

Viettel Post (VTP)

Gross profit margin improved

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In 1H23, VTP posted NPAT of VND173 billion on revenue of VND9,691 billion, completing 46% and 53% of the full-year targets For 2Q23, Viettel Post (VTP) posted net revenue of VND4,938 billion (-10% YoY). In particular, services, the core business, contributed VND2,456 billion (+4% YoY), and trading generated VND2,482 billion (50.3% of total revenue) with its profit margin below 0.5%. Halfway through the year, VTP completed 53% and 46% of the full-year objectives for revenue and earnings, respectively.

Vietnam's express delivery market is forecast to grow at a CAGR of 24%, ensuring VTP's long-term growth According to a recent report by Allied Market Research, Vietnam's delivery market will achieve a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 24.1% from now until 2030. As one of the leading businesses in the industry, VTP is expected to benefit significantly from the industry's rapid growth.

VTP expects the margin of the service segment to improve despite rising pressure to lower fees Amid an increasingly fierce price war as companies continuously slash service prices, VTP focuses on optimizing costs per order in an attempt to improve the margin of the delivery service to 8–9% this year.

Delivery volume should maintain its growth momentum of the past 14 months, raising VTP's market share from 18% to 21% VTP plans to expand the coverage of its delivery segment from 18% to 21% this year by enhancing service and staff quality, applying high technology, and investing in infrastructure to minimize the overall transit time of as well as the rate of damage.

We recommend BUY for VTP with a target price of VND57,200/share

Based on business prospects and valuation results, we recommend BUY for VTP with a target price of VND57,200/share, equivalent to a total return of 23% compared to the closing price on September 28, 2023.

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Target price	VND57,200
Upside	23%
Current price (Sep 28, 2023)	VND46,400
Consensus target price	VND46,400
Market cap (VNDbn/USDmn)	5,650/235

Trading data		
Free float		39%
3M avg trading value (VNI	Obn/USDmn)	43/1.8
Foreign ownership		7.05%
Major shareholder	Viettel Military	Industry and
	Tolocoms G	roup (60.8%)

Share price perfo	ormance			
(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M
Absolute	14	27	91	0
Relative	17	25	81	2

Forecast earnings	&	valuation
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FY-end	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F
Net revenue (VNDbn)	21,452	21,629	18,645	20,950
EBIT (VNDbn)	365	317	415	620
NPATMI (VNDbn)	296	257	337	501
EPS (VND)	2,251	1,956	2,978	4,116
EPS growth (%)	-23%	-13%	31%	49%
P/E (x)	20.6	23.7	15.6	11.3
P/B (x)	6.4	2.2	3.0	2.6
ROE (%)	22.3%	18.5%	19.3%	23.4%
Dividend yield	2%	3%	1%	2%



Source: Bloomberg, KB Securities Vietnam

Business performance

In 2Q23, VTP's business results decreased YoY but improved against 1Q23; core postal service revenue reached its 10-year high In 2Q23, VTP recorded revenue and PBT of VND4,975 billion (+3.8% QoQ) and VND124 billion (+30.5% QoQ), respectively. Halfway through the year, NPAT reached VND219 billion on revenue of VND9,778 billion, completing 103% and 112% of the targets set for the first half of 2023. In particular, postal services, the core business, eyed revenue hitting a decade—high, 10 times the level seen in the first half of 2014.

- Gross profit margin (GPM) in 2Q23 improved from 3.6% a year ago to 4.8%, the highest since 1Q20.
- This is the second consecutive quarter that postal margin increased sharply QoQ, reaching 9.4%, the highest over the past two years.

