19.4	16.5
Core net profit growth	(0.6)	8.9	54.1	19.4	16.5
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	21.6	21.6	22.2	23.5	24.9
EBIT margin	15.4	15.8	17.7	18.0	18.1
Pretax profit margin	14.8	15.2	17.4	17.9	18.1
Payout ratio	81.0	80.7	80.0	80.0	80.0
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	11.7	12.1	13.9	14.3	14.4
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2
Assets/Equity (x)	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
ROAE (%)	14.2	14.7	21.0	23.0	24.8
ROAA (%)	10.9	11.1	15.6	16.7	17.9
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	(10.4)	(23.4)	(43.0)	(51.1)	(52.7)
Days receivable outstanding	43.4	40.6	26.5	22.8	(52.7)
Days inventory outstanding	44.2	44.1	33.8	35.9	35.2
Days payables outstanding	98.1	108.0	103.4	109.8	107.6
Dividend cover (x)	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3
Current ratio (x)	3.5	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.5
	5.5	5.4	5.0	2.7	2.5
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	4.7	4.6	4.0	3.9	3.9
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	net cash				
Net interest cover (x)	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Capex/revenue (%)	2.3	4.1	5.4	11.2	11.6
Net debt/ (net cash)	(1,463.4)	(1,680.4)	(2,052.2)	(2,050.4)	(2,085.7)

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