

Mobileworld (MWG)

Successful model for Bach Hoa Xanh proved

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Business results surged from low bases last year	At the end of 2Q24, Mobile World Investment (MWG) achieved VND34,134 billion in net revenue (+15.8% YoY). GPM was flat at 21.4% (+2.9ppts YoY and +0.1ppts QoQ). The corporation's efforts in restructuring store chains continued to show effectiveness with NPAT growing 29.8% QoQ to VND1,172 billion, equal to 66 times the low base level last year.					
TGDD & DMX chains' revenue gained 7.9% QoQ thanks to store restructuring	ICT&CE chain stepped up reviewing and closing ineffective stores. Although the number of stores decreased compared to 1Q, the total revenue of both chains rose 7.9% QoQ. GPM of this segment also posted a 3.5ppts YoY increase to 19.6%, which is attributable to the restructuring activities to optimize operating costs and increase operating profits.					
BHX started to post interest and should become MWG's growth drivers in the next five years	BHX has affirmed that the store conversion into a mini market model was the right choice. In 2Q, the entire chain's sales grew 42.2% YoY with average sales per store reaching VND2.1 billion in June (+44.8% YoY). BHX officially recorded nearly VND7 billion in profit, driven by the fresh and FMCG product lines.					
Valuation: NEUTRAL rating – Target price VND78,000	We forecast MWG's 2024 business results with net revenue reaching VND 133,964 billion (+12.4% yoy), after-tax profit reaching VND 4,128 billion (+2,360% yoy). With a positive outlook when the TGDĐ&DMX chain recovers from a low base and the BHX chain begins to expand after surpassing the break-even point. We issue a NFLITRAL recommendation on MWG stock with a target price of VND					

Neutral change

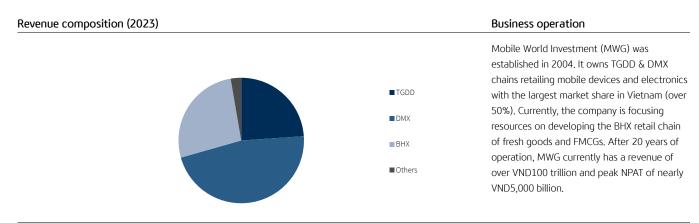
Target price	VND78,000	Trading data			
l'alget price	1112 / 0,000	Free float		77.4%	
Upside	11.9%	3M avg trading value (VNDbn/USDmn)	552.3/21.9	
Current price (Aug 22, 2024)	VND70,000	Foreign ownership		46%	
Consensus target price	VND71,400	Major shareholder	Retail World	Consultant Ltd.	
Market cap (VNDtn/USDbn)	101.6/4.1			(10.49%)	
Forecast earnings & valuation					
FY-end	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	
Net revenue (VNDbn)	134,722	119.234	133,964	149,173	
Operating income/loss (VNDbn)	6,575	1,047	5,464	6,762	
NPAT-MI (VNDbn)	4,102	168	4,126	5,044	
EPS (VND)	2,810	115	2,822	3,450	
EPS growth (%)	-17	-96	2,354	22	
P/E (x)	22.17	541.74	22.07	18.06	
Р/В (х)	3.81	3.91	3.44	3.03	
ROE (%)	17.2	0.7	15.6	16.8	
Dividend yield (%)	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.3	

(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M
Absolute	5.2	15.0	47.4	37.5
Relative	5.4	16.2	44.9	30,4



Source: Bloomberg, KB Securities Vietnam





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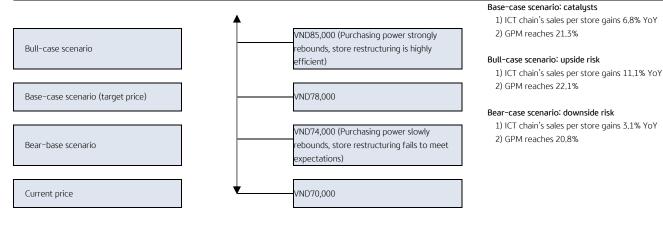
Investment Catalysts	Notes
ICT segment is expected to rebound in 2024 . KBSV expects the two chains TGDD and DMX to recover thanks to (1) high demand for air conditioners in 1H24 and (2) the replacement cycle of mobile phones and tablets by the end of 2024.	Please find more details <u>here</u>
The profit margin of TGDD and DMX may recover this year . KBSV estimates the gross profit of the two chains in 2024 to reach VND 16,989 billion (+20.9% YoY) after restructuring in 2023.	Please see more details below
BHX is a long-term growth driver of MWG . BHX is expected to expand after recording profit and optimizing costs per store.	Please see more details below

