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## Asian Gems Corporate Highlights

CP ALL (CPALL TB/BUY/Bt59.75/Target: Bt78.00) Resilient long-term growth outlook.

**Delta Electronics (DELTA TB/SELL/Bt80.50/Target: Bt70.00)** Concluding 2023 on a positive note and sustaining positivity into 2024.

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## **KEY INDICES**

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|     | Symbol            | Close     | Chg    | %Chg |
|-----|-------------------|-----------|--------|------|
|     | SET               | 1,455.99  | 21.54  | 1.50 |
|     | SET50             | 893.57    | 15.55  | 1.77 |
| e 2 | Value (Btm) - SET | 50,329    |        |      |
|     | Top 5 Sector      |           |        |      |
|     | BANK              | 392.48    | 3.88   | 1.00 |
| e 5 | PETRO             | 701.58    | 11.91  | 1.73 |
|     | PROP              | 232.41    | 4.27   | 1.87 |
|     | ENERG             | 20,755.33 | 408.09 | 2.01 |
|     | ICT               | 158.88    | 1.85   | 1.18 |
|     | Source: Bloomberg |           |        |      |

## **TOP VOLUME**

| Symbol | Close<br>(Baht) | +/-(%<br>Chg) | 5-day ADT<br>(BTm) |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| HANA   | 65.25           | 7.85          | 1,206.9            |
| PTT    | 33.50           | 3.08          | 1,044.2            |
| BDMS   | 27.50           | 2.80          | 1,378.8            |
| AOT    | 68.75           | 0.36          | 1,304.7            |
| KBANK  | 128.50          | 1.58          | 1,166.8            |

# **TOP GAINERS**

|        | Close  | +/-(% | 5-day ADT |
|--------|--------|-------|-----------|
| Symbol | (Baht) | Chg)  | (BTm)     |
| BLESS  | 0.67   | 31.37 | 0.4       |
| TWZ    | 0.05   | 25.00 | 0.1       |
| SDC    | 0.06   | 20.00 | 0.3       |
| KC     | 0.14   | 16.67 | 1.6       |
| SRS    | 14.20  | 14.52 | -         |

#### **TOP LOSERS**

|        | Close  | +/-(%   | 5-day ADT |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Symbol | (Baht) | Chg)    | (BTm)     |
| NEWS   | 0.01   | (50.00) | 0.1       |
| THL    | 0.04   | (42.86) | 3.2       |
| JCKH   | 0.04   | (20.00) | 0.3       |
| В      | 0.05   | (16.67) | 0.7       |
| HEALTH | 2.66   | (8.90)  | 0.0       |

# **KEY STATISTICS**

|                             |                  |       | %Chg  |      |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|------|
| Commodity                   | Current<br>Price | 1m    | 3M    | YTD  |
| Brent crude*                | 85.5             | (6.3) | 8.3   | 4.8  |
| Dubai crude*                | 89.3             | (3.5) | 13.8  | 13.5 |
| Baltic Dry Index            | 1,983.0          | 60.6  | 82.3  | 30.9 |
| Gold Spot***                | 1,875.6          | (2.0) | (4.2) | 2.8  |
| *(US\$/bbl), *** (US\$/toz) |                  |       |       |      |

# FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT IN EQUITIES (THAILAND)

| Day<br>(Mil US\$) | MTD Net<br>(Mil US\$) | YTD Net<br>(Mil US\$) | YTD Net<br>YoY% |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 80.0              | (113.6)               | (4,640.3)             | (7,961.8)       |
|                   |                       |                       |                 |

Source: Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange Rate - THB/US\$ (onshore) = 36.37 Interest Rate (%) - TH 1-day RP = 1.50 Thai Lending Rate (%)\* - MLR = 7.10

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# ASIAN GEMS CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

# CP ALL (CPALL TB)

Resilient Long-term Growth Outlook

We remain positive on CPALL for its mid to long-term strategy to continuously open new stores and raise the current stores' profit. CPALL will benefit from being the first mover in Cambodia and Laos. In the short term, we expect CPALL's 2H23 earnings to be impressive. Maintain BUY. Target price: Bt78.00.

