

Singapore

HOLD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 0	Hold 3	Sell 1
Current price:		;	S\$0.605
Target price:			S\$0.65
Previous target:			S\$0.77
Up/downside:			7.4%
CGS-CIMB / Consens	sus:		4.4%
Reuters:			JAPF.SI
Bloomberg:			JAP SP
Market cap:		US	\$910.4m
		S	\$1,235m
Average daily turnove	r:	US	\$\$0.87m
		S	\$1.18m
Current shares o/s:			2,050m
Free float:			19.0%
*Source: Bloomberg			

Key changes in this note

- FY22F EPS cut by 26%.
- > FY23F EPS raised by 4%.
- FY24F estimates introduced.



-		Source: E	Bloomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	-1.6	-2.4	-35.6
Relative (%)	-1.4	-7.3	-44.7

Major shareholders	% held
Rangi Management Ltd	51.8
Morze International Ltd	15.2
Tasburgh Ltd	5.2

Japfa Ltd

Bracing for the downcycle

- FY21 core net profit of US\$132.7m missed our estimate by 14% due to higher cost pressures across business segments and extended APO losses.
- Reiterate Hold with lower TP of S\$0.65; we expect softer earnings in the short-term, arising from persistent cost pressures and uncertain outlook.

EBIT margins squeezed in 4Q21

In 4Q21, JAP saw margin compression across its business units due to rising prices for its raw materials (e.g. soybean meal, alfalfa and corn) as well as higher logistics costs from extended supply chain disruptions. Its animal protein others (APO) segment saw EBIT loss widen to US\$21.1m with an EBIT margin of -8.5% in 4Q21, from US\$14.8m and -6.4% margin in 3Q21, while China Dairy segment saw EBIT margin ease from 20.3% to 19.0% over the same period. Indonesian Poultry turned around in 4Q21, posting positive US\$59.4m EBIT from US\$25.3m in EBIT losses in 3Q21 as Indonesia exited lockdowns. Nevertheless, the Indonesian Poultry segment's EBIT margin of 7.0% was still below the 13.5%/10.5% in the preceding quarters of 1Q21/2Q21 due to the steeper-than-expected rise in raw material prices, which resulted in a poorer ability to pass on the cost increases.

Resurgence of ASF exacerbated APO performance

In 4Q21, the resurgence of African Swine Fever (ASF) led to pre-emptive sales of swine in Vietnam, keeping swine prices weak. The stepping up of biosecurity measures to prevent operational disruptions compounded the cost pressure. Furthermore, management shared that despite the easing of lockdown measures in Vietnam, movement across certain regions within the country remains restricted, negatively impacting poultry consumption. Demand should improve amid progressive easing of restrictions ahead, in our view.

Robust sales volumes despite volatile margins

Operationally, JAP continued to deliver healthy growth in sales volumes of 8.9-42.3% yoy across various animal feed and proteins in 4Q21, which translated to robust revenue growth of 19.9% in FY21. Although extenuating market conditions could add to near-term cost pressures, we think JAP will be able to tide through the near-term headwinds given its advantage over its peers (being the most cost-efficient producer across its operating markets) and emerge from uncertainties with better footing across its business segments.

Reiterate Hold with a lower TP pending profit growth visibility

We reiterate Hold with a lower TP of S\$0.65 as we roll forward our valuation, now based on CY23F P/E of 7x (vs. 9x previously), slightly below its five-year historical average to account for the expected share price weakness in the near term due to lack of profit growth visibility. We cut our FY22F EPS by 26% to reflect the persistent cost pressures, but raise FY23F EPS by 4% to account for sustained revenue growth momentum on the back of easing pressure on margins. Upside risks include a swifter easing of margin pressures; downside risks include prolonged cost pressures and deteriorating demand dynamics.

