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Hydro power plants were the drags

- 1Q25 net profit of THB153m was an in-line outcome
- Stronger net profit outlook ahead on hydro power plants and upcoming wind farms in Laos
- Maintain BUY and a SoTP TP of THB8.0

Hydro power plants were the key drags

BCPG's 1Q25 core net profit (NP) of THB198m, down 42% y-y and 13% q-q, missing our estimate by 2% and the BBG consensus by 4%. Including FX gain, its reported NP was THB153m, down 65% y-y but up 119% q-q. The weak core NP was due to the lower NPs from its hydro power plants in Laos that was offset by higher equity income from Philippines and US.

Capacify factors were strong across the board

CFs were strong in 1Q25, including 1) the solar farms in Thailand (173.5MW), which saw a CF of 17.1% in 1Q25 vs 16.6% in 4Q24 and 17.0% in 1Q24; 2) the wind farms in Thailand, which saw a CF of 18.4% in 1Q25 vs 11.5% in 4Q24 and 14.9% in 1Q24; 3) the wind farm in Philippines, which had a CF of 49.8% in 1Q25 vs 47.1% in 1Q24, and 35.0% in 4Q24; 4) a CF of 80.0% for the gas-fired power plant in US vs 83.1% in 1Q24; and 5) lower CF to 23.5% in 1Q25 vs 26.6% in 1Q24 for hydro power plants in Laos.

US plants delivered solid performance

While the NPs from wind farm in Philippines posted a higher share profit of THB33m, up 50% q-q due to the higher CF of 49.8% vs 47.1% in 1Q24. NPs from hydropower plant in Laos plunged on lower water levels. BCPG recorded share of profit of THB444m, up 31% q-q andbut down 0.3% y-y, coming from the higher profit from its US gas-fired power plants at THB416m (+29% q-q) and the stronger share of profit from wind farm in Philippines.

US plants and hydro power plants in Laos are catalysts ahead

We see that BCPG's quarterly equity income to continue its stronger path in 2025, driven by four CCGT power plants in US as well as wind farms in Laos and the Philippines to offset the equity income decline from the divestment of geothermal power plants in Indonesia and 9 solar farms in Japan.

Still a BUY on more sustainable earnings

We maintain BUY and a SoTP target price of THB8/share, implying a 16x 2025E P/E, in line with its 5-year average. This target reflects the company's strong growth prospects and diversified renewable energy portfolio. BCPG's strategic acquisitions, such as the 857MW CCGT power plants in the US, position it for solid profitability growth. With a robust project pipeline and improving capacity payments, we expect BCPG's earnings to recover from 2025 onwards, supporting our positive outlook.

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ESG Rating : AAA CG Rating : AAAAA

BUY	
Target Price 12M (THB)	8.00
VS. BB Consensus TP (%)	-3.1%
Share Price (THB)	6.90
Upside/Downside	+15.9%

Share Data

Market Cap (THB m)	20,670.74
Par (THB)	5.00
Free Float (%)	42.11
Issued shares (m shares)	2,996

Financial forecast

YE Dec (THB m)	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E				
Revenue	4,323	3,832	5,512	6,763				
Net profit	1,819	1,476	1,807	1,945				
Core net profit	1,123	1,476	1,807	1,945				
vs Consensus (%)		2.9	(6.5)	(10.7)				
Net profit growth (%)	64.8	(18.9)	22.4	7.7				
Core net profit growth (%)	28.6	31.5	22.4	7.7				
EPS (THB)	0.61	0.49	0.60	0.65				
Core EPS (THB)	0.37	0.49	0.60	0.65				
Chg from previous (%)		0.00	0.19	0.30				
DPS (THB)	0.28	0.20	0.24	0.26				
P/E (x)	9.14	14.00	11.44	10.63				
P/BV (x)	0.54	0.66	0.64	0.61				
ROE (%)	5.05	2.86	3.50	3.76				
Dividend yield (%)	3.72	4.76	5.66	5.88				
Source: Financial Statement and Globlex securities								

Share Price Performance (%)

	1M	3M	6M	YTD
Stock	5.34	1.47	12.20	24.32
Market	(2.86)	6.61	35.13	42.66
12M High/Lov	v (THB)		7.	.80 / 5.05



Major Shareholders (%) as of 6 Mar 2025

Bangchak Corporation Public Company Limited

57.81

Company Profile

The Company's business is to generate and sell electricity from clean energy as well as investing in companies that generate and sell electricity from clean energy.