WHAT'S NEW

- Leveraging on its current strengths. CP ALL PCL (CPALL) is targeting its total 7-11 convenience stores to reach 20,000 stores from around 14,000 currently. It plans to add 700 stores per year, which implies that CPALL will achieve its target by the end of 2031. CPALL sees further room to expand its store count, citing Thailand's convenience store per population of around 3,500 persons/store, compared with Japan's 2,200 persons/store. Also, although there are some competitors who have partnered with traditional trade shops, 7-11 shops are still better organised and offer a larger variety of products to customers, compared with traditional trade stores.
- Larger store format will boost growth. Currently, most of CPALL's new 7-11 stores are of the standalone format with a parking area and larger store size. Management guided that the larger store size will allow for more product SKUs to customers as well as services such as: a) EV-car charging space, b) rental areas for food shop vendors, and c) 7-11 online delivery services.
- Overseas business expansion is another long-term catalyst. CPALL expects the 7-11 business in Cambodia to breakeven in 2025 with a targeted store count of 150-200 stores, vs around 100 by the end of 2023. Also, the company has opened its first 7-11 store in Laos. CPALL plans to add 50-60 stores per year for overseas expansion. We expect CPALL to benefit from the first mover in these markets, and will ride the urbanisation wave in these countries.
- Update on new government policies. The new government policies will have both positive and negative impacts on CPALL. The positive impacts are: a) Bt10,000 giveaways for digital wallets in 2023. Even in a worst-case scenario that this is not allowed to be used in modern trade, we still expect limited impact to CPALL, and b) lower electricity price in 4Q23-2024. In terms of negative impact, it has not been confirmed that the minimum wage will be raised to Bt400/day nationwide. Some authorities have mentioned that this might be lower than Bt400/day.

| KEY FINANCIALS                |         |         |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Year to 31 Dec (Btm)          | 2021    | 2022    | 2023F   | 2024F   | 2025F   |
| Net turnover                  | 565,207 | 829,099 | 881,133 | 918,139 | 957,133 |
| EBITDA                        | 26,349  | 45,266  | 50,120  | 56,805  | 61,315  |
| Operating profit              | 3,502   | 12,585  | 16,711  | 20,298  | 21,486  |
| Net profit (rep./act.)        | 12,986  | 13,272  | 16,654  | 20,100  | 21,336  |
| Net profit (adj.)             | 12,986  | 13,272  | 16,654  | 20,100  | 21,336  |
| EPS (Bt)                      | 1.4     | 1.5     | 1.9     | 2.2     | 2.4     |
| PE (x)                        | 41.3    | 40.4    | 32.2    | 26.7    | 25.2    |
| P/B (x)                       | 5.2     | 5.3     | 4.9     | 4.4     | 4.0     |
| EV/EBITDA (x)                 | 41.4    | 24.1    | 21.8    | 19.2    | 17.8    |
| Dividend yield (%)            | 1.0     | 1.3     | 1.6     | 1.9     | 2.0     |
| Net margin (%)                | 2.3     | 1.6     | 1.9     | 2.2     | 2.2     |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity (%) | 350.6   | 372.3   | 325.9   | 294.6   | 269.7   |
| Interest cover (x)            | 2.1     | 2.7     | 2.8     | 3.6     | 4.0     |
| Consensus net profit          | -       | -       | 17,304  | 21,306  | 25,026  |
| UOBKH/Consensus (x)           | -       | -       | 0.96    | 0.94    | 0.85    |

Source: CP ALL PCL, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

# **BUY**

(Maintained)

| Share Price  | Bt59.75 |
|--------------|---------|
| Target Price | Bt78.00 |
| Upside       | +30.5%  |

#### COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Operator of Thai 7-Eleven stores, controlling more than 50% share of convenience store market in Thailand.

