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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Update

Betagro (BTG TB/HOLD/Bt20.40/Target: Bt23.00)

Key takeaways from site visit and 2Q25 outlook. Downgrade to HOLD.

KEY INDICES

Symbol	Close	Chg	%Chg
SET	1,068.73	(25.85)	(2.36)
SET50	692.83	(17.46)	(2.46)
Value (Btm) - SET	44,098		
Top 5 Sector			
BANK	381.53	(5.72)	(1.48)
PETRO	441.94	(17.94)	(3.90)
PROP	126.11	(5.45)	(4.14)
ENERG	14,513.86	(267.09)	(1.81)
ICT	175.34	(5.01)	(2.78)

Source: Bloomberg

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TOP VOLUME

	Close	+/-(%	5-day ADT
Symbol	(Baht)	Chg)	(BTm)
GULF	38.75	(4.32)	2,040.1
KBANK	148.50	(1.66)	2,517.8
ADVANC	269.00	(3.24)	1,738.7
CPALL	42.50	(4.49)	1,609.2
TRUE	10.70	(2.73)	1,164.4
KBANK ADVANC CPALL	148.50 269.00 42.50	(1.66) (3.24) (4.49)	2,517.8 1,738.7 1,609.2

TOP GAINERS

Symbol	Close (Baht)	+/-(% Chg)	5-day ADT (BTm)
ECF	1.10	30.95	0.4
TSI	0.05	25.00	0.0
TRITN	0.05	25.00	1.8
MANRIN	27.00	20.54	0.0
KWI	0.06	20.00	0.1

TOP LOSERS

	Close	+/-(%	5-day ADT
Symbol	(Baht)	Chg)	(BTm)
MORE	0.02	(33.33)	1.5
JCKH	0.06	(33.33)	0.5
TSR	0.08	(27.27)	0.2
VS	0.27	(25.00)	0.0
GEL	0.04	(20.00)	0.0

^{*}ADT: Average daily turnover

KEY STATISTICS

			-%Chg	
Commodity	Current Price	1m	3M	YTD
Brent crude*	77.4	19.5	9.8	6.1
Dubai crude*	74.9	18.1	6.1	(0.3)
Baltic Dry Index	1,751.0	30.7	7.1	75.6
Gold Spot***	3,362.2	2.2	10.4	28.1

^{*(}US\$/bbI), *** (US\$/toz)

FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT IN EQUITIES (THAILAND)

Day	MTD Net	YTD Net	YTD Net
(Mil US\$)	(Mil US\$)	(Mil US\$)	YoY%
(21.1)	(238.3)	(2.331.1)	1.818.4

Source: Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange Rate - THB/US\$ (onshore) = 32.74

Interest Rate (%) - TH Policy Rate = 2.00 Thai Lending Rate (%)* - MLR = 6.90

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COMPANY UPDATE

Betagro (BTG TB)

Key Takeaways From Site Visit And 2Q25 Outlook

We have a positive view on BTG's poultry and pet businesses, which support capacity expansion and a broader product portfolio. We expect strong 2Q25 earnings, driven mainly by high domestic swine prices. However, in 2H25, earnings are forecasted to soften hoh, reflecting a downtrend in swine prices. In addition, there are no new catalysts. Downgrade to HOLD. Target price: Bt23.00.

WHAT'S NEW

- We visited Betagro's (BTG) poultry and pet food facilities in Lopburi Province on 18 Jun 25. Our key takeaways from the site visit are as follows:
 - Update on the farm business. The poultry slaughterhouses currently process 637,000 birds/day and 6,900 MT/month of processed products, focusing on chicken exports and cooked products, especially for Europe and Japan. For the swine business, the capacity of the swine slaughterhouses is 10,600 heads/day. In addition, the company plans to increase capacity to 14,600 heads/day through new slaughterhouses in Surat Thani, Rayong, and Yasothon. We believe this could support long-term growth, primarily through exports, as management has highlighted the potential to export pork to Singapore.
 - Update on the pet business. The current capacity is 9,350 tons/month, producing dry pet food and pet snacks, with 70% for the domestic market and 30% for exports. Current sales contribution is split into 65% from the economy segment, 23% from the standard segment, and 12% from the premium segment.
 - Business progress in Singapore. The egg business operations in Singapore continued to show a positive momentum. We expect further development as BTG targets increased exports of value-added products. The business also benefits from financial cost synergies.
 - Positive on long-term focus on higher-margin products. We are positive on BTG as it
 is expected to enhance its medium- to long-term competitiveness through improved
 production standards and an expanded portfolio of high-margin products. Revenue growth
 from processed food and pet food should also help mitigate the impact of livestock price
 volatility.

