

# Thai Beverage PLC

Beer losing (from) interest

## SINGAPORE | CONSUMER | 4Q19 RESULTS

- Revenue and earnings were below our forecast. Earnings suffered from less fair value gains in associate Frasers Property (FPL) and loss in the beer division.
- Volumes were healthy for spirits and beer but gross margins suffered. More than 100% of 4Q19 PATMI is from the spirits division.
- Dividends for the year raised by 23% to Bt0.48 (\$\$0.021).
- Downgrade to REDUCE. We lowered our SOTP-derived TP to \$\$0.80 (previously \$\$0.83) as we cut FY20e earnings by 5%. We lowered our margins and raised interest expense estimates. Outlook for FY20e is dependent on government support for farm income. Earnings from Sabeco will be under pressure from interest expenses and contribution to the group will be minimal.

#### **Results at a glance**

THB' trn	4Q19	4Q18	ΥοΥ	Comments
PATMI (excl. non recurrin	ıg costs)			
Spirits	4.17	3.53	18.2%	Higher spirit volumes and better margins
Beer	(0.30)	(0.37)	-17.5%	Volumes rose but hit by lower margins and higher interest expenses
Non-alcoholic beverages	(0.44)	(0.41)	6.6%	No signs of turnaround.
Food	0.01	0.12	-94.8%	
F&N/FPL	(0.02)	0.22	-109.2%	Less fair value gains from FPL.
	3.42	3.08	10.7%	

Source: Company, PSR

#### **The Positives**

**+ Healthy volumes for spirits and beer.** Spirits volume jumped 14% YoY (Thailand +11.7%, Myanmar +29.1%). Thailand recovered from an exceptionally weak quarter a year ago where volumes plunged 26%. Myanmar recovered from supply chain and bottling issues in 3Q19. These issues have been resolved. Beer volumes in Thailand jumped 17.3% YoY, whilst Sabeco's volume rose 9.2% YoY.

+ Higher dividends. The company continued with its committed dividend payout policy of not less than 50%.

#### **The Negatives**

- Beer under pressure from interest expenses. Despite the improvement in volumes and revenues, gross margins fell from 23.1% to 21.5%. Earnings were further suppressed by the 8% rise in net interest expense of Bt965mn in 4Q19. Highest level of interest since the acquisition. The higher interest expense was due to refinancing from lower variable rates to higher fixed rates.

- Less fair value gains from FPL. Another driver of weaker earnings in 4Q19 was lower earnings at FPL. We estimate FPL recorded net FV gains (after exceptionals) of S\$119mn in 4Q19 versus S\$440mn a year ago.



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REDUCE (Downgraded)							
LAST CLOSE PRICE	SGD 0.890						
FORECAST DIV	SGD 0.023						
TARGET PRICE	SGD 0.800						
TOTAL RETURN	-7.5%						
COMPANY DATA							
BLOOM BERG CODE	THBEV SP						
O/S SHARES (MN) :	25,114						
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn) :	16376/22351						
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	0.96 / 0.58						
3M Average Daily T/O (mn) :	12.86						
MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS							
SIRIWANA COMPANY LIMITED	45.3%						

MAXTOP MANAGEMENT CORP	20.6%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)			
	1M T H	ЗМТН	1Y R
COMPANY	(3.3)	(4.3)	37.9
STIRETURN	2.39	3.55	10.45

#### PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

#### KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E Sep	F Y 18	F Y 19	FY20e	F Y 2 1e
Revenue (THB bn)	229.7	267.4	279.1	288.7
EBITDA (THB bn)	34.8	40.9	42.7	44.2
NPAT, adj. (THB bn)	21.0	23.3	26.0	26.8
EPS, adj. (THB)	0.74	0.93	1.03	1.07
EPS, adj. (SCents)	3.07	4.06	4.58	4.61
PER, adj. (x)	29.0	21.9	19.4	19.3
P/BV, (x)	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.5
DPS(THB)	0.39	0.48	0.52	0.53
DPS (SCents)	1.59	2.17	2.34	2.41
Div Yield	1.7%	2.4%	2.6%	2.7%
ROE	16.8%	19.6%	21.2%	19.7%

Source: Company Data, PSR

Valuation Method Sum-of-parts EV/EBIITDA

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#### Outlook

The company has a strong market share in their respective products and possess the ability to raise prices especially in Myanmar and Vietnam. In the medium term, we are negative for two primary reasons – (i) Sabeco will remain an earnings drag to the group due to high-interest expenses; (ii) Soft consumer spending in Thailand that will be dependent on government support. Furthermore, we view spirits consumption in Thailand to have reached maturity.