Financial Summary	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Revenue (US\$m)	3,868	4,636	4,589	4,693	4,800
Operating EBITDA (US\$m)	507.7	492.0	468.1	566.8	593.3
Net Profit (US\$m)	322.0	118.8	96.5	141.4	148.7
Core EPS (US\$)	0.095	0.065	0.047	0.069	0.073
Core EPS Growth	47.1%	(32.1%)	(27.3%)	46.4%	5.2%
FD Core P/E (x)	4.45	6.89	9.47	6.47	6.15
DPS (US\$)	0.11	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Dividend Yield	24.7%	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	4.5%
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.40	5.33	6.00	5.26	4.83
P/FCFE (x)	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.44
Net Gearing	39.6%	46.0%	47.7%	46.5%	34.9%
P/BV (x)	0.64	0.64	0.61	0.56	0.52
ROE	17.0%	9.3%	6.6%	9.1%	8.8%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			(25.9%)	3.6%	
CGS-CIMB/Consensus EPS (x)			1.57	1.06	

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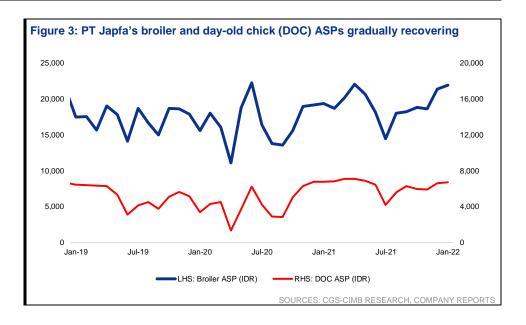


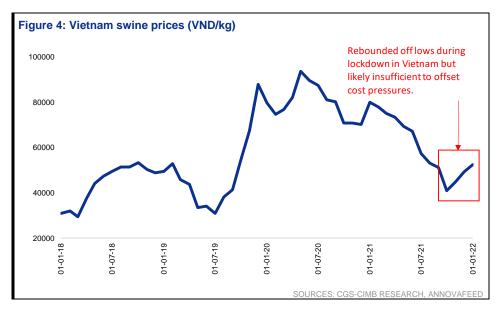
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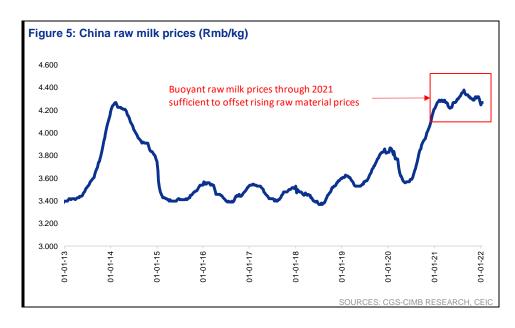
FYE Dec (US\$m)	4QFY21	4QFY20	yoy % chg	FY21	FY20	yoy % chg	Prev FY21F	Comments
Revenue	1,252.7	1,099.5	13.9	4,636.4	3,868.3	19.9	4,010.5	Recorded highest revenue in 4Q21 with strong business momentum
Gross profit	188.5	272.6	(30.8)	806.8	857.6	(5.9)	888.5	
Gross margin (%)	15.0	24.8	(39.3)	17.4	22.2	(21.5)	22.2	Gross margin weakened significantly on cost pressures due to steeper-than-expected increases in raw material prices such as corn and soybean meal, as well as logistics costs.
Operating costs	(123.1)	(145.6)	(15.4)	(474.9)	(493.8)	(3.8)	(489.1)	
Operating profit	65.4	127.0	(48.5)	331.9	363.8	(8.8)	399.3	
Interest income	0.6	1.5	(63.1)	3.5	6.5	(46.9)	0.0	
Finance costs	(25.5)	(22.6)	12.8	(96.7)	(106.0)	(8.8)	(92.7)	
Other gains	2.1	142.2	nm	33.4	150.9	(77.9)	nm	
Share of JV	1.0	0.1	nm	1.0	0.0	nm	0.0	
Core PBT (ex-forex and FV bio)	43.6	248.1	(82.4)	273.0	415.3	(34.3)	306.7	
PBT (reported)	33.4	256.7	nm	266.8	422.4	(36.8)	306.7	
Tax	(14.9)	(32.1)	nm	(54.1)	(50.8)	6.5	(70.4)	
Tax rate (%)	(44.6)	(12.5)	256.5	(20.3)	(12.0)	68.5	(23.0)	
Minority interests	(13.6)	(32.7)	(58.5)	(93.9)	(49.6)	89.3	(82.0)	Minority interest increased due to sale of 12.5% stake in AustAsia during FY21.
Net profit	4.9	191.9	nm	118.8	371.6	(68.0)	154.3	_
Core net profit	11.7	54.6	(78.6)	132.7	195.4	(32.1)	154.3	Below expectations at 86% of estimates due to extended losses in APO and margin pressure across business segments.
EPS, basic (US cts)	0.24	10.4	nm	5.8	20.1	(71.2)	7.5	
Core EPS (US cts)	0.57	3.0	(80.7)	6.5	10.6	(38.8)	7.5	

