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Latest price: Bt20.9

CP Axtra Pcl (CPAXT)

Rating: BUY

2025 profit rises 5.1% YoY

Fair price: Bt25.3

• CPAXT posted a net profit of Bt2.29bn (EPS of Bt0.22) for 2Q25, up 5.1% YoY and down 13.5% QoQ. The earnings came in slightly below our estimate of Bt2.37bn and the Bloomberg consensus forecast of Bt2.36bn. 1H25 net profit rose 5.8% YoY on sales growth of 2.5% YoY. 1H25 net profit accounted for 41% of our full-year projection.

• A 1H25 DPS of Bt0.18, representing a half-year yield of 0.9%. The pay-out ratio is 38% of 1H25 earnings. The XD date is on 20 Aug for payment on 5 Sept.

- Consolidated sales rose by 2.1% YoY and fell 0.7% QoQ to Bt123.9bn. The wholesale business (MAKRO) registered sales growth of 2.4% YoY to Bt68.8bn, driven largely by its international operation and higher food service sales. Meanwhile, the sales performance of Lotus's retail business registered sales growth of 1.7% YoY to Bt55.1bn. Same-store sales growth for the wholesale business came in at -1.2% YoY (versus +1.9% in 2Q24), or +0.4% excluding cooling beverage and summer appliances. The decline was due partly to forex fluctuations. For the retail business (Lotus's), SSSG was flat YoY in 2Q25 (versus +3.6% in 2Q24) largely driven by 7.3% YoY growth at Lotus's Malaysia, thanks to government stimulus measures, while Lotus's Thailand registered 0.6% YoY sales growth. Omnichannel sales accounted for 20.6% of total.
- Rental income grew 0.7% YoY to Bt3.6bn.
- MAKRO had a total of 179 stores at end-June 2025, opening three new stores during the quarter, with 169 in Thailand and 10 abroad. Lotus's had a total of 2,670 stores (2,600 stores in Thailand and 70 in Malaysia).
- Gross margin came in at 14.3% in 2Q25, versus 14.1% in 2Q24 and 14.5% in 1Q25. In terms of performance breakdown, MAKRO's gross margin improved by 60bps YoY to 11.5% on synergy value, while the retail business saw a 30bps YoY decline in gross profit margin to 17.8% on lower proportion of non-food sales.
- SG&A expenses accounted for 13.7% of revenues (+0.6% YoY and -0.3% QoQ to Bt17bn), from expenses related to rising online sales and new stores opening in the wholesale business.
- Total interest expenses fell marginally by 1.9% YoY and rose 1.3% QoQ to Bt1.42bn during the quarter on declining debts.
- Net D/E ratio was 0.30x at end-2Q25. Total capex was reported at Bt7.15bn for 1H25.
- Maintain BUY. We prefer to maintain our earnings estimates and BUY rating
 with a price target of Bt25.3, based on a rolling P/E multiple of 22x for 2025F.
 The stock trades at 18.1X our 2025F earnings. We believe the current share
 price has already factored in concerns over investments in the property business.
 Downside risks would be if there were higher-than-expected operating expenses
 and a slower-than-expected recovery in economic activity.

Company Information	
Ticker:	CPAXT TB
Sector:	Commerce
Shares outstanding (m):	10,427.661
Market capitalization (Btm):	217,938.13
Trading vol/day (Btm):	203.59
Free float (%):	15.26
Beta:	1.50
Major Shareholders CPALL Pcl Siam Makro Holding (Thailand) CP Holding CP Merchandising	34.92% 25.01% 15.96% 8.85%
Thai NVDR	3.67%
Consensus Bloomberg	1.14
2025F EPS (Bt):	25.56
Target price (Bt):	25.50

	1M	3M	1Y	YTD
Absolute (%)	7.2	-18.8	-29.2	-23.3
Relative (%)	-5.5	-22.5	-27.2	-13.7