Revised earnings estimates

(VNDbn)	KBSV estin	nates	Change vs previou	ange vs previous estimates		Consensus*		Difference	
-	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E	
Revenue	133,964	149,173	+1%	+1%	130,469	142,548	+3%	+5%	
EBIT	4,448	5,415	-26%	-25%	3,309	5,673	+3%	-5%	
NP after MI	4,126	5,044	+7%	+9%	3,625	5,037	+14%	+0%	

Source: Bloomberg, KB Securities Vietnam

Investment opinion & risks



2Q24 performance updates

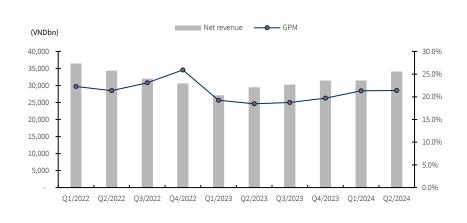
MWG continued strong recovery momentum after restructuring with 66 times higher profit NPAT compared to the same period At the end of 2Q2024, MWG recorded a revenue growth of 15.8% YoY contributed by the simultaneous growth of large chains. The TGDĐ and ĐMX chains achieved growth of about 1% and 9% YoY respectively. BHX chain revenue increased by 31.8% YoY and had the first quarter reporting a profit of about VND 7 billion. After a period of restructuring to optimize costs, the company recorded a profit after tax of VND 1,172 billion in 2Q2024, up 66 times compared to the low base level of the same period.

(VNDbn, %)	2Q23	2Q24	+/-%YoY	1H23	1H24	+/-%YoY	Notes
Revenue	29,465	34,134	15.8%	56,571	65,621	16.0%	
TGDD + Topzone	6,954	7,032	1.1%	13,351	13,518	1.3%	The smartphone segment still maintains its market share despite slow demand recovery.
DMX	14,703	16,009	8.9%	28,229	30,776	9.0%	DMX recovered quickly thanks to the early arrival of the hot season, refrigeration products had two-digi growth and benefit from football leagues and competitions in May.
ВНХ	7,130	10,138	42,2%	13,527	19,300	42.7%	Fresh goods and FMCGs continue to be the main growth drivers, recording 30% to 60% YoY in respective 1H24 sales.
Gross profit	5,441	7,308	34.4%	10,656	14,020	31.6%	GPM improved strongly after the ICT&CE chain removing inefficient stores and the BHX chain optimizing logistics costs to below 4%.
Gross profit margin	18.5%	21.4%	2.9ppts	18.8%	21.4%	2.5ppts	
Financial income	585	580	-0.9%	944	1,165	23.4%	The growth in financial income mainly came from short-term deposits which rose by 67.8% YoY.
Financial expenses	-397	-294	-26.0%	-694	-669	-3.4%	
SG&A	-5,440	-5,870	7.9%	-10,550	-11,560	9.6%	
NPAT	17	1,172	6,632%	39	2,075	5,263%	Strong growth in NPAT is the result of increased revenue and optimized costs per store.
NP after MI	17	1,172	6,635%	39	2,075	6,265%	
NPAT margin	0.1%	3.4%	3.4ppts	0.1%	3.2%	3.1ppts	

Table 1. MWG - 2Q24 business results

Source: Mobile World Investment, KB Securities Vietnam

Fig 2. MWG - Revenue & GPM (VNDbn, %)





ICT&CE sector continues to recover from low bases

After the challenging year 2023, when the whole retailing industry faced a price war, in 2Q24, the ICT&CE sector continued to maintain its recovery momentum from the low comparative levels. MWG's ICT&CE chains are operating more efficiently than the general market, bringing positive growth in 1H24 at 6.5% YoY, while its rival FPTShop still posted negative growth, although the gap has narrowed from -27.4% YoY in 4Q22 to -7.4% YoY in 2Q24.