EVE Doo (US\$==)	N	ew		О	ld	% Ch	ange
FYE Dec (US\$m)	2022F	2023F	2024F	2022F	2023F	2022F	2023F
Revenue	4,589.4	4,693.1	4,799.8	3,994.8	4,171.8	14.9%	12.5%
Gross profit	804.0	896.8	919.3	876.4	910.6	-8.3%	-1.5%
EBIT	333.9	416.1	427.6	389.2	401.8	-14.2%	3.5%
Finance costs	(108.3)	(105.8)	(103.4)	(123.9)	(135.3)	-12.6%	-21.8%
Tax	(51.6)	(71.3)	(73.8)	(61.5)	(59.0)	-16.1%	21.0%
MI	(77.4)	(97.6)	(101.8)	(73.5)	(71.1)	5.3%	37.2%
Core net profit	96.5	141.4	148.7	130.2	136.5	-25.9%	3.6%
Core EPS	4.7	6.9	7.3	6.4	6.7	-25.9%	3.6%
Group Revenue	4,589.4	4,693.1	4,799.8	3.994.8	4,171.8	14.9%	12.5%
PT Japfa Comfeed	3,189.8	3,246.8	3,305.0	2,823.6	2,867.6	13.0%	13.2%
Animal protein Other	778.9	794.5	810.4	481.3	545.4	61.8%	45.7%
Dairy	620.8	651.8	684.4	689.9	758.8	-10.0%	-14.1%
Group EBIT	333.9	416.1	427.6	389.2	401.8	-14.2%	3.5%
PT Japfa Comfeed	190.8	242.8	247.1	211.6	200.5	-9.8%	21.1%
Animal protein Other	23.4	47.7	48.6	48.1	54.5	-51.5%	-12.6%
Dairy	117.9	123.8	130.0	134.5	151.8	-12.3%	-18.4%
Group EBIT Margin (%)	7.3%	8.9%	8.9%	9.7%	9.6%	-2.5%pt	-0.8%pt
PT Japfa Comfeed	6.0%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.0%	-1.5%pt	0.5%pt
Animal protein Other	3.0%	6.0%	6.0%	10.0%	10.0%	-7.0%pt	-4.0%pt
Dairy	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.5%	20.0%	-0.5%pt	-1.0%pt

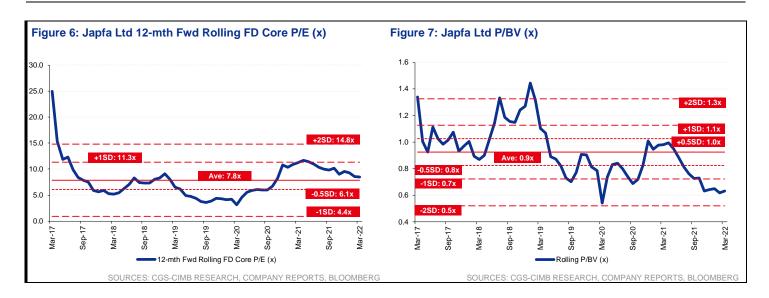












				Target	Market			2-year		Recurring	Dividend
	Bloomberg		Price	Price	Сар	Core P	/E (x)	EPS	P/BV (x)	ROE (%)	Yield (%)
Company	Ticker	Recom.	(Icl curr)	(lcl curr)	(US\$ m)	CY22F	CY23F	CAGR (%)	CY22F	CY22F	CY22F
Japfa Ltd	JAP SP	Hold	0.61	0.65	910	9.5	6.5	3.2%	0.61	6.6%	3.4%
Charoen Pokphand Indonesia	CPIN IJ	Hold	5,700	6,500	6,495	20.1	16.4	27.8%	3.33	17.6%	1.7%
Malindo Feedmill	MAIN IJ	Reduce	670.0	650.0	104	13.3	6.7	309.5%	0.71	5.5%	0.2%
China Modern Dairy Holdings	1117 HK	Add	1.42	2.62	1,438	7.6	6.0	24.0%	0.73	10.1%	0.0%
China Mengniu Dairy	2319 HK	Add	49.65	53.90	25,116	26.4	22.6	21.4%	3.82	15.4%	1.1%
Charoen Pokphand Foods	CPF TB	Add	24.9	29	6,397.9	20.2	14.7	133.5%	0.97	4.8%	2.7%
Simple average						17.0	13.1	91.6%	1.92	11.1%	1.2%