Table 1, VTP - 1H22-1H23 business results

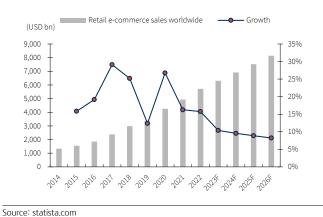
(VNDbn)	2Q2022	2Q2023	+/-%YoY	1H2022	1H2023	+/-% YoY	Comments
Net revenue	5,460	4,938	-10%	11,232	9,691	-14%	Completed 52.5% of 2023 revenue guidance (VND18,464 billion)
-Trading	3,094	2,482	-20%	6,629	5,156	-22%	Driven by a sharp fall in mobile phone card revenue (due to the popularity of digital payment methods)
-Services	2,366	2,456	+4%	4,603	4,535	-1%	Driven by lower service fees
Gross profit	198	236	+19%	380	412	+8%	
Gross profit margin	3.6%	4.8%	+1.2ppt	3.4%	4.3%	+0.9ppt	Higher GPM was due to increased contribution of the service segment with high profit margin. The gross margin of the service segment increased compared to 2022 due to (1) VTP's restructuring and cost optimization on each order and (2) falling gasoline prices in 2Q23 from their peak in 2022.
Financial income	25	35	+40%	50	65	+30%	Driven by rising interest from bank deposits, reaching more than VND25 billion
Financial expenses	14	17	+21%	27	34	+26%	
SG&A	87	125	+44%	151	222	+47%	Driven by rising staff costs (due to pay increase) (up VND50 billion or up 65% YoY) and administrative costs to improve service quality
PBT	121.8	123.8	+2%	251	219	-13%	
NPAT	97.3	97.6	0.3%	201	173	-14%	Completed 46% of 2023 NPAT guidance (VND376 billion)

Source: Viettel Post, KB Securities Vietnam

The expected high growth of Vietnam's express delivery market ensures VTP's long-term growth of the core service segment According to a recent report by Allied Market Research, Vietnam's delivery service market will achieve a CAGR of 24.1% from now until 2030 due to the strong development of the e-commerce market. With widespread market coverage and being the third-largest delivery enterprise, VTP may benefit significantly from the uptrend of the domestic delivery industry.

Fig 2. Global – Retail e–commerce sales and growth (USDbn, %)







Source: statista.com

Thanks to restructuring and cost optimization, VTP still maintains positive earnings in the context of fierce competition

VTP's revenue this year is forecasted to decrease YoY for: (1) delivery rates keep falling amid a fierce price war and (2) delivery volume, despite a slight recovery after China's reopening, stays low in an unstable macro environment.

Despite a slump in revenue, VTP maintained a positive gross margin and net profit thanks to restructuring efforts and effective cost optimization per order. VTP has invested in high technology to improve service quality and customer experience, boosting operational efficiency and productivity.

Table 4. VTP - Interprovincial delivery rates

(VND)	GHN	GHTK	VNPost	J&T	Viettel Post
Interprovincial rate (<0.5kg)	29,000	31,000	30,000	33,500	32,000
Fee for each following 500gr	5,000	5,000	10,000	9,900	4,500

Source: KB Securities Vietnam

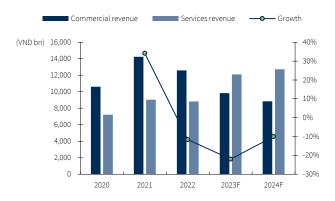
Table 5. VTP - Inner-city delivery rates

(VND)	GHN	GHTK	VNPost	J&T	Viettel Post
<500g	21,000	22,000	23,000	23,800	22,000
<1000g	23,500	22,000	23,000	27,500	22,000
<1500g	26,000	22,000	23,000	31,800	22,000
<2000g	28,500	22,000	23,000	35,800	22,000
Fee for each following 500gr	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,500	2,500

Source: KB Securities Vietnam

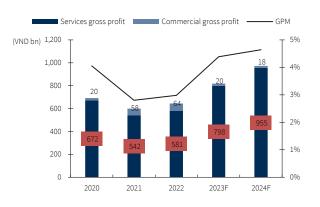
VTP expects to the delivery market share to reach 21% by the end of this year VTP aims to reach 1 million orders/day by December 2023, expanding the coverage of the delivery segment to 21% from 18% recorded earlier this year. We anticipate that VTP's delivery market share will increase at a rate slower than the company's plan, however, VTP will likely reach its target soon in 2024 due to: (1) delivery volume has been increasing continuously for more than 1 year at a faster rate than the general growth rate of the industry, (2) enhancing service and staff quality will help VTP regain the customer base it lost to competitors, and (3) the cooperation with big customers, especially ecommerce platforms, will be the driving force for VTP's rapid recovery.