35.50 / 16.10

Price Performance

52 Wk high/low:



Rating	CGR	Thai CAC	SET ESG
CPAXT		-	AA

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Investment su	mmary					
FY Dec 31	2022	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Revenues (Btm)	447,182	466,234	488,862	506,636	529,690	551,506
Change (%)	<i>72.9</i>	4.3	4.9	3.6	4.6	4.1
Net profit (Btm)	7,697	8,640	10,569	12,020	13,197	13,878
Change (%)	(43.8)	12.3	22.3	<i>13.7</i>	9.8	<i>5.2</i>
EPS (Bt)	0.73	0.82	1.01	1.15	1.27	1.33
Change (%)	(43.8)	12.3	24.1	<i>13.7</i>	9.8	<i>5.2</i>
P/E (x)	28.7	25.6	20.6	18.1	16.5	15.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.4	7.1
DPS (Bt)	0.51	0.57	0.71	0.81	0.89	0.93
Yield (%)	2.4	2.7	3.4	3.9	4.2	4.5
BVPS (Bt)	27.44	27.69	28.55	28.99	29.45	29.89
P/BV (x)	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
ROE (%)	2.7	3.0	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.5
ROA (%)	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.6
Net DE ratio (%)	24.6	22.0	26.4	28.5	25.7	22.9





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Results

(Btm)	2Q25	2Q24	% YoY	1Q25	% QoQ	1H25	1H24	% YoY
Sales	123,893	121,374	2.1	124,749	-0.7	248,642	242,556	2.5
Gross profit	17,686	17,120	3.3	18,083	-2.2	35,769	34,150	4.7
Other income	1,590	2,008	-20.8	1,713	<i>-7.2</i>	3,303	4,323	-23.6
SG&A	(17,023)	(16,919)	0.6	(17,073)	-0.3	(34,096)	(33,757)	1.0
EBITDA	8,689	8,556	1.6	9,048	-4.0	17,737	17,569	1.0
Interest expenses	(1,422)	(1,449)	-1.9	(1,404)	1.3	(2,826)	(2,864)	-1.3
Pre-tax profit	2,982	2,830	<i>5.4</i>	3,346	-10.9	6,328	6,068	4.3
Tax	(698)	(663)	<i>5.3</i>	(708)	-1.4	(1,406)	(1,428)	-1.5
Net profit	2,286	2,176	<i>5.1</i>	2,643	<i>-13.5</i>	4,929	4,657	5.8
EPS (Bt)	0.22	0.21	<i>5.1</i>	0.25	<i>-13.5</i>	0.47	0.44	5.8

Source: Company and IVG estimates

Financial ratios

(%)	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25
Total income YoY	6.3	4.7	4.4	4.1	2.9	2.1
Gross margin (%)	14.1	14.1	14.4	14.9	14.5	14.3
SG&A as % of sales	13.9	13.9	14.6	13.5	13.7	13.7
EBITDA margin	7.3	6.8	6.7	8.3	7.0	6.7
Net margin	2.0	1.8	1.6	3.1	2.1	1.8
Net profit growth YoY	2.3	43.5	16.4	20.7	6.5	5.1
Net DE ratio (%)	25.2	27.5	27.2	26.4	26.7	30.4
SSSG (Makro)	3.4	1.8	1.5	3.0	1.0	-1.2
SSSG (Lotus's)	7.1	3.5	2.3	1.9	0.5	0.0

Source: Company and IVG estimates

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(Btm)	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25
Sales	121,182	121,374	118,864	127,441	124,749	2Q25
Gross profit	17,031	17,120	17,107	18,956	18,083	123,893
Other income	2,315	2,008	1,979	2,557	1,713	17,686
SG&A	(16,838)	(16,919)	(17,397)	(17,185)	(17,073)	1,590
EBITDA	9,013	8,556	8,306	11,051	9,013	(17,023)
Interest expenses	(1,414)	(1,449)	(1,434)	(1,438)	(1,404)	8,689
Pre-tax profit	3,239	2,830	2,428	5,075	3,346	(1,422)
Tax	(765)	(663)	(480)	(1,119)	(708)	2,982
Net profit	2,481	2,176	1,952	3,960	2,643	(698)
EPS (Bt)	0.23	0.21	0.18	0.37	0.25	2,286