Refinitiv ESG Scores

ESG in a nutshell

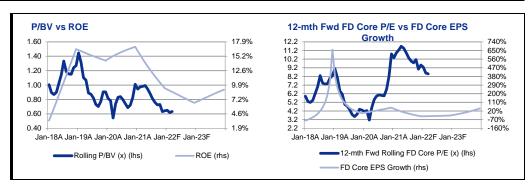


JAP scored a B- on Refinitiv's combined ESG score in 2019, weighed down by its C Social score. We believe that as a commercial farmer, Jap's Environmental pillar (28.7%) should hold more weight on its overall ESG score as opposed to the current skew towards the Social pillar (45.1%). JAP scored a B for its Environmental pillar, ranking it fourth among seven identified peers (by Refinitiv) within Singapore's food and tobacco industry. We believe JAP will continue to play

an important role in ensuring food security, especially in Indocumercial poultry farming.	onesia, where it has maintained its number two position in
Keep your eye on	Implications
Ethical and responsible farming methodologies which could impact JAP's resource and waste management.	Currently, we do not measure the impact of farming methodologies. However, we believe ethical and responsible farming methodologies could manifest in the form of yield management and improve efficiency across JAP's various business segments.
ESG highlights	Implications
In 2020, JAP completed the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of its Indonesian poultry operations that was initiated in 2019, aimed at measuring the potential environmental impact of all the stages of its supply chain. This put JAP one step closer to obtaining an ecolabel or environmental product declaration (EPD), which would provide traceability of its sources and quality assurance to its commercial customers and consumers.	We have not ascribed any premium to JAP's valuation that could arise from investor recognition of its ESG efforts.
Trends	Implications
While JAP only received its first Refinitiv ESG rating in 2019, the company started its sustainability reporting in 2017. The company started an LCA on its Indonesian poultry operation as that is the largest contributor to its business.	We have not reflected any ESG premium/discount in our valuation but consistent disclosures with improving ESG metrics could warrant a valuation premium.



BY THE NUMBERS



(US\$m)	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Total Net Revenues	3,868	4,636	4,589	4,693	4,800
Gross Profit	858	807	804	897	919
Operating EBITDA	508	492	468	567	593
Depreciation And Amortisation	(144)	(160)	(134)	(151)	(166)
Operating EBIT	364	332	334	416	428
Financial Income/(Expense)	(99)	(93)	(108)	(106)	(103)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0	1	0	0	0
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	158	27	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	422	267	226	310	324
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	422	267	226	310	324
Taxation	(51)	(54)	(52)	(71)	(74)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	372	213	174	239	250
Minority Interests	(50)	(94)	(77)	(98)	(102)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	322	119	97	141	149
Recurring Net Profit	195	133	97	141	149
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	195	133	97	141	149

Cash Flow					
(US\$m)	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
EBITDA	507.7	492.0	468.1	566.8	593.3
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(29.5)	(90.1)	(93.4)	(142.4)	119.0
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	36.6	48.8	108.3	105.8	103.4
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(106.0)	(96.7)	(108.3)	(105.8)	(103.4)
Tax Paid	(25.8)	(65.2)	(51.6)	(71.3)	(73.8)
Cashflow From Operations	383.1	288.8	323.1	353.2	638.5
Capex	(211.6)	(297.7)	(300.0)	(300.0)	(300.0)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	0.0	(115.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Investing Cashflow	195.5	155.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow From Investing	(16.1)	(258.2)	(300.0)	(300.0)	(300.0)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(402.6)	(94.0)	(138.3)	(135.8)	(132.4)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(14.9)	(182.1)	(22.0)	(22.0)	(22.0)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Financing	(350.8)	(276.1)	(160.3)	(157.8)	(154.3)
Total Cash Generated	16.3	(245.5)	(137.2)	(104.6)	184.2
Free Cashflow To Equity	(35.6)	(63.4)	(115.2)	(82.7)	206.2
Free Cashflow To Firm	473.0	127.3	131.5	159.0	441.9

