Asian Property - AP

High growth outlook but expensive stock

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Company Overview

AP is one of Thailand's leading property developers. Its project portfolio includes townhouses, single-detached houses and condominiums.

- AP aims for 8.7% presales growth in 2013 to Bt22bn with a plan to open both low- and high-rise projects.
- We keep our CY13 revenue and profit outlook unchanged with projected 15% and 18% y-y growth given sizable backlog and YTD SDH presales riding on growth momentum.
- We rate AP a 'REDUCE' as the stocks have been trading above its historical P/E multiples.

What is the news?

AP aims for 2013 presales and revenue growth of 8.7% and 15%, respectively.

How do we view this?

Our earnings projection remains in tune with AP's business strategy which appears unchanged from the previous valuation. SDH presales continued to ride strong growth momentum since the start of the year while substantial backlog is expected to help bolster revenue growth during the year. We project CY13 net profit to grow 18% y-y.

Investment Actions?

Shares of AP have been trading above historical P/E multiples while fundamentals see no significant surprises. We therefore rate the stock a 'REDUCE' with a target price of Bt9.20/share.





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Key Financial Summary				
FYE	12/11	12/12	12/13F	12/14F
Revenue (Btmn)	13,691	17,365	20,058	20,391
Net Profit (Btmn)	1,551	2,329	2,765	2,901
EPS (Bt)	0.55	0.82	0.97	1.01
Net Profit, adj. (Btmn)	1,547	2,212	2,765	2,901
EPS, adj. (Bt)	0.55	0.78	0.97	1.01
P/E (X),adj.	19.1	13.5	10.9	10.4
BVPS (Bt)	3.81	4.42	5.07	6.09
P/B (X)	2.8	2.4	2.1	1.7
DPS (Bt)	0.18	0.31	0.37	0.39
Div. Yield (%)	1.7	3.0	3.5	3.7
Source: Bloomberg, PSR est.				

^{*}All multiples & yields based on current market price

Valuation Method

P/F13 (9X)

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AP's presales growth target of 8.7% to Bt22bn

AP aims for 2013 presales growth of 8.7% y-y to Bt22bn from Bt20.2bn a year ago.

For SDH/TH segment, AP plans to open 16 SDH/TH projects this year with a combined worth of Bt13.01bn. Of the total, the company will focus on opening 11 townhouse projects valued Bt8.5bn and the remaining five SDH projects worth Bt4.4bn. AP launched the total of 10 SDH/TH projects worth Bt10.5bn in 2012. Conservatively, we forecast CY13 SDH/TH presales growth of 10% y-y to Bt10.6bn. Our estimate appears to be justified, considering YTD presales of Bt1bn which accounted for 10% of our full-year projection while strong momentum and the upcoming projects will drive presales to reach Bt10bn during the year.

In condo business, AP will launch five projects with total value of Bt10.5bn. The number of new projects equal to that a year earlier but the total value outweighs by 25%. Of the total five projects, three projects will be under Aspire brand which targets mid- to low-end customers: 1) a Bt600mn Aspire Udornthani with a starting price of Bt1.5mn/unit; 2) a Bt2.8bn Aspire Rattanatibet II; and 3) a Bt600mn Aspire Sathorn-Taksin phase II. The remaining two projects will be high-end luxury properties: 1) a Bt3.2bn Galerie rue de 39, a new brand targeting super-prime buyers with a starting price of Bt36mn/unit, totaling 88 units; and 2) a Bt3.3bn Rhythm Sukhumvit 42, targeting hi-end customers with a starting price of Bt8.2mn/unit, totaling 402 units. We expect the new projects to generate presales of approximately Bt7bn-Bt8bn given the previous year's take-up rate of 76%. AP was able to offload its unsold units of as much as Bt4bn in the previous year while there remains unit unsold worth Bt8.7bn this year that we expect the company to generate sales of around Bt4bn-Bt5bn. In sum, we project condo presales at Bt11bn-Bt12bn in CY13.

CY13 revenue projected to grow 15%

AP gained big success in its projects a year earlier with proven presales growth of 36%. This drove backlog to as high as Bt28.3bn as of Feb 15. Of which Bt13bn will be realized as revenue during the year, splitting to Bt4bn from SDH/TH presales and Bt9bn condo.

The Bt13bn backlog covered up to 65% of Bt19.9bn our CY13 revenue forecast while the remaining 35% or Bt6bn-Bt7bn would be attributable to upcoming SDH/TH projects and Bt1bn from available condo unit for sales which will be transferred during the remaining course of the year. Under this scenario, our revenue growth forecasts of 15% this year is reasonable. Gross margin would soften slightly on minimum wage hikes and rising construction material costs but a benefit from lower effective tax rate would help underpin the bottom line. We thus project net profit to grow 18% y-y in CY13.

Expensive valuation

We still keep our CY13 earnings outlook in an absence of fresh business plan, but shares of AP have been rising remarkably to trade at 10-11x P/E, above historical levels of 9-10x. Such expensive prices convince us to rate the stock a 'REDUCE' with a target price of Bt9.20/share.