We expect MWG's ICT&CE business to recover slightly in 2H24, bringing the total revenue of the TGDD and DMX to VND87,111 billion (+3.5% YoY):

- (1) PMI surpassed 50 in 2Q24. The Vietnam PMI spiked to 54.7 in June and July, indicating a recovery in the manufacturing sector. According to S&P Global PMI, new orders increased for the fourth consecutive month in July, and the growth rate was only slightly slower than the near-record highs in June. Significant improvements were recorded in all consumer goods, intermediate goods and capital goods sectors.
- (2) People's income is improving, thereby boosting consumer demand. A 30% increase in the minimum wage from VND1.8 million/month to VND2.34 million/month from July 1, 2024 and a 2% reduction in value-added tax on goods and services until December 31, 2024 are strong supporters.
- (3) The replacement cycle of smartphones, laptops and tablets may return by the end of 2024. The most recent cycle occurred in 4Q21, and the average replacement period is usually three years. Furthermore, the potential launch of iPhone 16 in late 2024, emphasizing AI features and the switch-off of 2G subscription services in September 2024 will stimulate new purchases in the smartphone segment.

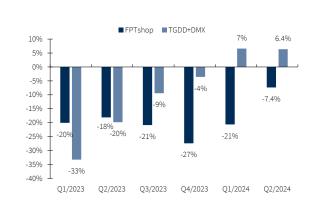
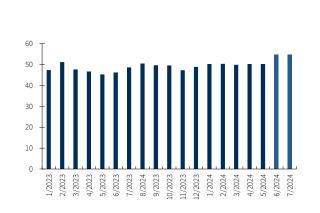


Fig 3. MWG & FRT - Revenue growth of electrical and

electronics chains

Fig 4. Vietnam - PMI in 2023-7M24 (point)



Source: Mobile World Investment, FPT Digital Retail, KB Securities Vietnam

TGDD and DMX store chains continue the strategy of "quality over quantity"

Source: Vietnam Statistics Office, KB Securities Vietnam

For the two chains TGDD and DMX, MWG continues to maintain the strategy of cutting ineffective stores and business premises and downsizing to improve business efficiency. By the end of 2Q, the two chains have closed 116 ineffective stores compared to the previous quarter, including 25 TGDD and Topzone stores and 91 DMX stores. As a result, 2Q average sales/store/month gained 20% YoY to VND2.4 billion, and GPM improved 2ppts QoQ to 19%. This result further reinforced the restructuring strategy of the management.



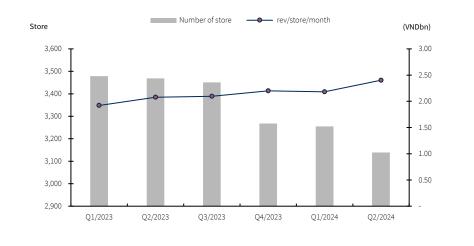


Fig 5. MWG - Store number & GPM of TGDD & DMX

Source: Mobile World Investment, KB Securities Vietnam

BHX is the growth force for MWG's profit in the next five years

From April to December 2022, MWG's management implemented a brand repositioning from "modern market" to "mini mart". Accordingly, revenue of the BHX chain in2Q24 reached VND 10,138 billion (+42% YoY), which is the first quarter to report a profit of about VND7 billion after seven consecutive years of losses. BHX's restructuring activities include:

- (1) Restructuring stores: In 2Q24, BHX opened five new mini supermarkets after closing ineffective stores. With this model, it can improve revenue by competing with traditional markets thanks to its convenience and transparency in product origin. BHX's sales/store/month in 2Q24 hit VND1.9 billion (+10.5% QoQ). We forecast that BHX will open 45–95 new stores in 2024 and maintain its sales/store/month at VND2 billion before moving towards the Northern market in 2025.
- (2) Changing product mix: BHX's product portfolio includes about 3,000 SKUs with a 40% fresh product mix and 60% fast-moving consumer goods. The high fresh weighting helps BHX attract more customers from traditional channels but also reduces its gross margin because fresh products have lower gross margin than consumer goods. KBSV forecasts that BHX's GPM could reach 25.8% in 2024 by taking advantage of the customer base from traditional channels buying fast-moving consumer goods, a segment with a higher gross profit margin than fresh food.
- (3) Reducing transportation costs: BHX moved from large distribution centers (DCs) to mini DCs and built a system of stores around them, while optimizing travel time on the road and increasing vehicle load at 70%, which help reduce logistics costs/revenue in 2Q to below 4%. We estimate that BHX will continue to optimize its logistics cost/revenue ratio at 3.5% in 2024.

KBSV estimates that BHX's revenue will grow 31.8% YoY to VND41,952 billion and its net profit will reach VND521 billion in 2024 thanks to its optimizing costs per store and increasing the number of stores after making a profit.