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Balance Sheet					
(US\$m)	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Total Cash And Equivalents	225	321	183	79	263
Total Debtors	431	232	503	514	526
Inventories	788	1,121	991	1,123	1,002
Total Other Current Assets	161	183	183	183	183
Total Current Assets	1,604	1,856	1,860	1,899	1,974
Fixed Assets	1,205	1,342	1,507	1,657	1,791
Total Investments	39	60	60	60	60
Intangible Assets	418	512	512	512	512
Total Other Non-Current Assets	401	532	532	532	532
Total Non-current Assets	2,063	2,446	2,612	2,761	2,895
Short-term Debt	432	574	574	574	574
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	358	403	451	452	462
Other Current Liabilities	42	42	42	42	42
Total Current Liabilities	833	1,019	1,067	1,068	1,078
Total Long-term Debt	569	735	705	675	646
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	274	379	379	379	379
Total Non-current Liabilities	843	1,114	1,084	1,054	1,025
Total Provisions	30	23	23	23	23
Total Liabilities	1,706	2,156	2,173	2,145	2,126
Shareholders' Equity	1,420	1,427	1,502	1,621	1,748
Minority Interests	542	719	797	894	996
Total Equity	1,962	2,146	2,298	2,515	2,744

Key Ratios					
	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Revenue Growth	(0.6%)	19.9%	(1.0%)	2.3%	2.3%
Operating EBITDA Growth	10.7%	(3.1%)	(4.9%)	21.1%	4.7%
Operating EBITDA Margin	13.1%	10.6%	10.2%	12.1%	12.4%
Net Cash Per Share (US\$)	(0.38)	(0.48)	(0.53)	(0.57)	(0.47)
BVPS (US\$)	0.69	0.70	0.73	0.79	0.85
Gross Interest Cover	3.43	3.43	3.08	3.93	4.14
Effective Tax Rate	12.0%	20.3%	22.9%	23.0%	22.7%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	50.0%	18.5%	22.8%	15.5%	19.7%
Accounts Receivables Days	31.06	26.08	29.22	39.56	39.66
Inventory Days	96.2	91.0	101.8	101.6	100.2
Accounts Payables Days	45.48	36.29	41.16	43.39	43.10
ROIC (%)	10.2%	8.3%	7.2%	8.4%	8.0%
ROCE (%)	13.0%	10.4%	9.4%	11.3%	11.0%
Return On Average Assets	12.8%	7.1%	5.8%	7.0%	6.9%

Key Drivers					
	Dec-20A	Dec-21A	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
ASP (% chg, main prod./serv.)	3.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Unit sales grth (%, main prod./serv.)	-9.8%	9.7%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%