KEY FINANCIALS

Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	108,638	114,232	124,450	126,025	130,711
EBITDA	4,231	9,042	10,581	10,819	11,290
Operating profit	(337)	4,070	7,807	7,826	8,051
Net profit (rep./act.)	(1,398)	2,466	5,688	5,731	5,950
Net profit (adj.)	(1,410)	2,288	5,561	5,591	5,797
EPS (Bt)	(0.7)	1.2	2.9	2.9	3.0
PE (x)	n.a.	18.1	7.4	7.4	7.1
P/B (x)	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.2	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.9
Dividend yield (%)	4.7	1.2	2.3	4.2	4.4
Net margin (%)	(1.3)	2.2	4.6	4.5	4.6
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	70.6	70.5	43.6	33.5	25.5
Interest cover (x)	6.3	11.3	14.2	15.3	17.0
ROE (%)	(5.2)	9.4	19.0	16.5	15.3
Consensus net profit	-	-	3,405	3,575	4,383
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	1.63	1.56	1.32

Source: BTG, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

HOLD

(Downgraded)

Share Price	Bt20.40
Γarget Price	Bt23.00
Jpside	+12.70%
Previous TP	Bt28.50)

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Betagro manufactures agricultural food products, animal feed, livestock and animal health products, and also offers meat products for human consumption.

STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Consumer Staples
Bloomberg ticker:	BTG TB
Shares issued (m):	1,934.8
Market cap (Btm):	38,502.5
Market cap (US\$m):	1,169.3
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$r	m): 1.9

Price Performance (%)

52-week high/low			Bt24.8	0/Bt16.30
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
(18.4)	(0.5)	4.7	(7.4)	5.9
Major Sh	areholder	S		%
BTG				37.80
TAE HK In	vestment Lin	nited		20.67
Ms. Jenjira Taepaisitpong				1.82
FY24 NAV	/Share (Bt)			16.84
FY24 Net	Debt/Share (Bt)		7.28

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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STOCK IMPACT

- Expect strong 2Q25 earnings. We expect 2Q25 earnings to increase both yoy and qoq, supported by: a) improved domestic swine prices, driven by a reduced supply due to outbreak control and strong holiday demand; b) higher expected volumes of chicken exports to Europe and Japan, indirectly benefitting from bird flu in other regions; and c) slightly softer raw material prices qoq, mainly from soybean meal. BTG's earnings are likely to peak in 2Q25, marking the highest level for the year, before potentially softening in 3Q25 due to the seasonal decline in swine prices.
- Update on domestic swine situation. Domestic swine prices this week stood at Bt80/kg, (-2% wow, -11%mom), based on OAE price updates. We expect this to create negative sentiment for farm players. We foresee swine prices continuing to be in a slight downtrend in 3Q25 due to seasonal factors, speculative activity from retail farmers, and softening demand. However, management indicated that the swine price decline is likely to be short-term, as domestic supply has not fully recovered from the early-year outbreak and remains below the pre-ASF level of over 21m pigs. 2025 supply is estimated at 19.3m pigs, falling 1.5% yoy.
- Eyeing potential tariff cuts on US corn imports. The US produces key animal feed ingredients, such as corn and soybean meal, in large quantities, while Thailand faces limited domestic supply. If trade negotiations lead to improved market access for these products, it would be mutually beneficial.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

· No earnings revision.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

• Downgrade to HOLD with a lower target price of Bt23.00. Our target price is based on 2025 EPS. As BTG is a newly-listed company, we peg its PE target to TFG's five-year PE, at 1SD of 8x, excluding the abnormal periods from 4Q20-1Q21 and 4Q22-1Q23 which were characterised by unusual fluctuations in livestock price trends. We derate the PE to -1SD, as we expect earnings to peak in 2Q25, driven by high swine prices. However, in 2H25 and 2026, earnings are expected to decline, reflecting a downtrend in swine prices. In addition, there are currently no new catalysts to support growth.

SHARE PRICE CATALYST

 Increase in swine and poultry selling prices, decrease in animal feed production costs (eg corn and imported soybean), and potential tariff cuts on US corn imports.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE (ESG)

CG Report: 5

SET ESG Rating: AAA

Environmental

- **Net zero.** BTG aims to be a net-zero company by 2050 and plans to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 20% in 2030 from the baseline in 2022.
- Sustainable packaging. BTG plans to achieve 100% eco-friendly packaging by 2030 (reusable, recyclable, and compostable).

Social

 BTG's S-Pure product is the first brand in the world to receive a Raised Without Antibiotics certification from NSF International.

