

Signs of relief, if not shout of joy

- 1Q25 core NP rose 9% q-q to THB1.6b, driven by stronger IPP margins from lower coal costs and insurance premiums.
- GPSC's earnings recovery (2025–2027E) supported by cost efficiency, capacity growth, and Avaada's expansion to 6.9GW.
- Maintain BUY at a SoTP target price of THB37

GPSC delivers strong 1Q25 results

GPSC reported a 1Q25 net profit (NP) of THB1.1b (+14% q-q, +32% y-y), with core NP rising to THB1.6b (+9% q-q, +20% y-y), driven by: 1) improved gross profit margins (GPM) from IPPs, supported by a lower impact from GHECO-ONE, a 17% q-q decline in coal costs, and reduced power plant insurance premiums; and 2) flat GPM for SPPs at 24%, supported by stronger steam demand from industrial users (IUs), despite a lower share of profit from associates at THB79m (-77% q-q).

Strong 1Q25 results driven by IPPs and SPPs

EBITDA margin improved to 22% in 1Q25, up from 19% in 4Q24 and 20% in 1Q24, mainly driven by stronger GPM. IPPs saw their GPM rise to 24% from 16% in 4Q24 and 19% in 1Q24, thanks to lower energy margins affected by GHECO-ONE. SPPs also posted higher gross profit of THB3.9b (+4% q-q, +6% y-y), supported by a 4% q-q increase in electricity tariffs to THB3.58/kWh, a drop in coal prices to USD121/t (-10% q-q, -15% y-y), and stronger demand from IUs, despite a 6% q-q rise in natural gas prices to THB344/mmbtu.

Mixed performance, Avaada shines

Share of profits from associates dropped to a NP of THB79m in 1Q25, down from THB355m in 4Q24 but up from a NL of THB10m in 1Q24. The run-of-river hydro project XPCL recorded a NL of THB10m on seasonally low water flows, while SPP associates, BIC and NNEG, delivered solid performances, posting NP of THB25m and THB10m, respectively. NL1PC reported a small NL of THB2m due to weak water levels. Taiwan wind farms posted a NL of THB157m (vs. THB67m in 4Q24), mainly from a THB87m FX loss and higher interest expense. Meanwhile, Avaada posted a strong turnaround with a NP of THB208m, driven by seasonality and new COD projects.

A bright future through cost efficiency and expansion

We expect GPSC's NP to gradually recover over 2025–2027E, supported by lower fuel costs, improved operational efficiency, and ongoing capacity expansion. Growth will also be driven by new projects, particularly in renewables and international ventures. Notably, Avaada—is on track to expand capacity to 6.9GW by end-2025, up from 4.7GW at end-2024, supported by robust solar demand and continued project commissioning.

Maintain BUY at a SoTP target price of THB37

We maintain BUY at a SoTP target price of THB37, implied 24x 2025E P/E, supported by an earnings recovery outlook, expanding renewable portfolio, and international growth potential.

ESG Rating : AAA

CG Rating : ▲▲▲▲▲

BUY

Target Price 12M (THB)	37.00
VS. BB Consensus TP (%)	-3.2%
Share Price (THB)	32.50
Upside/Downside	+13.8%

Share Data

Market Cap (THB m)	91,641.20
Par (THB)	10.00
Free Float (%)	24.76
Issued shares (m shares)	2,820

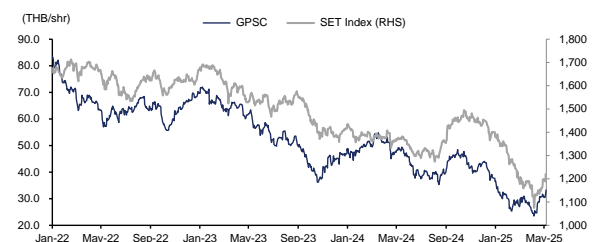
Financial forecast

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	90,730	98,019	89,855	83,429
Net profit	4,062	4,350	4,433	5,619
Core net profit	6,121	4,350	4,433	5,619
vs Consensus (%)		(6.7)	(12.7)	6.3
Net profit growth (%)	10.0	7.1	1.9	26.7
Core net profit growth (%)	12.6	(28.9)	1.9	26.7
EPS (THB)	1.44	1.54	1.57	1.99
Core EPS (THB)	2.17	1.54	1.57	1.99
Chg from previous (%)		0.00	0.00	0.00
DPS (THB)	0.74	0.46	0.47	0.60
P/E (x)	26.55	21.07	20.67	16.31
P/BV (x)	1.00	0.83	0.81	0.78
ROE (%)	5.73	4.00	3.97	4.88
Dividend yield (%)	1.93	1.42	1.45	1.84