### **STOCK DATA**

| GICS sector                   | Consumer Staples |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Bloomberg ticker:             | CPALL TB         |
| Shares issued (m):            | 8,983.1          |
| Market cap (Btm):             | 536,740.2        |
| Market cap (US\$m):           | 14,909.5         |
| 3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$r | m): 47.5         |

#### Price Performance (%)

| 52-week high/low                                |            |        | Bt73.0 | 0/Bt53.75 |
|---|------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 1mth  | 3mth       | 6mth   | 1yr    | YTD       |
| (5.2)   | (9.1)      | (10.8) | (2.4)  | (12.5)    |
| Major Sh  | nareholder | s      |        | %         |
| CPF   |            |        |        | 31.82     |
| NVDR  |            |        |        | 10.78     |
| SOUTH EAST ASIA UK (TYPE C)<br>NOMINEES LIMITED |            |        |        | 5.36      |
| FY23 NAV/Share (Bt)                             |            |        |        | 12.32     |
| FY23 Net Debt/Share (Bt)                        |            |        |        | 40.14     |

#### **PRICE CHART**



Source: Bloomberg

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### **3Q23 EARNINGS PREVIEW**

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 3Q22    | 2Q23    | 3Q23F   | yoy (%)    | qoq (%)    |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|------------|
| Sales and services   | 207,617 | 225,603 | 215,922 | 4.0        | (4.3)      |
| Gross profit         | 45,188  | 49,561  | 47,536  | 5.2        | (4.1)      |
| Operating EBIT       | 3,272   | 3,694   | 3,590   | 9.7        | (2.8)      |
| Net profit           | 3,677   | 4,438   | 4,200   | 14.2       | (5.4)      |
| Percent              | 3Q22    | 2Q23    | 3Q23F   | yoy (ppts) | qoq (ppts) |
| Gross margin         | 21.8    | 22.0    | 22.0    | 0.3        | 0.0        |
| SG&A to sales        | 20.2    | 20.3    | 20.4    | 0.2        | 0.0        |
| Net profit margin    | 1.8     | 2.0     | 1.9     | 0.2        | (0.0)      |

Source: CPALL, UOB Kay Hian

- **Resilient net profit growth.** We expect CPALL to report 3Q23 net profit of Bt4,200m, up 14.2% yoy but down 5.4% qoq due to seasonality. 3Q23's yoy earnings growth drivers will be improvements in top-line and gross profit margin.
- Positive top-line growth momentum. CPALL's 3Q23 total sales is expected to grow 4% yoy on the back of: a) positive same-store-sales (SSS) growth of 7-11 convenience stores and Makro wholesales business of around 3% yoy, and b) an additional 700 stores of 7-11 on a yoy basis (+5.1% yoy). Although Lotus' 3Q23 SSS is expected to increase 2-3% yoy, this should be offset by the closing of Lotus Go Fresh, a small format store. As a result, we expect Lotus's 3Q23 top-line to be flattish on a yoy basis. Lotus' rental income is expected to continue to recover in 3Q23. Note that we only see 0.3-0.4% yoy negative impact on Makro's SSS in 3Q23 from the declines in pork and chicken prices.
- We expect profitability improvement on a yoy basis. CPALL's 3Q23 operating margin is expected to improve on a yoy basis. We expect CPALL gross profit margin to increase to 22% in 3Q23, up from 21.8% in 3Q22, mainly driven by an increase in ASPs and the better product sales mix. However, this should be partly offset by the slight increase in SGA-to-sales to 20.4% in 3Q23 from 20.2% in 3Q22, pressured by higher expenses from advertising and promotion campaigns such as the 7-11 stamp.
- Lower pressure from interest expenses burden. We expect CPALL to realise some benefit from CP Axtra's (CPAXT, 59.92%-owned by CPALL) lower interest expenses burden. Currently, CPAXT has transformed all of its US dollar-term loans to Thai baht which has lower cost of debt, and 81% of its debt is currently at fixed interest rates.

## **STOCK IMPACT**

 Resilient earnings growth in 2023-24. We expect CPALL to continue to deliver impressive yoy earnings growth in 4Q23, driven by better top-line, margin, and lower interest expenses. We estimate its 2023 earnings to increase 25.5% yoy, and 2024 earnings to grow 20.7% yoy on the back of positive sales growth and profitability improvement.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

## None.

## VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

Maintain BUY on CPALL with a target price of Bt78.00. Our target price is pegged to 42x 2023F PE or 1SD above its 10-year historical mean. We believe CPALL will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the resumption in tourist arrivals and better consumption in suburban areas. We still like the company's long-term growth outlook and believe this would be a good accumulation opportunity.