#### Downgrade to REDUCE with SOTP-derived TP of S\$0.80

We downgrade our recommendation to REDUCE. Our lower SOTP-derived TP of \$\$0.80 (previously \$\$0.83) was due to a 5% cut in our FY20e earnings forecast. We lowered our margins and raised interest expense estimates. Outlook for FY20e is dependent on government support for farm income. Earnings from Sabeco will be under pressure from interest expenses and contribution to the group will be minimal.

#### Figure 1: Further details of the results

Results at a glance				
THB' trn	4Q19	4Q18	ΥοΥ	Comments
Spirits	26.0	23.7	9.8%	Sales volume +14.2% YoY
Beer	27.7	24.7	12.3%	Sales volume +11.3%
Non-alcoholic beverages	4.5	3.8	20.9%	
Food	3.9	3.9	0.5%	
Total Revenue	62.1	56.0	10.9%	
Gross profit	17.7	16.3	8.7%	Higher bottle cost due to new format
Core EBITDA, ex. FNN/FPL	8.8	7.9	11.8%	
and non-recurring cost				
Net interest expense	-1.4	-1.6	-10.3%	
Associates	0.2	0.9	-74.6%	
NPAT	4.2	4.4	-5.1%	
ΡΑΤΜΙ	3.4	3.7	-7.8%	
<u>Margins</u>				
Gross	28.6%	29.2%	-0.6%	
Core EBITDA	14.1%	14.0%	0.1%	
PATMI	5.5%	6.6%	-1.1%	

Source: Company, PSR

# **Financials**

#### Income Statement

Y/E Sep, THB mn	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20e	FY21e
Revenue	189,997	229,695	267,357	279,094	288,699
Gross profit	58,099	67,218	77,391	81,724	84,399
EBITDA	32,675	34,789	40,913	42,677	44,161
Depreciation & Amortisation	-4,308	-5,759	-6,634	-6,560	-7,060
EBIT	28,367	29,030	34,279	36,117	37,101
Associates & JVs	4,073	4,230	4,845	4,186	4,330
Otheritems	8,311	-3,664	-1,807	952	817
Net Finance Inc/(Exp)	-939	-4,261	-6,006	-6,100	-5,828
Profit Before Tax	39,812	25,335	31,312	35,155	36,421
Taxation	-5,132	-4,609	-5,229	-5,976	-6,192
Profit After Tax	34,681	20,726	26,083	29,179	30,230
- Non-controlling interest	171	2,196	2,810	3,210	3,476
Net profit, reported	34,510	18,530	23,272	25,969	26,753
Net profit, adj.	26,013	20,988	23,272	25,969	26,753

#### Per share data (THB)

Y/E Sep	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20e	FY21e
EPS, reported	1.37	0.74	0.93	1.03	1.07
EPS, adj.	1.01	0.75	0.90	1.01	1.02
DPS	0.67	0.39	0.48	0.52	0.53
BVPS	5.13	4.82	4.61	5.13	5.66
Per share data (SGD Cents)*					
Y/E Sep	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20e	FY21e
EPS, reported	5.41	3.02	4.19	4.68	4.82
EPS, adj.	3.98	3.07	4.06	4.58	4.61
DPS	2.64	1.59	2.17	2.34	2.41
BVPS	20.20	19.72	20.88	23.21	25.63