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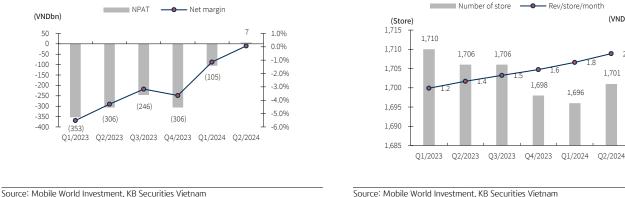
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Rev/store/month

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Fig 6. MWG - NPAT & NPAT margin of BHX (VNDbn, %)



Other store chains

Source: Mobile World Investment, KB Securities Vietnam

Fig 7. MWG - Sales/store/month of BHX (VNDbn)

An Khang chain: We have not seen any positive signals from this chain. In 2Q, An Khang closed 45 ineffective pharmacies but still lost VND102 billion (+46.7% QoQ). Therefore, KBSV maintains the view that it may not reach the break-even point by the end of 2024 as stated by the management.

Erablue chain: By the end of 2Q, Erablue had 61 stores with average sales per store twice as high as DMX stores with the same floor area. Sales of M-sized stores were VND4 billion/month while S-sized stores posted VND2.2 billion/month. In addition, according to Mr. Doan Van Hieu Em - member of the Board of Directors of MWG and CEO of Erablue chain, Erablue aimed to be listed on the Indonesian stock market in 2027.



Fig 8. MWG - Store number & NPAT of An Khang chain (store, VNDbn)

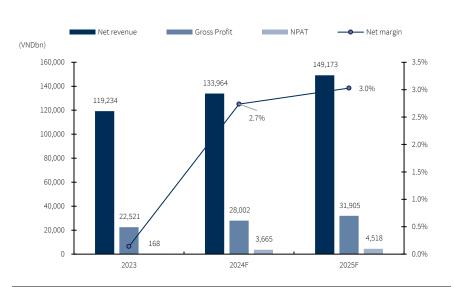
Forecast & valuation

Table 9. MWG - 2024-2025F business results

(VNDbn, %)	2023	2024F	+/-%YoY	2025F	+/-%YoY	Notes
Revenue	118,280	133,964	12,4%	149,173	11.4%	
TGDD + Topzone	28,497	28,900	1.4%	30,861	6.8%	 Sales/store/month in 2024 may grow 6.8% YoY on demand recovery from the entire ICT&CE industry. Number of stores in 2024 should maintain at 3,139 stores due to continued restructuring strategy.
DMX	55,682	58,211	4.5%	62,161	6.8%	 Sales/store/month should increase 29.1% thanks to the effective restructuring strategy that helps attract more customers from traditional channels. The number of stores in 2024 is estimated at 1,798 stores. The chain is expected to open new stores in the Northern market from 2025.
ВНХ	31,836	41,952	31.8%	50,809	21.1%	GPM should improve to reach 21.3% with (1) effective restructuring of ICT chain and shift to online channel and (2) BHX maintaining optimal cost/store.
Gross profit	22,521	28,565	26.8%	32,515	13.8%	Financial income remains high due to maintaining a large amount ir short-term deposits,
Gross profit margin	18.9%	21.3%	2.4ppts	21.8%	0.5%	
Financial income	2,167	2,105	-2.9%	2,374	12.8%	
Financial expenses	-1,556	(1,089)	-30.0%	(1,027)	-5.7%	
SG&A	-22,084	(24,117)	9.2%	(27,100)	12.4%	
PBT	690	5,160	648.2%	6,309	22.3%	
NPAT	168	4,128	2,359.8%	5,047	22.3%	
NP after MI	168	4,126	2,360.8%	5,044	22.3%	
NPAT margin	0.1%	3.1%	2.9ppts	3.4%	0.3%	

Source: Mobile World Investment, KB Securities Vietnam

Fig 10. MWG - 2024-2025F performance (VNDbn)





Valuation: NEUTRAL rating – Price target VND78,000

We conduct MWG stock valuation using two methods: (1) FCFF and (2) comparables approach:

- (1) **FCFF**: We used an FCFF model with the assumptions stated below. The target price of MWG stock for this method is VND77,846/share.
- (2) Comparables: We used P/E and P/S for each different chain, P/E = 17x for TGDD and DMX chains because this is the average P/E of the consumer electricity retail industry in Southeast Asia after removing extraneous variables. For BHX, we use a target P/S of 1.1x because the proceeds from the transaction are approximately VND1,800 billion, which shows that CDH is valuing the BHX chain at around VND35,500 billion, corresponding to a P/S valuation of about 1.1x. The An Khang chain is currently not profitable, so we used a P/S of 0.7x, which is the average of pharmaceutical retail stores in Southeast Asia. The remaining chains have not contributed much to the group, so we have not included them in the valuation. The target price for MWG shares for this method is VND78,796 apiece.