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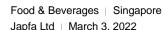
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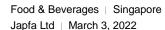
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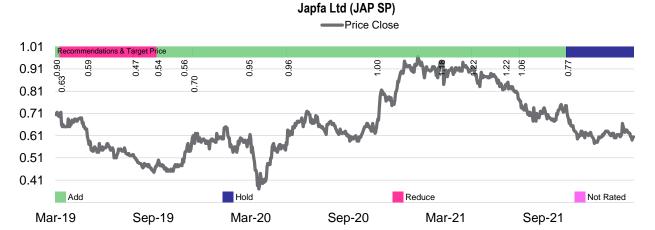
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ADVANC - Excellent, Certified, AMATA - Excellent, Certified, ANAN - Excellent, n/a, AOT - Excellent, n/a, AP - Excellent, Certified, ASP - Excellent, n/a, AOT - Excellent, n/a, n/a, AWC - Excellent, Declared, AU - Good, n/a, BAM - Very Good, Certified, BAY - Excellent, Certified, BBL - Excellent, Certified, BCH - Very Good, Certified, BCP - Excellent, Certified, BCPG - Excellent, Certified, BDMS - Excellent, n/a, BEAUTY - Good, n/a, BEM - Excellent, n/a BH -Good, n/a, BJC - Very Good, n/a, BLA - Very Good, Certified, BTS - Excellent, Certified, CBG - Very Good, n/a, CCET - n/a, n/a, CENTEL -Excellent, Certified, CHAYO - Very Good, n/a, CHG - Very Good, n/a, CK - Excellent, n/a, COM7 - Excellent, Certified, CPALL - Excellent, Certified, CPF - Excellent, Certified, CPN - Excellent, Certified, CPNREIT - n/a, n/a, CRC - Excellent, Declared, DELTA - Excellent, Certified, DDD - Excellent, n/a, DIF - n/a, n/a, DOHOME - Very Good, Declared, DREIT - n/a, n/a, DTAC - Excellent, Certified, ECL - Excellent, Certified, EGCO - Excellent, Certified, EPG - Excellent, Certified, ERW - Very Good, Certified, GFPT - Excellent, Certified, GGC - Excellent, Certified, GLOBAL - Excellent, n/a, HANA - Excellent, Certified, HMPRO - Excellent, Certified, HUMAN - Good, n/a, ICHI - Excellent, Certified, III - Excellent, Declared, INTUCH -Excellent, Certified, IRPC - Excellent, Certified, ITD - Very Good, n/a, IVL - Excellent, Certified, JASIF - n/a, n/a, JKN - n/a, Certified, JMT - Very Good, n/a, KBANK - Excellent, Certified, KCE - Excellent, Certified, KEX - Very Good, Declared, KKP - Excellent, Certified, KSL - Excellent, Certified, KTB - Excellent, Certified, KTC - Excellent, Certified, LH - Excellent, n/a, LPN - Excellent, Certified, M - Very Good, Certified, MAKRO - Excellent, Certified, MC - Excellent, Certified, MEGA - Very Good, n/a, MINT - Excellent, Certified, MTC - Excellent, Certified, NETBAY - Very Good, n/a, NRF - Very Good, Declared, OR - Excellent, n/a, ORI - Excellent, Certified, OSP - Excellent, n/a, PLANB - Excellent, Certified, PRINC - Very Good, Certified, PR9 - Excellent, Declared, PSH - Excellent, Certified, PTT - Excellent, Certified, PTTEP - Excellent, n/a, PTTGC - Excellent, Certified, QH - Excellent, Certified, RAM - n/a, n/a, RBF - Very Good, n/a, RS - Excellent, Declared, RSP - Good, n/a, S - Excellent, n/a, SAK - Very Good, Declared, SAPPE - Very Good, Certified, SAWAD - Very Good, n/a, SCB - Excellent, Certified, SCC - Excellent, Certified, SCGP - Excellent, Declared, SECURE - n/a, n/a, SHR - Excellent, n/a, SIRI - Excellent, Certified, SPA - Very Good, n/a, SPALI - Excellent, Certified, SPRC - Excellent, Certified, Certified, SSP - Good, Certified, STEC - Excellent, n/a, SVI - Excellent, Certified, SYNEX - Very Good, Certified, TCAP - Excellent, Certified, THANI - Excellent, Certified, TIDLOR - n/a, Certified TISCO - Excellent, Certified, TKN - Very Good, n/a, TOP - Excellent, Certified, TRUE - Excellent, Certified, TTB - Excellent, Certified, TU - Excellent, Certified, TVO - Excellent, Certified, VGI - Excellent, Certified, WHA - Excellent, Certified, WHART - n/a, n/a, WICE - Excellent, Certified, WORK - Good, n/a.

- CG Score 2021 from Thai Institute of Directors Association (IOD)
- Companies participating in Thailand's Private Sector Collective Action Coalition Against Corruption programme (Thai CAC) under Thai Institute of Directors (as of August 5, 2021) are categorised into: companies that have declared their intention to join CAC, and companies certified by CAC.

Recommendation Fra	amework
Stock Ratings	Definition:
Add	The stock's total return is expected to exceed 10% over the next 12 months.
Hold	The stock's total return is expected to be between 0% and positive 10% over the next 12 months.
Reduce	The stock's total return is expected to fall below 0% or more over the next 12 months.
	of a stock is defined as the sum of the: (i) percentage difference between the target price and the current price and (ii) the forward net ck. Stock price targets have an investment horizon of 12 months.
Sector Ratings	Definition:
Overweight	An Overweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a positive absolute recommendation.
Neutral	A Neutral rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a neutral absolute recommendation.
Underweight	An Underweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a negative absolute recommendation.
Country Ratings	Definition:
Overweight	An Overweight rating means investors should be positioned with an above-market weight in this country relative to benchmark.
Neutral	A Neutral rating means investors should be positioned with a neutral weight in this country relative to benchmark.
Underweight	An Underweight rating means investors should be positioned with a below-market weight in this country relative to benchmark.