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(Btm)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sales	258,630	447,182	466,234	488,862
Gross profit	30,292	63,577	64,341	70,213
Other income	5,106	8,472	9,412	8,860
SG&A	(20,362)	(62,842)	(64,968)	(68,339)
EBITDA	16,622	35,083	35,065	36,926
Interest expenses	(1,557)	(7,122)	(6,319)	(5,735)
Pre-tax profit	8,711	10,636	11,394	13,571
Tax	(2,128)	(2,729)	(2,535)	(3,026)
Net profit	13,687	7,697	8,640	10,569
EPS (Bt)	1.29	0.73	0.82	1.00

Source: Company and IVG estimates

Financial ratios

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(%)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total income YoY	20.8	72.9	4.3	4.9
Gross margin (%)	11.7	14.2	13.8	14.4
SG&A as % of sales	10.2	14.1	13.9	14.0
EBITDA margin	6.2	7.5	7.2	7.2
Net margin	5.3	1.7	1.9	2.2
Net profit growth YoY	108.6	(43.8)	12.3	22.3
Net DE ratio (%)	23.5	24.6	22.0	26.4
SSSG (Makro)	2.5	6.8	5.3	2.8
SSSG (Lotus Thai)	n.a.	0.2	2.1	3.6
SSSG (Lotus Malaysia)	n.a.	(1.8)	(2.5)	3.7

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CPAXT

E: Environmental

CPAXT values environmentally friendly business operations, efficient resource utilization, and minimizing the environmental impact from the supply chain on ecosystems and biodiversity to ensure the sufficiency of natural resources for our future generation.

S: Social

CPAXT contributes economic value to society through economic growth for business partners, promoting access to nutrition, and delivering products with high quality and food safety. Innovation, continuous development of products and services, and stakeholder engagement are key. The company meets expectations and connects customers, operators, and business partners on the path of sustainability to create long-term value contributions for communities.

G: Governance

To ensure the sustainable growth of the business and the country's development, CPAXT prioritizes internal operational efficiency, legal and regulatory provisions, adhering to business ethics, professional conduct, respect for human rights, and human capital development. People empowerment is key to reducing social inequality and preparing organizational readiness for digital transformation, cybersecurity management, and data protection.

Comment

CPAXT has been awarded a SET ESG rating of AAA, indicating a strong commitment to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices and clear long-term objectives in this regard. Furthermore, the company demonstrates the ability to execute short-term goals effectively.



I V Global Investment Research – Recommendation Definitions

Sector Recommendations

Stock Recommendations

OVERWEIGHT: The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to outperform the relevant primary market index by at least 10% over the next 12 months.

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{BUY:}}$ Expecting positive total returns of 15% or more over the next 12 months.

NEUTRAL: The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to perform in line with the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months.

HOLD: Expecting total returns of not more than -10% to +10% over the next 3 months.

UNDERWEIGHT: The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to underperform the relevant primary market index by 10% over the next 12 months.

 $\textbf{SELL:}\ \mbox{Expecting negative total returns of 15% or more over the next 12 months$

Anti-corruption Progress Indicator Definitions

Level 5 ExtendedExtension of the anti-corruption policy to business partners in the supply chain, and disclosure of any current investigations, prosecutions or closed cases

Level 4 Certified Audit engagement by audit committee or auditors approved by the office of SEC, and receiving

certification or assurance by independent external assurance providers (CAC etc.)

Level 3 EstablishedCarrying out preventive measures, risk assessment, communication and training for all employees, including consistent monitoring and review processes. (2A) Established by Declaration of Intent 2B.

including consistent monitoring and review processes. (3A: Established by Declaration of Intent, 3B:

Established by Internal Commitment and Policy)

Level 2 Declared Public declaration statement to participate in Thailand's private sector Collective Action Coalition Against

Corruption (CAC) or equivalent initiatives

Level 1 CommittedOrganization's statement or board's resolution to work against corruption and to be in compliance with

all relevant laws

Partially progress Insufficient or not clearly defined policy

No progress Data not available / no policy

Corporate Governance Report (CGR)



Excellent

Very good

Good

Disclaimers

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