Cash Flow					
Y/E Sep, THB mn	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20e	FY21e
CFO					
EBIT	28,367	29,030	34,279	36,117	37,101
Depreciation & Amortisation	-4,308	-5,759	-6,634	-6,560	-7,060
WC changes	99	-259	3,810	-4,475	-1,541
Tax paid	-3,635	-6,965	-6,024	-5,976	-6,192
Others	434	-3,833	-224	952	817
Cashflow from ops	29,573	22,280	38,476	33,178	37,246
CFI					
CAPEX, net	-5,399	-6,907	-5,664	-6,419	-6,640
Others	2,346	-185,190	-2,781	487	320
Cashflow from investments	-3,053	-192,098	-8,445	-5,932	-6,320
CFF					
Share issuance, net	0	0	0	0	0
Loans, net of repayments	-6,407	187,204	-18,760	-6,587	-6,148
Dividends	-15,162	-16,134	-12,416	-12,985	-13,377
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Cashflow from financing	-21,568	171,070	-31,176	-19,572	-19,525
Net change in cash	4,952	1,252	-1,146	7,674	11,402
Effects of exchange rates	-82	335	-740	0	0
CCE, end	9,929	11,516	9,630	17,304	28,706

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

# Balance Sheet Y/E Sep, THB mn FY17 FY18 FY19 FY20e FY21e

8,532	57,059	59,737	59,597	59,177
7,281	184,390	184,120	184,120	184,120
3,373	78,870	79,345	83,532	87,862
1,134	5,994	6,719	6,719	6,719
3,319	326,313	329,922	333,968	337,879
8,248	5,944	6,759	6,252	6,410
9,929	22,530	24,362	32,036	43,438
7,761	42,185	42,876	48,667	50,375
1,983	4,438	3,321	3,321	3,321
5,921	75,096	77,318	90,276	103,544
1,240	401,409	407,240	424,244	441,423
L,265	16,294	20,471	21,280	21,606
L,058	15,136	21,956	21,956	21,956
5,347	6,029	6,123	6,123	6,123
7,671	37,459	48,550	49,359	49,685
0,000	216,804	197,977	197,977	197,977
1,056	6,575	10,389	10,389	10,389
1,057	223,379	208,366	208,366	208,366
L, <b>727</b>	260,838	256,916	257,725	258,051
3,733	19,425	34,466	37,675	41,152
3,780	121,146	115,859	128,844	142,220
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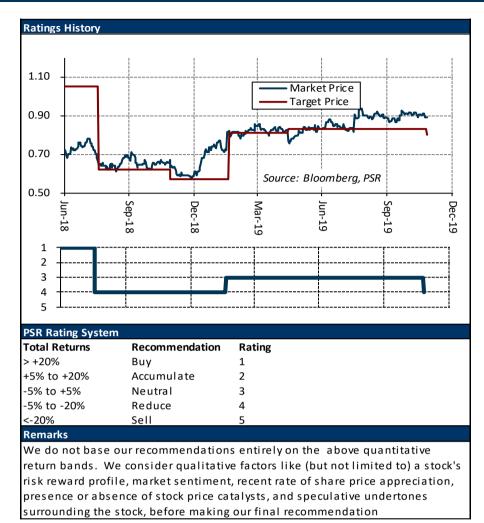
Valuation Ratios					
Y/E Sep	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20e	FY21e
P/E (X), adj.	22.3	29.0	21.9	19.4	19.3
P/B (X)	4.4	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.5
EV/EBITDA (X), adj.	19.9	23.3	17.7	16.9	4.9
Dividend Yield (%)	2.8%	1.7%	2.4%	2.6%	2.7%
Growth & Margins					
Growth					
Revenue	0.0%	20.9%	16.4%	4.4%	3.4%
EBITDA	3.9%	6.5%	17.6%	4.3%	3.5%
EBIT	4.9%	2.3%	18.1%	5.4%	2.7%
Net profit, adj.	4.3%	-19.3%	10.9%	11.6%	3.0%
Margins					
Gross margin	30.6%	29.3%	28.9%	29.3%	29.2%
EBITDA margin	17.2%	15.1%	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%
EBIT margin	14.9%	12.6%	12.8%	12.9%	12.9%
Net profit margin	13.7%	9.1%	8.7%	9.3%	9.3%
Key Ratios					
ROE	20.9%	16.8%	19.6%	21.2%	19.7%
ROA	13.6%	7.0%	5.8%	6.2%	6.2%
Net Debt/(Cash)	31,129	209,411	195,571	187,897	176,496
Net Gearing	23.5%	149.0%	130.1%	112.8%	96.3%





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