### SHARE PRICE CATALYST

 Strong gross margin improvement in 2H23 and lower SGA-to-sales following the decrease in electricity costs.

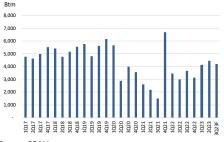
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#### SAME-STORE SALES GROWTH



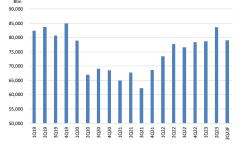
Source: CPALL

#### NET PROFIT BY QUARTER



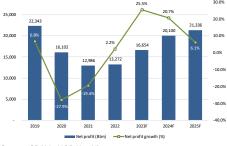
Source: CPALL

AVERAGE DAILY SALES PER STORE



Source: CPALL

#### NET PROFIT AND GROWTH



Source: CPALL, UOB Kay Hian

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# **PROFIT & LOSS**

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm)             | 2022     | 2023F    | 2024F    | 2025F    |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net turnover                     | 829,099  | 881,133  | 918,139  | 957,133  |
| EBITDA                           | 45,266   | 50,120   | 56,805   | 61,315   |
| Deprec. & amort.                 | 32,681   | 33,409   | 36,506   | 39,829   |
| EBIT                             | 12,585   | 16,711   | 20,298   | 21,486   |
| Total other non-operating income | 23,223   | 24,892   | 25,019   | 25,364   |
| Associate contributions          | 831      | 1,042    | 1,146    | 1,203    |
| Net interest income/(expense)    | (16,548) | (17,877) | (15,733) | (15,317) |
| Pre-tax profit                   | 20,082   | 24,768   | 30,731   | 32,736   |
| Тах                              | (3,861)  | (4,271)  | (5,325)  | (5,676)  |
| Minorities                       | (2,949)  | (3,844)  | (5,306)  | (5,725)  |
| Net profit                       | 13,272   | 16,654   | 20,100   | 21,336   |
| Net profit (adj.)                | 13,272   | 16,654   | 20,100   | 21,336   |

**CASH FLOW** 

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm)             | 2022     | 2023F    | 2024F    | 2025F    |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Operating                        | 52,021   | 71,349   | 54,237   | 74,134   |
| Pre-tax profit                   | 20,082   | 24,768   | 30,731   | 32,736   |
| Тах                              | (3,861)  | (4,271)  | (5,325)  | (5,676)  |
| Deprec. & amort.                 | 32,681   | 33,409   | 36,506   | 39,829   |
| Working capital changes          | (180)    | 19,891   | (9,042)  | 6,812    |
| Non-cash items                   | 3,299    | (2,448)  | 1,367    | 432      |
| Other operating cashflows        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Investing                        | (43,143) | (50,163) | (45,985) | (63,997) |
| Capex (growth)                   | (40,866) | (45,386) | (46,043) | (43,505) |
| Investments                      | (1,120)  | (417)    | (458)    | (481)    |
| Others                           | (1,157)  | (4,360)  | 517      | (20,011) |
| Financing                        | (34,122) | (21,033) | (7,577)  | (9,300)  |
| Dividend payments                | (5,390)  | (6,737)  | (8,327)  | (10,050) |
| Issue of shares                  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Proceeds from borrowings         | (15,395) | (14,296) | 750      | 750      |
| Others/interest paid             | (13,337) | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Net cash inflow (outflow)        | (25,243) | 153      | 676      | 836      |
| Beginning cash & cash equivalent | 97,134   | 71,891   | 72,044   | 72,720   |
| Ending cash & cash equivalent    | 71,891   | 72,044   | 72,720   | 73,556   |