Source: SETSMART, SET



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)	(y-y%)
Revenue	1,194	921	731	(20.6)	(38.8)	4,323	3,832	(11.4)
Operating costs	(320)	(322)	(273)	15.0	14.6	(1,424)	(1,215)	14.6
EBITDA	874	599	457	(23.6)	(47.6)	2,227	1,965	(11.7)
EBITDA margin (%)	73.2	65.1	62.6	na	na	51.5	51.3	na
Depn & amort.	(495)	(383)	(377)	1.7	23.9	(1,764)	(1,731)	1.9
EBIT	379	216	81	(62.6)	(78.7)	463	234	(49.4)
Interest expense	(419)	(330)	(305)	7.5	27.2	(1,529)	(1,461)	4.4
Interest & invt inc	37	78	58	(25.9)	56.5	230	147	(36.3)
Other income	21	12	0	(96.7)	(98.1)	1,378	250	(81.9)
Associates' contrib	446	339	444	31.1	(0.3)	1,014	2,199	116.8
Exceptionals	95	(1,029)	(23)	97.7	(124.5)	697	-	nm
Pretax profit	558	(714)	255	135.7	(54.3)	2,253	1,369	(39.2)
Tax	(117)	(82)	(102)	(24.9)	12.7	(433)	114	126.2
Tax rate (%)	21	(11)	40	na	na	19	(8)	na
Minority interests	(1)	0	(0)	(128.1)	78.1	(0)	(6)	nm
Net profit	441	(795)	153	119.2	(65.4)	1,819	1,476	(18.9)
Non-recurring	(97)	1,023	45	(95.6)	146.4	(697)	-	nm
Core net profit	343	228	198	(13.1)	(42.3)	1,123	1,476	31.5
EPS (THB)	0.15	(0.27)	0.05	119.2	(65.4)	0.63	0.51	(18.9)
Core EPS (THB)	0.12	0.08	0.07	(13.1)	(42.3)	0.39	0.51	31.5

Sources: BCPG, Globlex Research

Exhibit 2: 1Q25 electricity generation and capacity factors

	1Q24	4Q24	1Q25	(q-q %)	(y-y %)
Electricity generation (GWh)					
- Thailand	87.0	88.8	92.4	4.1	6.2
- Japan	23.7	0.0	0.0	nm	nm
- Laos	66.2	155.3	57.8	(62.8)	(12.7)
- Philippines	14.8	13.2	18.3	38.6	23.6
- US	1,490.8	1,546.3	1,456.9	(5.8)	(2.3)
Capacity factor (%)					
- Thailand (Solar)	17.0	16.6	17.1	0.5	0.1
- Thailand (Wind)	14.9	11.5	18.4	6.9	3.5
- Japan	10.5	0.0	0.0	-	(10.5)
- Laos	26.6	61.0	23.5	(37.5)	(3.1)
- Philippines	47.1	35.0	49.8	14.8	2.7
- US	83.1	80.6	80.0	(0.6)	(3.1)

Sources: BCPG, Globlex Research

Exhibit 3: 1Q25 share of profits from investments in associates

	1Q24	4Q24	1Q25	Change	
	(THB m)	(THB m)	(THB m)	(q-q %)	(y-y %)
- Wind power plant in the Philippines					
Share of profits from operations	40.2	29.1	39.9	37.1	(0.7)
Amortisation	(7.7)	(7.1)	(6.9)	2.8	10.4
Net share of profits	32.6	22.0	33.0	50.0	1.2
- Power plant in US					
Share of profits from operations	441.6	322.6	416.8	29.2	(5.6)
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm	nm
Net share of profits	441.6	322.6	416.8	29.2	(5.6)
Total share of profit (before amortisation)	481.8	351.7	456.7	29.9	(5.2)
Total amortisation	(7.7)	(7.1)	(6.9)	2.8	10.4
Total net share of profits	445.5	338.9	444.3	31.1	(0.3)
Total one-time items	97.4	(62.8)	(45.2)	28.0	(146.4)
FX gain/(loss)	100.2	121.9	(7.5)	(106.2)	(107.5)
Tax related to gain/(loss) on foreign exchange	0.0	0.5	0.0	nm	nm
Other one-time items	(2.8)	(185.2)	(37.7)	79.6	(1,246.4)

Sources: BCPG, Globlex Research





Balance sheet (THB m)					
Year ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Current assets					
Cash & ST investment	9,790	7,346	9,977	8,659	2,686
Account receivable	2,006	1,593	1,670	1,670	1,670
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
Others	539	789	699	1,006	1,234
Non-current assets					
Net fixed assets	23,011	15,818	24,087	32,255	40,390
Others	38,894	36,446	36,446	36,446	36,446
Total Assets	74,240	61,992	72,879	80,036	82,426
Current liabilities Account payable	1,708	969	1,619	2,555	3,684
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ST borrowing Others	9,646 457	1,975 210	2,172 186	2,389 268	2,628 328
Long-term liabilities	437	210	100	200	320
Long-term debts	30,423	26,429	35,844	40,611	40,372
Others	2,393	1,483	1,483	1,483	1,483
Total liabilities	44,628	31,066	41,305	47,306	48,496
Paid-up capital	14,979	14,979	14,979	14,979	14,979
Retained earnings	6,963	8,040	8,682	9,832	11,026
Others	7,617	7,692	7,692	7,692	7,692
Minority interest	53	215	221	227	233
Shareholders' equity	29,612	30,926	31,574	32,730	33,930