Source: Financial Statement and Globlex securities

Share Price Performance (%)

	1M	3M	6M	YTD
Stock	32.65	19.27	(19.25)	(15.03)
Market	22.32	25.31	(2.75)	(2.50)
12M High/Low (THB)				51.50 / 22.40



Major Shareholders (%) as of 4 Mar 2025

PTT Public Company Limited	47.27
PTT Global Chemical Public Company Limited	10.00
Thai Oil Public Company Limited	10.00

Company Profile

Company operates as a power, steam, and utilities producer and distributor. In addition, the company invests in other companies that generate and distribute power, steam, utilities, and New S-Curve business: batteries and smart energy, including related businesses, both domestic and overseas.

Source: SETSMART, SET

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Exhibit 1: Summary of 1Q25 operations

	1Q24	4Q24	1Q25			2024	2025E	chg.
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q%)	(y-y%)	(THB m)	(THB m)	
Revenue	23,773	22,168	21,414	(3.4)	(9.9)	90,730	98,019	8.0
Operating costs	(19,132)	(17,929)	(16,623)	7.3	13.1	(67,492)	(77,374)	(14.6)
EBITDA	4,641	4,239	4,791	13.0	3.2	20,667	18,103	(12.4)
EBITDA margin (%)	20	19	22	na	na	23	18	na
Depn & amort.	(2,327)	(2,645)	(2,324)	12.1	0.1	(9,756)	(9,052)	7.2
EBIT	2,314	1,594	2,467	54.7	6.6	10,911	9,051	(17.0)
Interest expense	(1,401)	(1,473)	(1,380)	6.3	1.5	(5,885)	(6,320)	(7.4)
Interest & invt inc	0	0	0	na	na	0	255	nm
Other income	296	788	383	(51.5)	29.2	(2,059)	0	nm
Associates' contrib	(12)	299	80	(73.3)	773.5	293	1,140	289.4
Exceptionals	(2)	234	(158)	nm	nm	(2,497)	0	nm
Pretax profit	1,195	1,443	1,391	(3.6)	16.4	763	4,125	440.8
Tax	(135)	(250)	(67)	73.3	50.7	(300)	(533)	(77.5)
Tax rate (%)	11	17	5	na	na	39	13	na
Minority interests	(196)	(194)	(185)	4.7	5.9	(708)	(1,342)	(89.6)
Net profit	864	1,000	1,140	14.0	31.9	4,062	4,350	7.1
Non-recurring	443	431	425	(1.5)	(4.1)	2,059	0	nm
Core net profit	1,307	1,431	1,565	9.4	19.7	6,121	4,350	(28.9)
EPS (THB)	0.31	0.35	0.40	14.0	31.9	1.44	1.54	7.1
Core EPS (THB)	0.46	0.51	0.56	9.4	19.7	2.17	1.54	(28.9)