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| BALANCE SHEET<br>Year to 31 Dec (Btm) | 2022    | 2023F   | 2024F   | 2025F   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Fixed assets                          | 393.589 | 405.566 | 415,103 | 418,779 |
| Other LT assets                       | 381,517 | 391,737 | 391,433 | 413,567 |
| Cash/ST investment                    | 71,891  | 72,044  | 72,720  | 73,556  |
| Other current assets                  | 77,065  | 67,319  | 80,154  | 81,883  |
| Total assets                          | 924,061 | 936,666 | 959,409 | 987,785 |
| ST debt                               | 53,011  | 38,415  | 38,865  | 39,315  |
| Other current liabilities             | 154,433 | 162,128 | 167,288 | 176,262 |
| LT debt                               | 393,872 | 394,172 | 394,472 | 394,772 |
| Other LT liabilities                  | 32,446  | 37,889  | 37,644  | 39,285  |
| Shareholders' equity                  | 100,724 | 110,641 | 122,414 | 133,699 |
| Minority interest                     | 189,577 | 193,421 | 198,727 | 204,451 |
| Total liabilities & equity            | 924,061 | 936,665 | 959,409 | 987,785 |

# **KEY METRICS**

| Year to 31 Dec (%)        | 2022  | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Profitability             |       |       |       |       |
| EBITDA margin             | 5.5   | 5.7   | 6.2   | 6.4   |
| Pre-tax margin            | 2.4   | 2.8   | 3.3   | 3.4   |
| Net margin                | 1.6   | 1.9   | 2.2   | 2.2   |
| Net profit (adj.)         | 2.2   | 25.5  | 20.7  | 6.1   |
|                           |       |       |       |       |
| Leverage                  |       |       |       |       |
| Debt to total capital     | 60.6  | 58.7  | 57.4  | 56.2  |
| Debt to equity            | 443.7 | 391.0 | 354.0 | 324.7 |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity | 372.3 | 325.9 | 294.6 | 269.7 |
| Interest cover (x)        | 2.7   | 2.8   | 3.6   | 4.0   |

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# ASIAN GEMS CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

# **Delta Electronics (DELTA TB)**

Concluding 2023 On A Positive Note And Sustaining Positivity Into 2024

We have a favourable outlook for DELTA's performance in 2023 and anticipate the sentiment to persist into 2024. Key contributors to revenue growth include robust demand for EV power and data centres. Gross margin is expected to improve due to subdued raw material prices and enhanced product mix from a higher proportion of EV power. Despite the positive momentum moving forward, there is a view that the current valuation may not be justified. Maintain SELL. Target price: Bt70.00.

### WHAT'S NEW

- **UOB Kay Hian Asian Gems Virtual Conference 2023.** Delta Electronics (DELTA) attended the conference. Below are the key takeaways.
- Concluding 2023 on a positive note and sustaining positivity into 2024. DELTA is maintaining a positive outlook for 2023, with a strong focus on achieving its target revenue and gross margin. The company anticipates notable revenue growth of 20-25% yoy and a gross margin of 22-23%, which aligns with our own projections. We expect revenue to improve 18% hoh in 2H23 and gross margin of around 25.8% in 2H23 (+3.7ppt hoh). Hence, we anticipate 2H23 earnings of Bt9.7b (+17% yoy, +18% hoh). Looking ahead in 2024, DELTA expects positive sentiment to continue with double-digit growth for revenue and gross margin of 22-25%, in line with our projection of revenue growth of 10% and expected gross margin of 25.3% in 2024.
- Anticipate ample capacity to serve demand of fast-growing products in 2024. DELTA is aiming for a robust revenue growth in the next 1-3 years, targeting double-digit expansion, primarily driven by sales of electric vehicle (EV)-related products, with an ambitious goal of reaching US\$2.0b in revenue. Note that we expect EV-related products' sale to hit US\$1.0 in 2023. Looking ahead to 2024, as the company is actively in the process of increasing production capacity, we believe this can adequately satisfy the demand. However, by doubling the existing US\$1.0b to US\$2.0b after 2024, the company needs to add more production capacity.
- No discernible impact of Israel-Hamas conflict on both supply and demand sides. Given that the company does not procure raw materials from the regions of conflict and the Middle East area, we believe there is no supply-side impact. As for the demand side, there have been no indications of reduced orders yet and we also found no customers from the Middle East area. Note that DELTA's customer base primarily consists of clients from Asia, North America, and Europe.