Year ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	5,031	4.323	3,832	5,512	6,763
Cost of goods sold	(750)	(727)	(1,215)	(1,918)	(2,765)
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Gross profit		3,596	2,617	,	3,998
Operating expenses	(588)	(672)	(651)	(827)	(1,014)
Operating profit	3,693	2,923	1,965	2,768	2,983
EBIT	1,654	463	234	936	1,118
Depreciation	(1,808)	(1,764)	(1,731)	(1,832)	(1,865)
EBITDA	3,462	2,227	1,965	2,768	2,983
Non-operating income	574	1,608	397	450	423
Other incomes	64	418	250	250	250
Other non-op income	509	1,190	147	200	173
Non-operating expense	(1,268)	(1,529)	(1,461)	(1,782)	(1,892)
Interest expense	(1,268)	(1,529)	(1,461)	(1,782)	(1,892)
Other non-op expense	0	0	0	0	0
Equity income/(loss)	252	1,014	2,199	2,154	2,246
Pre-tax Profit	1,211	1,556	1,369	1,757	1,895
Extraordinary items	231	697	0	0	0
Current taxation	(336)	(433)	114	56	56
Minorities	(2)	(0)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Net Profit	1,104	1,819	1,476	1,807	1,945
Core net profit	873	1,123	1,476	1,807	1,945
EPS (THB)	0.37	0.61	0.49	0.60	0.65
Core EPS (THB)	0.29	0.37	0.49	0.60	0.65

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Year ending Dec

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Change in working capital

Key ratios					
Year ending Dec	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Growth (%YoY)					
Sales	(6.9)	(14.1)	(11.4)	43.8	22.7
Operating profit	(9.7)	(20.8)	(32.8)	40.8	7.8
EBITDA	(1.9)	(35.7)	(11.7)	40.8	7.8
Net profit	(46.5)	64.8	(18.9)	22.4	7.7
Core net profit	(57.7)	28.6	31.5	22.4	7.7
EPS	(48.1)	64.8	(18.9)	22.4	7.7
Core EPS	(59.0)	28.6	31.5	22.4	7.7
Profitability (%)					
Gross margin	85.1	83.2	68.3	65.2	59.1
Operation margin	73.4	67.6	51.3	50.2	44.1
EBITDA margin	68.8	51.5	51.3	50.2	44.1
Net margin	21.9	42.1	38.5	32.8	28.8
ROE	3.0	3.7	4.8	5.7	5.9
ROA	2.6	3.2	1.8	(0.1)	(0.1)
Stability					
Interest bearing debt/equity (x)	1.4	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.3
Net debt/equity (x)	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.2
Interest coverage (x)	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6
Interest & ST debt coverage (x)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Cash flow interest coverage (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current ratio (x)	1.0	3.1	3.1	2.2	0.8
Quick ratio (x)	1.0	2.8	2.9	2.0	0.7
Net debt (THB m)	30,279	21,058	28,039	34,341	40,314
Activity					
Asset turnover (X)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Days receivables	136.7	151.9	155.4	110.6	90.1
Days inventory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Days payable	586.2	672.0	388.6	397.3	411.8

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1.1	Otners	252	1,014	2,199	2,154	2,246
7.7	Investment cash flow	(29,063)	9,037	(7,801)	(7,846)	(7,754)
7.7	Net CAPEX	(7,805)	5,429	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
7.7	Change in LT investment	(305)	3,035	2,199	2,154	2,246
	Change in other assets	(20,953)	572	0	0	0
59.1	Free cash flow	(24,657)	12,810	(1,755)	(1,344)	(736)
44.1	Financing cash flow	14,114	(15,255)	4,386	26	(5,236)
44.1	Change in share capital	0	0	0	0	0
28.8	Net change in debt	15,650	(11,665)	9,613	4,984	0
5.9	Dividend paid	(749)	(839)	(834)	(657)	(750)
(0.1)	Others	(788)	(2,750)	(4,392)	(4,301)	(4,486)
	Net cash flow	(10,543)	(2,444)	2,631	(1,318)	(5,973)
1.3						
1.2	Per share (THB)					
0.6	EPS	0.37	0.61	0.49	0.60	0.65
0.2	Core EPS	0.29	0.37	0.49	0.60	0.65
0.1	CFPS	0.90	0.96	1.07	1.22	1.27
0.8	BVPS	9.87	10.25	10.47	10.85	11.25
0.7	Sales/share	1.68	1.44	1.28	1.84	2.26
40,314	EBITDA/share	1.16	0.74	0.66	0.92	1.00
	DPS	0.25	0.28	0.20	0.24	0.26
0.1	Valuation					
90.1	P/E (x)	23.88	9.14	14.00	11.44	10.63
0.0	P/BV (x)	0.89	0.54	0.66	0.64	0.61
411.8	Dividend yield (%)	2.84	5.05	2.86	3.50	3.76
(321.7)	Divdend payout ratio (%)	67.84	46.10	40.00	40.00	40.00

Cash cycle days



(233.2)

(520.1)

(286.7)



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