Sources: GPSC, Globlex Research

Exhibit 2: 1Q25 key performance

	1Q24	4Q24	1Q25	(q-q %)	(y-y %)	Unit
IPP						
Gross profit	1,326	887	1,159	30.7	(12.6)	THB m
Gross profit margin*	19	16	24	50.0	26.3	%
Availability rate (Sriracha)*	99	100	10	(90.0)	(89.9)	%
Availability rate (GIPP)*	99	99	100	1.0	1.0	%
Availability rate (GHECO-ONE)*	87	100	97	(3.0)	11.5	%
Average selling price	4.49	3.85	3.69	(4.2)	(17.8)	THB/kWh
Natural gas consumption (Sriracha)	384	171	2,211	1,193.0	475.8	('000 MMBTU)
Natural gas consumption (GLOW)	857	75	145	93.3	(83.1)	('000 MMBTU)
Average coal cost	291	258	214	(17.1)	(26.4)	USD/tonne JPU
SPP						
Gross profit	3,641	3,717	3,852	3.6	5.8	THB m
Gross profit margin*	22	24	24	-	9.1	%
Weighted average selling price (Electricity)	3.64	3.44	3.58	4.1	(1.6)	THB/kWh
Weighted average selling price (Steam)	1,345	1,188	1,283	8.0	(4.6)	THB/Tonnes
Natural gas consumption	28,310	30,333	29,383	(3.1)	3.8	('000 MMBTU)
- GPSC	11,950	13,245	13,360	0.9	11.8	('000 MMBTU)
- GLOW	16,360	17,088	16,023	(6.2)	(2.1)	('000 MMBTU)
Average price of natural gas	362	324	344	6.2	(5.0)	THB/MMBTU
Average coal cost	143	134	121	(9.7)	(15.2)	USD/tonne JPU
VSP						
Gross profit	93	238	238	-	155.9	THB m
Gross profit margin*	33	65	62	(4.6)	87.9	%
Average selling price (Electricity)	4.75	4.80	4.94	2.9	4.0	THB/kWh
Average selling price (Chilled water)	7.76	0.85	7.79	816.5	0.4	THB/RT
Share of profits from associates and joint ventures	(10)	355	79	(77.7)	922.9	THB m
- Xayaburi Power Company Limited (XPCL)	(142)	387	(10)	(102.6)	93.0	THB m
- Bangpa-in Cogeneration Company Limited (BIC)	25	27	25	(7.4)	-	THB m
- Nava Nakorn Electricity Generating Company Limited (NNEG)	22	27	10	(63.0)	(54.5)	THB m
- Nam Lik 1 Power Company Limited (NL1PC)	2	4	(2)	(150.0)	(200.0)	THB m
- Thai Solar Renewable Company Limited (TSR)	64	2	20	900.0	(68.8)	THB m
- Eastern Seaboard Clean Energy Company (ESCE)	0	4	(3)	(175.0)	(850.0)	THB m
- Avaada Energy Private Limited (Avaada)	130	(8)	208	2,700.0	60.0	THB m
- Global Renewable Power Company Limited (GRP)	13	0	0	nm	nm	THB m
- Nuovo Plus Company Limited (NUOVO PLUS)	(31)	(21)	(12)	42.9	61.3	THB m
- CI Changfang Limited and CI Xidao Limited (CFXD)	(93)	(67)	(157)	(134.3)	(68.8)	THB m

*Note: Change in margin % is represented in ppt change

Sources: GPSC; Globlex Research

Balance sheet (THB m)					
Year ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Current assets					
Cash & ST investment	13,197	25,492	23,816	30,070	37,434
Account receivable	10,886	11,754	12,692	13,552	14,350
Inventories	11,431	7,733	8,603	7,855	7,065
Others	6,310	4,800	5,185	4,754	4,414
Non-current assets					
Net fixed assets	92,799	92,473	89,721	87,128	84,536
Others	147,081	145,884	145,884	145,884	145,884
Total Assets	281,703	288,136	285,901	289,243	293,683

Current liabilities					
Account payable	7,060	5,740	6,385	5,830	5,244
ST borrowing	20,462	12,104	5,000	5,000	5,001
Others	11,146	5,282	5,707	5,231	4,857
Long-term liabilities					
Long-term debts	98,736	117,888	117,888	117,888	117,888
Others	26,775	27,981	27,981	27,981	27,981
Total liabilities	164,178	168,994	162,961	161,930	160,970
Paid-up capital	28,197	28,197	28,197	28,197	28,197
Retained earnings	25,007	26,560	29,016	32,132	36,243
Others	52,991	52,801	52,801	52,801	52,801
Minority interest	11,330	11,584	12,926	14,183	15,471
Shareholders' equity	117,525	119,142	122,941	127,313	132,712