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm)          | 2021     | 2022      | 2023F     | 2024F     | 2025F     |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net turnover                  | 84,318.4 | 118,558.0 | 151,776.6 | 167,333.9 | 176,599.1 |
| EBITDA                        | 8,291.6  | 17,579.7  | 20,257.0  | 23,963.5  | 24,882.3  |
| Operating profit              | 5,923.2  | 14,493.1  | 17,150.8  | 21,084.1  | 22,251.5  |
| Net profit (rep./act.)        | 6,699.0  | 15,344.5  | 17,479.1  | 20,797.1  | 21,813.7  |
| Net profit (adj.)             | 6,103.9  | 14,595.2  | 17,197.0  | 20,888.4  | 21,902.0  |
| EPS (Bt)                      | 4.9      | 11.7      | 1.4       | 1.7       | 1.8       |
| PE (x)                        | 16.5     | 6.9       | 58.4      | 48.1      | 45.8      |
| P/B (x)                       | 2.4      | 1.8       | 15.2      | 12.4      | 10.5      |
| EV/EBITDA (x)                 | 118.5    | 55.9      | 48.5      | 41.0      | 39.5      |
| Dividend yield (%)            | 2.1      | 5.0       | 0.6       | 0.7       | 0.7       |
| Net margin (%)                | 7.9      | 12.9      | 11.5      | 12.4      | 12.4      |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity (%) | (13.6)   | (16.2)    | (32.4)    | (47.5)    | (59.0)    |
| Interest cover (x)            | n.a.     | n.a.      | n.a.      | n.a.      | n.a.      |
| Consensus net profit          | -        | -         | 17,326    | 20,237    | 23,965    |
| UOBKH/Consensus (x)           | -        | -         | 0.99      | 1.03      | 0.91      |

Source: Delta Electronics. Bloomberg. UOB Kay Hian

**KEY FINANCIALS** 

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# SELL

(Maintained)

| Share Price  | Bt80.50 |
|--------------|---------|
| Target Price | Bt70.00 |
| Upside       | -13.0%  |

#### COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Delta Electronics is an electronics exporter / manufacturer of power supplies and electronic components comprising cooling fans, EMI filters and solenoids.

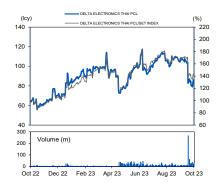
### STOCK DATA

| GICS sector              | Information Technology |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Bloomberg ticker:        | DELTA TB               |
| Shares issued (m):       | 12,473.8               |
| Market cap (Btm):        | 1,004,142.2            |
| Market cap (US\$m):      | 27,152.2               |
| 3-mth avg daily t'over ( | US\$m): 42.3           |

#### Price Performance (%)

| 52-week high/low         |          |       | Bt117.5 | 0/Bt55.80 |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|---------|-----------|
| 1mth                     | 3mth     | 6mth  | 1yr     | YTD       |
| (25.5)                   | (15.3)   | (8.7) | 15.0    | (3.0)     |
| Major Sh                 |          | %     |         |           |
| Delta Elec               | Pte. Ltd | 42.9  |         |           |
| Delta Inter              |          | 15.4  |         |           |
| Delta Elec               | 5.5      |       |         |           |
|                          |          |       |         |           |
| FY23 NAV                 |          | 5.31  |         |           |
| FY23 Net Cash/Share (Bt) |          |       |         |           |

#### PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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- Alleviation of chip shortage situation subdued raw material prices. DELTA has revealed that the chip shortage situation has been improving since 2Q23 and this led to the dropping of raw material prices and alleviating of supply constraints. We anticipate a notably positive impact in 2H23 and further improvements in 2024. In terms of passive components, such as capacitor and resistor, the situation is also improving. However, in terms of active components like integrated circuits (IC) and MOSFETs, there have been ongoing challenges. The company is trying to carry out alternative sourcing of these materials. Due to the improvement of the situation since 2Q23, we believe the positive impact would be in 2H23 and ahead in 2024.
- Prepare for new investment in AI-related products. In 2023, DELTA's capital expenditure amounts to approximately US\$250m, with a strong focus on enhancing smart manufacturing capabilities and expanding production capacity in locations such as Thailand, India, and Slovakia. Given the momentum of artificial intelligence (AI) frenzy, DELTA has proactively invested in data centre-related businesses and products designed to complement AI applications. While specific capex figures are not currently disclosed, the company anticipates a substantial investment and healthy gross margins for these products. We project that the development of these products will play a vital role in driving DELTA's future revenue growth.