Fig 6. VTP - 2020A-2024F revenue and growth (VNDbn, %)



Source: Viettel Post, KB Securities Vietnam

Fig 7. VTP - 2020A-2024F gross profit and GPM (VNDbn, %)



Source: Viettel Post, KB Securities Vietnam

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Forecast & Valuation

Table 8. VTP - 2022A-2023F business results

(VNDbn)	2022A	2023F	+/-%YoY	Comments
Net revenue	21,629	18,645	-14%	Completed the full-year revenue guidance
-Trading	12,594	9,823	-22%	Driven by a sharp fall in mobile phone card sales at stores
-Services				Delivery rates decreased due to fierce price war. Delivery and logistics revenue are forecast at
-26LNIC62	9,035	8,821	-2%	VND8,380 billion and VND441 billion, respectively.
Gross profit	646	818	27%	
				Driven by: restructuring and cost optimization per order; increased contribution of high-margin business segments. Trading margin contracted by 0,2%. The gross margin of delivery and logistics
Gross profit margin	3%	4.4%	+1.4ppt	segments was 9% and 35%, respectively.
Financial income	105	114	9%	
Financial expenses	56	70	25%	
				Administrative expense increased due to organization restructure and pay rise for staff to improve
SG&A	337	447	33%	service quality.
PBT	323	421	30%	
NPAT	257	337	31%	Completed 89% of the full-year profit guidance

Source: Viettel Post, KB Securities Vietnam

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We forecast that VTP's 2023F revenue will reach VND18,645 billion, of which delivery and logistics revenue will decrease slightly by 2% to VND8,821 billion (gross margin of the delivery and logistics segments is estimated at 9% and 35%, respectively), trading revenue may drop sharply due to the increasing popularity of digital payment methods, leading to a steep fall in mobile phone card sales at stores.

We utilize two valuation approaches, free cash flow to equity (FCFE) and P/E comparable, to assess VTP's value. We give VTP a target P/E of 17.6x. With wide coverage and high-tech adoption as advantages, we expect VTP to regain market share following its efforts to restructure and enhance service quality. With an equal combination of the two abovementioned methods, business prospects, as well as possible risks, we recommend BUY for VTP. The target price of VND57,200/share, equivalent to a total return of 23% compared to the closing price of VND49,500/share on September 28, 2023.

Table 10. VTP - Valuation results

Valuation method	Forecast price	Weighting	Weighted price
FCFE	62,100	50%	31,050
P/E	52,300	50%	26,150
Target price (VND)			57,200
Current price (VND)			46,400
Total shareholder return			23%

Source: KB Securities Vietnam

Fig 11. VTP - Historical P/B in 2018-2023 (x)



Source: Bloomberg, KB Securities Vietnam

VTP - 2021A-2024F financials

Income Statement

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(Increase)/decrease in prepaid expenses –59 –70 1 29 EV/EBIT	20.2	2 8.0	11.4	8
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Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities 431 90 265 557 Operating performance				
Purchases of fixed assets and other long term assets -121 -28 -72 -80 ROE	22.3%	18.5%	19.3%	23.4
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets 23 0 0 ROA	5.4%	4.5%	6.3%	8.8
Loans granted, purchases of debt instruments -464 -209 0 0 ROIC	19.4%	16.9%	20,6%	28.0
Collection of loans, proceeds from sales of debts instruments 100 149 0 Financial structure				
Investments in other entities 0 -10 0 0 Cash Ratio		53.5%	62.3%	62.7
Proceeds from divestment in other entities 0 0 0 0 Quick Ratio	54,6%	111.0%	105.0%	101.9
Dividends and interest received 102 154 0 0 Current Ratio	54.6% 76.9%		118.8%	128.0
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Balance Sheet

Source: Viettel Post, KB Securities Vietnam

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period

Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period

317

337

460

460

400

400

350

Inventory Turnover
Account Payable Turnover

61.4

53.3

57.7

57.7

51,2

54.3

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(based on expectations for absolute price gains over the next 6 months)

Positive:	Neutral:	Negative:
Outperform the market	Perform in line with the market	Undernerform the market

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