FYEDec	CY10	CY11	CY12	CY13F	CY14F
Valuation Ratios					
P/E (X), adj.	11.6	19.1	13.5	10.9	10.4
P/B (X)	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.1	1.7
EV/BBITDA (X), adj.	13.4	16.5	14.3	11.9	11.5
Dividend Yield (%)	1.7	1.7	3.0	3.5	3.7
Per share data (Bt)					
EPS, reported	0.95	0.55	0.82	0.97	1.01
EPS, adj.	0.91	0.55	0.78	0.97	1.01
DPS	0.18	0.18	0.31	0.37	0.39
BVPS	4.11	3.81	4.42	5.07	6.09
Growth & Margins (%)					
Growth					
Revenue	9.7	-1.6	26.8	15.5	1.7
EBITDA	9.7	-18.9	15.4	19.9	3.3
BIT	9.6	-19.5	15.3	20.4	3.4
Net Income, adj.	10.1	-27.1	43.0	25.0	4.9
Margins					
EBITDA margin	23.1	19.0	17.3	17.9	18.2
⊞IT margin	22.9	18.7	17.0	17.7	18.0
Net Profit Margin	16.0	11.3	13.4	13.8	14.2
Key Ratios					
ROE (%)	22.0	22.1	13.4	17.3	17.5
ROA (%)	8.9	8.3	5.3	8.4	10.2
Net Debt-Cash	10,311	13,786	11,539	7,540	5,685
Net Gearing(X)	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.5	0.3
Income Statement (Bt mn)					
Revenue	13,917	13,691	17,365	20,058	20,391
EBITDA	3,208	2,602	3,001	3,600	3,719
Depreciation & Amortisation	27	42	49	46	44
BIT	3,181	2,560	2,952	3,553	3,676
Net Finance (Expense)/Income	(90)	(174)	(196)	(97)	(49)
Other items	106	9	121	0	0
Associates & JVs	9	0	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax	3,206	2,395	2,877	3,456	3,626
Taxation	(977)	(844)	(548)	(691)	(725)
Profit After Tax	2,229	1,551	2,329	2,765	2,901
Non-controlling Interest	2	0	0	0	0
Net Income, reported	2,228	1,551	2,329	2,765	2,901
Net Income, adj.	2,122	1,547	2,212	2,765	2,901

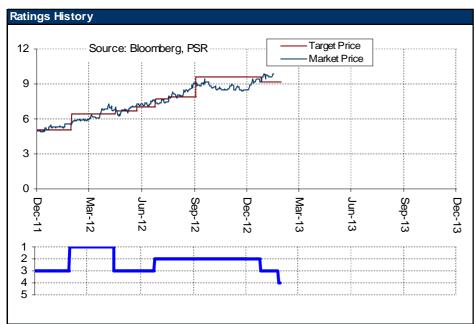
Source: PSR est.



FYEDec	CY10	CY11	CY12	CY13F	CY14F
Balance Sheet (Bt mn)					
Cash	355	438	744	142	147
ST Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts Receivables	9	7	108	109	109
Inventories	21,347	26,616	26,490	23,916	25,544
Others	1,510	1,538	1,411	1,411	1,411
Total current assets	23,221	28,599	28,753	25,577	27,211
PPE	156	143	127	140	166
Property Investments	0	23	33	33	33
Associates & JVs	127	135	0	0	0
Investments	102	102	102	102	102
Others	508	372	297	297	297
Total non-current assets	893	775	559	573	599
Total Assets	24,114	29,375	29,312	26,150	27,811
Short term loans	3,860	5,922	4,209	4,059	3,959
Accounts Payables	711	575	777	614	839
Others	2,938	3,570	3,410	3,180	3,555
Total current liabilities	7,509	10,066	8,396	7,853	8,354
Long term loans	6,807	8,302	8,073	3,623	1,873
Others	285	345	323	332	341
Total liabilities	14,600	18,714	16,792	11,808	10,567
Non-controlling interest	0	0	0	0	0
Shareholder Equity	9,514	10,660	12,520	14,342	17,243
Cashflow Statements (Bt mn)					
CFO					
Net Income	3,206	2,395	2,877	3,456	3,626
Adjustments	136	344	216	156	115
Cash from ops before WC changes	3,342	2,740	3,094	3,612	3,742
WC changes	(3,833)	(4,455)	724	2,584	(779)
Cash generated from ops	(491)	(1,715)	3,818	6,196	2,963
Taxes paid, net	(1,085)	(731)	(724)	(691)	(725)
Interest paid	(454)	(644)	(602)	(504)	(313)
Cashflow from ops	(2,031)	(3,091)	2,492	5,001	1,925
CFI	0	0	0	0	0
CAPEX, net	(49)	(46)	(49)	(60)	(70)
Dividends from associates & JVs	2	4	4	0	0
Dividends/Interest from Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase/sale of investments	240	14	225	0	0
Investments in subs & associates	(763)	0	0	0	0
Others	(36)	20	35	0	0
Cashflow from investments	(606)	(9)	216	(60)	(70)
CFF	0	0	0	0	0
Share issuance	26	25	66	(35)	0
Purchase of treasury shares	0	0	0	0	0
Loans, net of repayments	2,008	3,578	(1,959)	(4,600)	(1,850)
Dividends to minority interests	0	(0)	(0)	0	0
Dividends to shareholders & capital reduction	(747)	(422)	(509)	(908)	0
Others	(3)	0	0	0	0
Cashflow from financing	1,284	3,181	(2,401)	(5,543)	(1,850)
Net change in cash	(1,353)	82	306	(602)	5
Effects of exchange rates	0	0	0	0	0
CCE, end	355	438	744	142	147
Source: PSR est.					







Phillip Group Rating System		
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+5% to +20%	Accumulate/Trading Buy	2
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3
-5% to -20%	Reduce/Trading Sell	4
>-20%	Sell	5
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