## STOCK IMPACT

• Anticipate earnings to be firm yoy and qoq. We anticipate DELTA to report 3Q23 earnings of Bt4.8b, up 19% yoy and 5% qoq, mainly buoyed by solid revenue and higher gross margin. Revenue is projected to experience a significant 27% yoy and 11% qoq increase to reach Bt40.0b, primarily supported by the seasonal effect, strong performance of EV products and currency effect. Excluding forex movement, top-line should come in at US\$1.1b (+34% yoy and +12% qoq). Gross margin is forecasted to improve 1.1ppt yoy and 1.0ppt qoq to 24.4% due to product mix and fewer issues regarding inventory management.

### **3Q23 RESULTS PREVIEW**

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm)          | 3Q23F      | 3Q22   | 2Q23   | yoy chg (%) | qoq chg (%) |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Net turnover                  | 39,921     | 31,324 | 35,840 | 27.4        | 11.4        |
| Gross profit                  | 9,741      | 7,298  | 8,369  | 33.5        | 16.4        |
| EBIT                          | 5,110      | 3,774  | 4,573  | 35.4        | 11.7        |
| EBITDA                        | 6,010      | 4,603  | 5,663  | 30.6        | 6.1         |
| Net profit                    | 4,882      | 4,110  | 4,668  | 18.8        | 4.6         |
| EPS (Bt)                      | 0.42       | 3.50   | 0.40   | (88.1)      | 4.6         |
| Core profit                   | 4,882      | 3,906  | 4,446  | 25.0        | 9.8         |
| Ratio (%)                     |            |        |        | yoy chg (%) | qoq chg (%) |
| Gross margin                  | 24.4       | 23.3   | 23.4   | 1.1         | 1.0         |
| SG&A-to-sales                 | 11.6       | 11.2   | 10.6   | 0.4         | 1.0         |
| Net profit margin             | 12.2       | 13.1   | 13.0   | (0.9)       | (0.8)       |
| Source: DELTA, Bloomberg, UOL | B Kay Hian |        |        |             |             |

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

• We keep our forecasts unchanged.

### VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

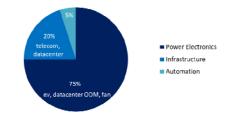
Maintain SELL with a target price of Bt70.00. Our target price is based on 50x 2023F PE and pegged at +1SD to its five-year mean PE. Despite our expectation of strong earnings growth in 2023-24, we are still conservative on DELTA as we believe its valuation is too high compared with DELTA Taiwan and with this earnings growth, we do not think that this valuation is justified. Moreover, the share price of DELTA has dropped around 20% after the announcement of the placement of DELTA Taiwan, but the share price is still higher than our target price. Therefore, we maintain SELL on DELTA.

## SHARE PRICE CATALYST

- **Positive:** Baht depreciation, chip production stimulus, easing of global tensions, acceleration of 5G technology, growth of EV trend, and a booming economy.
- **Negative:** Baht appreciation, rising inflation, higher cost of raw materials, higher costs of transportation, and the Russia-Ukraine war being prolonged.

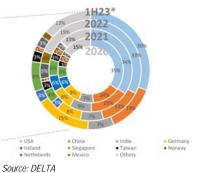
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### **REVENUE BREAKDOWN**



