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# Vinamilk (VNM)

# Cautious 2020E guidance

# VNM only plans for flat earnings growth in 2020E & further slowdown in sales

— VNM will ask shareholders to approve this year's business plan for only 1% YoY growth in earnings to VND10,690 billion on 5.7% YoY growth in revenue to VND59,600 billion. This is compares to preliminary guidance that expected a 3% drop in earnings but 10% sales growth. Based on this new guidance VNM completed 24% of the revenue plan and 26% of the profit plan in 1Q results. VNM will propose 2020E's cash dividend at VND3,000 per share vs 2019's plan for VND4,500 (VND3,000 already paid out and remaining VND1,500 will be paid July 15). Management also announced a 1:5 or 20% bonus share offering for existing shareholders, with new bonus shares not exceeding 348 million shares. Shareholders will vote on these proposals on June 26.

#### VNM expanding presence through the Hi-Cafe coffee & beverage retail chain

— After setting up its first test store at its District 7 head office in Ho Chi Minh in 2019, VNM will now start rolling out its *Hi-Cafe* coffee retail chain offering various types of Arabica coffees using its condensed milk and non-coffee based beverages, as well as some light food items under the *Hi-Cafe* brand. Management plans to add new cafes only in selected locations and no indications have been given yet on the pace of expansion or capital needed for this project. This marks the start of venturing into new business areas to create new growth opportunities given the saturated milk and dairy market. The company also registered several new businesses, including producing commercial sugar products for use by diabetics and dieters and selling of agricultural raw materials to subsidiaries.

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