## **COMPANY UPDATE**

# **EASTERN POLYMER GROUP (EPG TB)**

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# Rebound, recover, and re-rating

- Lower losses from TJM and South African JVs are visible ahead
- Stronger net profit growth from Aeroflex and marginal improvements in Aeroklas and EPP should drive core profits
- Maintain BUY but cut TP to THB3.2

#### Business restructuring and operational optimizations are key

We think EPG's worst year of weak net profit of THB0.8b (-33% y-y) and core net profit of THB1.0b (-16% y-y), caused by depressed margins and demands, are now behind in FY2024/25 (Apr-24 to Mar-25). We see improving net profit trajectory in FY2025/26 (Apr-25 to Mar-26E) to continue into FY2026/27E-FY2027/28E on the lower losses of TJM in Australia and ATD/DUYS in South Africa, stronger net profits from JVs, Tough Dog (4-way suspension) in Australia, and Aeroflex in US, and the marginally improving net profits of EPP (packaging) and Aeroklas (auto parts) on operational opetimizations.

#### TJM losses to narrow marginally

In the past three fiscal years in FY2022/23-FY2024/25, TJM, the distributor of off-road accessories in Australia, has been suffering greater operating losses of -THB181m in FY2022/23 to -THB331m in FY2024/25 due to weak demands and high fixed cost structure, mainly personnel expenses given high salary base in Australia. In FY2025/26E onwards, we project narrower operating losses of THB301m and THB271m given management aims to cut costs while maintain revenues.

#### South African auto parts JV to turn around

In FY2024/25 EPG booked Expected Credit Loss (ECL) of THB325m for ATD, its 46%-owned JV who produces auto parts similar to EPG's Aeroklas division. Yet the swelling ECL was caused by the plant operational mismanagement and off-spec auto parts problems that are now fully resolved and written off by EPG. Hence, in FY2025/26E we project no further ECL and improving margins and operational utilization rate to generate gradual increase in net profits.

#### Core businesses remain healthy and growing

In FY2025/26E-FY2026/27E, Aeroflex (insulation) is still EPG's crown jewel to generate over 50% of total net profits, thanks to solid growth in US market. Aeroklas (auto parts) is likely to be in doldrums due to weak demands in domestic market. EPP (packaging) is now a margin game as any additional revenue on depressed margins is unwarranted.

## Maintain BUY but lowered TP to THB3.2

We maintain BUY and lower our TP from THB4.65, previously based on 11x FY2024/25E P/E, to THB3.2, now based on 6x FY2025/26E P/E to reflect the incurring losses from TJM and South African JVs and the cloudy outlook for auto parts and packaging businesses. However, we think downsides are now limited on 7x FY2025/26E P/E and 4.8x EV/EBITDA which are deep discounts to EPG's historical valuations.

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**ESG** Rating : AA

CG Rating : ΔΔΔΔΔ

# BUY

Target Price 12M (THB)	3.20
VS. BB Consensus TP (%)	+2.6%
Share Price (THB)	2.48
Upside/Downside	+29.0%
Share Data	
Market Cap (THB m)	6,944.00
Par (THB)	1.00
Free Float (%)	26.21

#### Issued shares (m shares) 2,800

#### Financial forecast

YE Dec (THB m)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	13,864	14,591	15,132	15,784
Net profit	796	982	1,056	1,126
Core net profit	796	982	1,056	1,126
vs Consensus (%)		(19.7)	(22.5)	(19.1)
Net profit growth (%)	(32.9)	23.3	7.5	6.6
Core net profit growth (%)	(32.9)	23.3	7.5	6.6
EPS (THB)	0.28	0.35	0.38	0.40
Core EPS (THB)	0.28	0.35	0.38	0.40
Chg from previous (%)		(29.38)	(27.23)	0.00
DPS (THB)	0.27	0.11	0.11	0.12
P/E (x)	10.13	7.07	6.58	6.17
P/BV (x)	0.64	0.53	0.50	0.48
ROE (%)	7.66	7.69	7.89	7.95
Dividend yield (%)	9.38	4.24	4.56	4.86

#### Source: Financial Statement and Globlex securities

#### Share Price Performance (%)



# Major Shareholders (%) as of 16 Jun-25

Vitoorapakorn holding	60.00
Mr. Pawat Vitoorapakorn	2.51
Mr. Chalieo Vitoorapakorn	2.41