Key ratios					
Year ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Growth (%YoY)					
Sales	(27.0)	0.5	8.0	(8.3)	(7.2)
Operating profit	63.8	11.8	(2.7)	(6.8)	5.3
EBITDA	52.5	12.4	(12.4)	(6.8)	5.3
Net profit	314.4	10.0	7.1	1.9	26.7
Core net profit	95.5	12.6	(28.9)	1.9	26.7
EPS	314.4	10.0	7.1	1.9	26.7
Core EPS	95.5	12.6	(28.9)	1.9	26.7
Profitability (%)					
Gross margin	21.4	23.3	21.1	21.4	23.8
Operation margin	18.4	20.5	18.5	18.8	21.3
EBITDA margin	20.4	22.8	18.5	18.8	21.3
Net margin	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.9	6.7
ROE	5.2	5.7	4.0	4.0	4.9
ROA	(0.1)	(1.1)	(2.7)	(4.6)	(3.7)
Stability					
Interest bearing debt/equity (x)	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
Net debt/equity (x)	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
Interest coverage (x)	1.7	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.4
Interest & ST debt coverage (x)	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8
Cash flow interest coverage (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current ratio (x)	1.1	2.2	2.9	3.5	4.2
Quick ratio (x)	0.6	1.6	2.1	2.7	3.4
Net debt (THB m)	106,001	104,500	99,072	92,818	85,454
Activity					
Asset turnover (X)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Days receivables	62.8	45.5	45.5	53.3	61.0
Days inventory	60.1	50.3	38.5	42.5	42.9
Days payable	46.2	33.6	28.6	31.6	31.8
Cash cycle days	76.7	62.2	55.5	64.3	72.1

Profit & loss (THB m)					
Year ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue					
Revenue	90,303	90,730	98,019	89,855	83,429
Cost of goods sold	(70,949)	(69,550)	(77,374)	(70,642)	(63,538)
Gross profit	19,354	21,179	20,645	19,213	19,891
Operating expenses	(2,709)	(2,571)	(2,541)	(2,347)	(2,125)
Operating profit	16,645	18,609	18,103	16,866	17,765
EBIT	9,076	10,911	9,051	7,974	8,873
Depreciation	(9,309)	(9,756)	(9,052)	(8,892)	(8,892)
EBITDA	18,385	20,667	18,103	16,866	17,765
Non-operating income					
Other incomes	2,673	4,308	2,100	2,200	2,200
Other non-op income	0	0	255	238	601
Non-operating expense	(5,702)	(8,382)	(6,320)	(6,143)	(6,143)
Interest expense	(5,297)	(5,885)	(6,320)	(6,143)	(6,143)
Other non-op expense	(404)	(2,497)	0	0	0
Equity income/(loss)	1,008	293	1,140	1,900	1,998
Pre-tax Profit	7,055	7,129	6,225	6,169	7,529
Extraordinary items	(1,740)	(2,059)	0	0	0
Current taxation	(507)	(300)	(533)	(480)	(621)
Minorities	(1,115)	(708)	(1,342)	(1,256)	(1,289)
Net Profit	3,694	4,062	4,350	4,433	5,619
Core net profit	5,434	6,121	4,350	4,433	5,619
EPS (THB)	1.31	1.44	1.54	1.57	1.99
Core EPS (THB)	1.93	2.17	1.54	1.57	1.99

Cash flow (THB m)					
Year ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Operating cash flow					
Net profit	3,694	4,062	4,350	4,433	5,619
Depre. & amortization	9,309	9,756	9,052	8,892	8,892
Change in working capital	7,429	(2,845)	(1,124)	(710)	(629)
Others	1,008	293	1,140	1,900	1,998
Investment cash flow	(42,919)	(35,850)	(6,299)	(6,299)	(6,299)
Net CAPEX	(22,969)	(23,955)	(6,299)	(6,299)	(6,299)
Change in LT investment	0	0	0	0	0
Change in other assets	(19,950)	(11,895)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Free cash flow	(21,479)	(24,583)	7,120	8,217	9,582
Financing cash flow					
Change in share capital	0	0	0	0	0
Net change in debt	9,783	10,794	(7,104)	0	1
Dividend paid	0	0	(1,893)	(1,317)	(1,508)
Others	10,656	26,084	201	(645)	(711)
Net cash flow	(1,039)	12,295	(1,676)	6,254	7,364

Per share (THB)					
EPS	1.31	1.44	1.54	1.57	1.99
Core EPS	1.93	2.17	1.54	1.57	1.99
CFPS	5.62	5.88	5.23	5.17	5.60
BVPS	37.66	38.14	39.02	40.12	41.58
Sales/share	32.03	32.18	34.76	31.87	29.59
EBITDA/share	6.52	7.33	6.42	5.98	6.30
DPS	0.74	0.74	0.46	0.47	0.60
Valuation					
P/E (x)	37.02	26.55	21.07	20.67	16.31
P/BV (x)	1.29	1.00	0.83	0.81	0.78
Dividend yield (%)	1.53	1.93	1.42	1.45	1.84
Dividend payout ratio (%)	56.48	51.36	30.00	30.00	30.00

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