With a 50–50 weighting for each method in the valuation model, we gave a NEUTRAL rating to MWG with a target price of VND78,000/share, 11.9% higher than the closing price on August 22, 2024.

Table 10. MWG - Valuation & assumption according to FCFF model

Cost of Equity	13.10%	PV of terminal value	192,596
Risk-free rate	4.70%	PV of FCFF	113,867
Beta	1.07	Outstanding shares	1,462,711,989
Risk premium	7.8%		
Terminal growth	5.0%		
Duration	5		
Target price			77,846

Source: KB Securities Vietnam

Table 11. MWG - Valuation according to comparables method

	Earnings per share	Target P/E	Target price
DMX&TGDD	2,634	17	44,864
	Sales per share	Target P/S	Target price
BHX	28,681	1.1	31,549
An Khang	3,351	0.7	2,383
Target price			78,796

Source: KB Securities Vietnam

Table 12. MWG - Final valuation

Valuation method	Forecast price	Weighting	Weighted price
FCFF	77,846	50%	38,923
Comparables approach	78,796	50%	39,398
Target price			78,000

Source: KB Securities Vietnam

MWG - 2022A-2025F financials

Income Statement					Balance Sheet
(VND billion)	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	(VND billion)
Net sales	133,405	118,280	133,964	149,173	TOTAL ASSETS
Cost of sales Gross Profit	-102,543 30,862	-95,759	-105,399 28,565	-116,658 32,515	CURRENT ASSET Cash and cash e
Financial income	1,313	22,521 2,167	28,505	2,374	Short-term inves
Financial expenses	-1,383	-1,556	-1,089	-1,027	Accounts receiva
of which: interest expenses	-1,362	-1,448	-1,089	-1,027	Inventories
Gain/(loss) from joint ventures (from 2015)	0	0	0	0	LONG-TERM ASS
Selling expenses	-22,337	-20,917	-21,681	-25,015	Long-term trade
General and admin expenses	-1,881	-1,168	-2,436	-2,085	Fixed assets
Operating profit/(loss) Net other income/(expenses)	6,575 -518	1,047 -357	5,464 -303	6,762 -453	Long-term incor LIABILITIES
Net accounting profit/(loss) before tax	6,056	690	5,160	6,309	Current liabilitie
Corporate income tax expenses	-1,955	-522	-1,032	-1,262	Trade accoun
Net profit/(loss) after tax	4,102	168	4,128	5,047	Advances fror
Minority interests	2	0	2	3	Short-term bo
Attributable to parent company	4,100	168	4,126	5,044	Long-term liabil Long-term tra
	2022		00045	20255	Unrealized rev
Margin ratio	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	Long-term bo
Gross profit margin EBITDA margin	23% 8%	19% 0%	21% 4%	22% 5%	OWNER'S EQUIT Paid-in capita
EBIT margin	5%	0%	3%	4%	Share premiu
Pre-tax profit margin	5%	1%	4%	4%	Undistributed
Operating profit margin	5%	1%	4%	5%	Others fund
Net profit margin	3%	0%	3%	3%	Minority inter
Cash Flow Statement					Kowratios
(VND billion)	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	Key ratios (x, %, VND)
Net profit/(loss) before tax	6,056	690	5,160	6,309	Multiple
Depreciation and amortization	3,540	3,351	2,873	2,814	P/E
	-349	-1,509	2,010	2,011	P/E diluted
Profit/loss from investing activities Interest expense	1,362	1,448	1,089	1,027	P/B
Operating profit/(loss) before changes in Working	10,289	3,897	9,122	10,149	
Capital	-589	672		-758	P/S
(Increase)/decrease in receivables			1,041		P/Tangible Bo
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	3,792	4,169	-5,365	-2,011 283	P/Cash Flow
Increase/(decrease) in payables	-2,287	-3,137	1,963 0	285	EV/EBITDA
(Increase)/decrease in prepaid expenses	-101	130	-191		EV/EBIT
Others Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating	-3,128	-2,296		-1,864	
activities Purchases of fixed assets and other long-term	7,976	3,436	6,287	5,840	Operating perfor
assets	-4,465 5	-523 31	-961 0	-2,384 0	ROE%
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	-20,799	-34,151	0	0	ROA%
Loans granted, purchases of debt instruments Collection of loans, proceeds from sales of debts					ROIC%
instruments	25,852	22,805	0	0	Financial structu
Investments in other entities	-181	-106	0	0	Cash Ratio
Proceeds from divestment in other entities	1,138	1,113	0	0	Quick Ratio
Dividends and interest received	0	0	0	0	Current Ratio
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from investing activities	1,549	-10,831	-800	-2,564	LT Debt/Equit
Proceeds from issue of shares	193	0	0	0	LT Debt/Total
Payments for share returns and repurchases	-5	-10	0	0	Debt/Equity
Proceeds from borrowings	65,252	70,374	66,982	76,078	Debt/Total As
Repayment of borrowings	-73,314	-61,933	-68,992	-76,824	ST Liabilities/
Finance lease principal payments	0	0	0	0	ST Liabilities/
Dividends paid	-732	-731	-1,024	-1,463	Total Liabilitie
Interests, dividends, profits received	0	0	0	0	Total Liabilitie Assets
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from financing activities	-8,606	7,700	-3,034	-2,209	Activity ratios
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	919	304	2,453	1,067	Account Recei Turnover
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of	4,142	5,061	5,366	7,819	
period				8,886	Inventory Tur
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	5,061	5,366	7,819	0,886	Account Paya