Governance

 Good governance practice. BTG is committed to operating its business in accordance with good corporate governance policy and management excellence. BTG received the Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC) declaration in 2023 and the Thai CAC Certification in 2024.

NET PROFIT AND PROFITABILITY



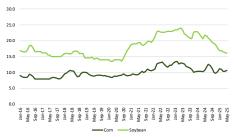
Source: BTG, UOB Kay Hian

DOMESTIC SWINE AND BROILER PRICES



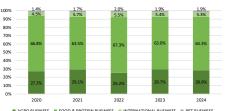
Source: OAE, BTG, CPF, UOB Kay Hian

RAW MATERIAL PRICES



Source: BTG, UOB Kay Hian

BUSINESS REVENUE



Source: BTG, UOB Kay Hian

POULTRY BUSINESS

More export of chicken meat (MB), especially to Europe & Japan



Source: BTG, UOB Kay Hian



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PROFIT & LOSS Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	BALANCE SHEET Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	114,232	124,450	126,025	130,711	Fixed assets	21,846	22,254	22,629	22,954
EBITDA	9,042	10,581	10,819	11,290	Other LT assets	10,872	10,964	10,978	11,020
Deprec. & amort.	4,972	2,774	2,993	3,240	Cash/ST investment	2,882	3,587	4,655	5,342
EBIT	4,070	7,807	7,826	8,051	Other current assets	32,514	32,323	33,576	35,380
Total other non-operating income	52	(0)	7,020	0,031	Total assets	68,114	69,127	71,838	74,697
Associate contributions	157	159	175	192	ST debt	16,697	13,763	13,806	13,804
Net interest income/(expense)	(802)	(745)	(709)	(665)	Other current liabilities	10,418	10,817	10,407	10,213
Pre-tax profit	3,476	7,221	7,292	7,578	LT debt	5,298	4,079	3,151	1,991
Tax	(976)	(1,444)	(1,458)	(1,516)	Other LT liabilities	6,551	5,757	5,654	5,550
Minorities	(34)	(89)	(1,430)	(1,310)	Shareholders' equity	27,094	32,681	36,765	41,009
Net profit	2,466	5,688	5,731	5,950	Minority interest	194	0	0	41,007
Net profit (adj.)	2,288	5,561	5,591	5,797	Total liabilities & equity	68,114	69,127	71,838	74,697
CASH FLOW					KEY METRICS				
Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	Year to 31 Dec (%)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Operating	3,967	9,845	7,655	7,725	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	3,476	7,221	7,292	7,578	EBITDA margin	7.9	8.5	8.6	8.6
Tax	(976)	(1,444)	(1,458)	(1,516)	Pre-tax margin	3.0	5.8	5.8	5.8
Deprec. & amort.	4,972	2,774	2,993	3,240	Net margin	2.2	4.6	4.5	4.6
Associates	(5,190)	(579)	(3,014)	(3,407)	ROA	3.8	8.3	8.1	8.1
Working capital changes	0	0	0	0	ROE	9.4	19.0	16.5	15.3
Non-cash items	1,841	2,032	2,018	2,022					
Other operating cashflows	(3,246)	(2,882)	(3,045)	(3,214)	Growth				
Investing	(3,351)	(2,882)	(3,045)	(3,214)	Turnover	5.1	8.9	1.3	3.7
Capex (growth)	5	0	0	0	EBITDA	113.7	17.0	2.2	4.4
Investments	61	0	0	0	Pre-tax profit	n.a.	107.7	1.0	3.9
Others	641	(6,276)	(3,542)	(3,824)	Net profit	n.a.	130.7	8.0	3.8
Financing	(484)	(967)	(1,750)	(1,819)	Net profit (adj.)	n.a.	143.1	0.5	3.7
Dividend payments	2,565	(2,328)	(885)	(1,163)	EPS	n.a.	143.1	0.5	3.7
Proceeds from borrowings	(1,440)	(2,980)	(907)	(843)					
Loan repayment	1,361	687	1,068	687	Leverage				
Others/interest paid	1,561	2,882	3,569	4,638	Debt to total capital	44.6	35.3	31.6	27.8
Net cash inflow (outflow)	2,939	3,588	4,657	5,345	Debt to equity	81.2	54.6	46.1	38.5
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	3,967	9,845	7,655	7,725	Net debt/(cash) to equity	70.5	43.6	33.5	25.5
Changes due to forex impact	3,476	7,221	7,292	7,578	Interest cover (x)	11.3	14.2	15.3	17.0
Ending cash & cash equivalent	(976)	(1,444)	(1,458)	(1,516)					



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