#### **Company Profile**

Company Profile EPG is a holding company, and mainly invests in innovative polymer and plastic convertor company, including: (1) manufacturing and distribution of insulation, heat and cold, operated by Aeroflex company limited (AFC), the flagship company under the trademark "AEROFLEX" (2) manufacturing and distribution of car accessories, operated by Aeroflas company limited (ARK) under the trademark "AEROKLAS" and (3) manufacturing and distribution of plastic packaging operated by Eastern Polypack company limited (EPP) under the trademark "EPP" Source: SETSMAPT.SET Source: SETSMART, SET





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Exhibit 1: Net profit growth drivers in FY2025/26E-FY2026/27E



Sources: EPG

## Exhibit 3: Core net profit vs net profit



Sources: EPG; Globlex Research

## Exhibit 5: Quarterly core net profit vs net profit



Sources: EPG

# Exhibit 2: Net profit forecasts by key drivers in FY2025/26E-FY2026/27E



Sources: EPG

### Exhibit 4: Net profit upside breakdown by business (%)



Sources: EPG; Globlex Research

## Exhibit 6: Gross profit breakdown by segment



Sources: EPG; Globlex Research





#### Exhibit 7: Gross profit margin by segment





Sources: EPG; Globlex Research

### Exhibit 9: Financial forecasts for JVs

Company	Stake	Products	Country	Setting up date	Equity incom	Equity income (THB m)	
	(%)				FY2025/26E	FY2024/25	
ALP Aeroflex India Private	40	Rubber insulation (NBR) and auto parts	India	Since IPO	59	59	
Aerocel Construction Materials (Jiansu)	40	Rubber insulation (NBR)	China	Since IPO	10	7	
Sumirito Eastern Rubber (Thailand)	30	Anti-vibration rubber parts for automobile	Thailand (With Japanese Partner)	Since IPO	140	143	
Zeon Advance Polymix	27	Rubber compound (Use in Automotive	Thailand (With Japanese Partner)	Since IPO	11	11	
DUYS (South Africa)	45	Produce/distribute metal & plastic auto parts	South Africa	4QFY2018/19	-	(12)	
ATD (South Africa)	46	Produce/distribute metal and plastic auto parts	South Africa	1QFY2022/23	-	0	
Farplas Otomotiv (Thailand)	51	Produce injection auto plastic products	Thailand (with Turkish Partner)	2QFY2020/21	80	71	
Total					300	280	

Sources: EPG; Globlex Research





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# Exhibit 11: Net profit/ (loss) from Australian subsidiaries



Sources: EPG

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## 14 July 2025 BANGCHAK CORPORATION (BCP TB)



Balance sheet (THB m)					
Year ending Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Current assets					
Cash & ST investment	1,404	1,894	1,611	3,202	4,824
Account receivable	2,451	2,469	2,469	2,469	2,469
Inventories	3,791	3,770	3,669	3,805	3,969
Others	131	121	672	697	728
Non-current assets					
Net fixed assets	5,704	5,360	4,769	3,833	2,896
Others	6,319	6,273	6,273	6,273	6,273
Total Assets	19,801	19,887	19,464	20,280	21,158
Current liabilities					
Account payable	1,850	1,571	1,696	1,759	1,835
ST borrowing	1,574	2,971	1,000	1,000	1,000
Others	308	81	85	88	92
Long-term liabilities					
Long-term debts	1,791	551	1,500	1,500	1,500
Others	1,789	2,118	2,118	2,118	2,118
Total liabilities	7,312	7,293	6,399	6,465	6,545
Pai-up capital	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
Retained earnings	5,831	6,179	6,650	7,400	8,198
Others	3,805	3,558	3,558	3,558	3,558
Minority interest	53	57	57	57	57
Shareholders' equity	12,489	12,594	13,065	13,815	14,613