(VND billion)	2022	2023	2024F	2025F
TOTAL ASSETS	55,834	60,111	65,098	68,643
CURRENT ASSETS	44,578	51,950	58,955	62,696
Cash and cash equivalents	5,061	5,366	7,819	8,886
Short-term investments	10,069	18,937	18,937	18,937
Accounts receivable Inventories	3,001 25,696	5,159 21,824	4,064 27,189	4,767 29,200
LONG-TERM ASSETS	11,256	8,161	6,142	5,947
Long-term trade receivables	503	458	512	567
Fixed assets	9,728	6,500	4,588	4,158
Long-term incomplete assets	124	4	4	4
LIABILITIES	31,902	36,752	38,634	38,596
Current liabilities	26,000	30,765	32,648	32,610
Trade accounts payable Advances from customers	8,746 98	7,927 89	9,890 101	10,173 111
Short-term borrowings	10,688	19,129	17,119	16,373
Long-term liabilities	5,901	5,986	5,986	5,986
Long-term trade payables	0	0	0	0
Unrealized revenue	0	0	0	0
Long-term borrowings	5,901	5,985	5,985	5,985
OWNER'S EQUITY	23,933	23,360	26,463	30,047
Paid-in capital	14,639	14,634	14,634	14,634
Share premium	558	558	558	558 14,848
Undistributed earnings Others fund	8,724 0	8,160 0	11,264 0	14,848
Minority interests	0	0	0	0
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Key ratios				
(x, %, VND)	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Multiple	22.2	5 41 7	22.1	10.1
P/E	22.2	541.7	22.1	18.1
P/E diluted	22.2	541.7	22.1	18.1
P/B	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.0
P/S	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
P/Tangible Book	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.0
P/Cash Flow	11.4	26.5	14.5	15.6
EV/EBITDA	10.1	-417.2	19.7	13.4
EV/EBIT	15.4	254.2	23.9	19.3
Operating performance				
ROE%	17%	1%	16%	17%
ROA%	7%	0%	6%	7%
ROIC%	19%	1%	11%	12%
RUIC%	1070	1,0	11/0	1270
Financial structure				
Cash Ratio	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9
Quick Ratio	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0
Current Ratio	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9
LT Debt/Equity	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
LT Debt/Total Assets	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Debt/Equity	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5
Debt/Total Assets	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
ST Liabilities/Equity	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1
ST Liabilities/Total Assets	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total Liabilities/Equity	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.3
Total Liabilities/Total	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Assets				
Activity ratios				
Account Receivable Turnover	44.5	22.9	33.0	31.3
	5.2	5.5	4.9	5.1
Inventory Turnover	15.4	15.0	13.5	14.7
Account Payable Turnover	13.4	13.0	13.3	14.7



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