Source: DELTA, UOB Kay Hian

### CUSTOMER BREAKDOWN BY REGIONS



SALES OF EV POWER



**GPM VS FOREX RATE** 



Source: DELTA, UOB Kay Hian

#### EARNINGS OUTLOOK



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## **PROFIT & LOSS**

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm)             | 2022    | 2023F   | 2024F   | 2025F   |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Net turnover                     | 118,558 | 151,777 | 167,334 | 176,599 |
| EBITDA                           | 17,580  | 20,257  | 23,963  | 24,882  |
| Deprec. & amort.                 | 3,087   | 3,106   | 2,879   | 2,631   |
| EBIT                             | 14,493  | 17,151  | 21,084  | 22,251  |
| Total other non-operating income | 1,272   | 825     | 236     | 240     |
| Associate contributions          | 0       | 61      | 61      | 61      |
| Net interest income/(expense)    | 46      | 168     | 168     | 168     |
| Pre-tax profit                   | 15,811  | 18,205  | 21,549  | 22,720  |
| Тах                              | (467)   | (726)   | (752)   | (906)   |
| Minorities                       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Net profit                       | 15,345  | 17,479  | 20,797  | 21,814  |
| Net profit (adj.)                | 14,595  | 17,197  | 20,888  | 21,902  |

**CASH FLOW** 

| Year to 31 Dec (Btm)             | 2022    | 2023F   | 2024F   | 2025F   |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Operating                        | 12,738  | 13,978  | 20,582  | 22,602  |
| Pre-tax profit                   | 15,811  | 18,205  | 21,549  | 22,720  |
| Тах                              | (467)   | (726)   | (752)   | (906)   |
| Deprec. & amort.                 | 3,087   | 3,106   | 2,879   | 2,631   |
| Working capital changes          | (5,503) | (6,174) | (2,891) | (1,722) |
| Non-cash items                   | (191)   | (434)   | (203)   | (121)   |
| Other operating cashflows        | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Investing                        | (7,454) | 4,601   | 2,557   | 2,356   |
| Capex (growth)                   | (7,075) | 2,106   | 2,074   | 2,069   |
| Investments                      | (403)   | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Others                           | 24      | 2,495   | 482     | 287     |
| Financing                        | (1,713) | (6,929) | (6,223) | (6,926) |
| Dividend payments                | (2,121) | (5,337) | (6,223) | (6,926) |
| Issue of shares                  | 0       | (2,739) | 0       | 0       |
| Proceeds from borrowings         | 356     | (964)   | 0       | 0       |
| Others/interest paid             | 51      | 2,111   | 0       | 0       |
| Net cash inflow (outflow)        | 3,571   | 11,650  | 16,916  | 18,032  |
| Beginning cash & cash equivalent | 6,572   | 10,142  | 21,792  | 38,707  |
| Ending cash & cash equivalent    | 10,142  | 21,792  | 38,707  | 56,739  |

#### **BALANCE SHEET** Year to 31 Dec (Btm) 2022 2023F 2024F 2025F 13,859 Fixed assets 24,024 18,812 9,159 Other LT assets 935 1,958 2,113 2,206 Cash/ST investment 10,142 21,792 38,707 56,739 Other current assets 55,883 71,541 78,874 83,241 Total assets 90,984 114,103 133,553 151,345 ST debt 335 335 335 369 Other current liabilities 32,301 41,351 45,589 48,114 LT debt 930 0 0 0 Other LT liabilities 2,705 6,223 6,861 7,241 Shareholders' equity 54,680 66,194 80,768 95,655 Minority interest 0 0 0 0 Total liabilities & equity 90,984 114,103 133,553 151,345 **KEY METRICS** 2022 2024F Year to 31 Dec (%) 2023F 2025F Profitability EBITDA margin 14.8 13.3 14.3 14.1 Pre-tax margin 13.3 12.0 12.9 12.9 Net margin 12.9 11.5 12.4 12.4 Growth Turnover 28.0 10.3 40.6 5.5 EBITDA 112.0 15.2 18.3 3.8 Pre-tax profit 132.5 15.1 18.4 5.4 Net profit 129.1 13.9 19.0 4.9 Net profit (adj.) 139.1 17.8 21.5 4.9 EPS 139.1 (88.2) 21.5 4.9

| Leverage                  |        |        |        |        |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Debt to total capital     | 2.3    | 0.5    | 0.4    | 0.3    |
| Debt to equity            | 2.4    | 0.5    | 0.4    | 0.4    |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity | (16.2) | (32.4) | (47.5) | (59.0) |
| Interest cover (x)        | n.a.   | n.a.   | n.a.   | n.a.   |

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