Key ratios					
Year ending Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth (%YoY)					
Sales	3.0	9.1	4.8	5.2	3.7
Operating profit	(13.0)	(9.7)	0.3	(5.6)	3.7
EBITDA	(13.0)	(9.7)	2.6	(7.7)	3.7
Net profit	(32.6)	10.3	(32.9)	23.3	7.5
Core net profit	(32.6)	10.3	(32.9)	23.3	7.5
EPS	(32.6)	10.3	(32.9)	23.3	7.5
Core EPS	(32.6)	10.3	(32.9)	23.3	7.5
Profitability (%)					
Gross margin	38.8	40.1	38.8	38.8	38.8
Operation margin	13.0	12.4	11.1	11.1	11.1
EBITDA margin	13.0	12.7	11.1	11.1	11.1
Net margin	9.0	5.7	6.7	7.0	7.1
ROE	6.0	3.8	4.6	4.9	5.1
ROA	4.5	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.8
Stability					
Interest bearing debt/equity (x)	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net debt/equity (x)	0.2	0.1	0.1	n.a.	n.a.
Interest coverage (x)	4.2	7.0	6.6	8.7	9.5
Interest & ST debt coverage (x)	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.7
Cash flow interest coverage (x)	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Current ratio (x)	2.1	1.8	3.0	3.6	4.1
Quick ratio (x)	1.0	0.9	1.5	2.0	2.5
Net debt (THB m)	1,962	1,629	889	(702)	(2,324)
Activity					
Asset turnover (X)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Days receivables	64.0	64.8	61.8	59.5	57.1
Days inventory	172.3	166.2	152.1	147.3	146.9
Days payable	73.6	75.2	66.8	68.1	67.9
Cash cycle days	162.6	155.8	147.0	138.7	136.1

Profit & loss (THB m)					·
Year ending Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	13,227	13,864	14,591	15,132	15,784
Cost of goods sold	(8,096)	(8,305)	(8,928)	(9,259)	(9,658)
Gross profit	5,131	5,559	5,663	5,873	6,126
Operating expenses	(3,414)	(3,835)	(4,036)	(4,186)	(4,366)
Operating profit	1,718	1,724	1,627	1,687	1,760
EBIT	814	810	674	733	804
Depreciation	(903)	(952)	(953)	(954)	(955)
EBITDA	1,718	1,762	1,627	1,687	1,760
Non-operating income	148	(84)	120	126	133
Other incomes	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-op income	148	(84)	120	126	133
Non-operating expense	269	202	296	313	313
Interest expense	(194)	(116)	(102)	(84)	(84)
Other non-op expense	463	318	397	397	397
Equity income/(loss)	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	1,232	928	1,090	1,172	1,249
Extraordinary items					
Current taxation	(21)	(119)	(108)	(116)	(124)
Minorities	(24)	(12)	0	0	0
Net Profit	1,187	796	982	1,056	1,126
Core net profit	1,187	796	982	1,056	1,126
EPS (THB)	0.42	0.28	0.35	0.38	0.40
Core EPS (THB)	0.42	0.28	0.35	0.38	0.40

Cash flow (THB m)					
Year ending Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Operating cash flow	2,481	1,371	1,733	2,041	2,099
Net profit	1,187	796	982	1,056	1,126
Depre.& amortization	903	952	953	954	955
Change in working capital	295	(491)	(321)	(95)	(114)
Others	96	115	120	126	133
Investment cash flow	291	490	(282)	1,591	1,621
Net CAPEX	784	608	(115)	(460)	(460)
Change in LT investment	(493)	(118)	(167)	2,051	2,082
Change in other assets	0	0	0	0	0
Free cash flow	2,772	1,861	1,451	3,632	3,721
Financing cash flow	(2,481)	(1,371)	(1,733)	(2,041)	(2,099)
Change in share capital	0	0	0	0	0
Net change in debt	92	157	(1,022)	0	0
Divident paid	(728)	(756)	(511)	(306)	(327)
Others	(1,845)	(772)	(200)	(1,735)	(1,772)
Net cash flow	291	490	(282)	1,591	1,621
Per share (THB)					
EPS	0.42	0.28	0.35	0.38	0.40
Core EPS	0.42	0.28	0.35	0.38	0.40
CFPS	0.75	0.63	0.69	0.72	0.74
BVPS	4.44	4.48	4.65	4.91	5.20
Sales/share	4.72	4.95	5.21	5.40	5.64
EBITDA/share	0.61	0.63	0.58	0.60	0.63
DPS	0.27	0.27	0.11	0.11	0.12
Valuation					
P/E (x)	9.39	10.13	7.07	6.58	6.17
P/BV (x)	0.90	0.64	0.53	0.50	0.48
Dividend yield (%)	6.78	9.38	4.24	4.56	4.86
Divdend payout ratio (%)	63.69	94.98	30.00	30.00	30.00



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