

Berli Jucker (BJC TB)

Site Visit Takeaways: Strong Glass And Retail Recovery

Highlights

- We organised a site visit for institutional clients to BJC's glass factory and the new Big C DC, and came back with a bullish view.
- Packaging earnings are set to reach a decade-high, while Big C's SSSG should turn positive for the first time since 1Q25. MMVN performance was also stronger than expected.
- Maintain BUY with a higher target price of Bt21.00 (from Bt18.00). Our 2027 earnings forecast is 13% above consensus, driven by cost saving initiatives.

Analysis

- **Came back from the site visit with a bullish view.** We organised a site visit for institutional clients to Berli Jucker's (BJC) glass factory and the Big C new distribution centre (DC) in Bang Pa-in. The visit reinforced our positive view, with both businesses showing solid operational momentum.
- **Our new 2027 earnings forecast is 13% above consensus.** We raise our 2027 core profit forecast by 7%, driven by three key factors: a) cost savings initiatives, as one-off expenses may be incurred in 2H26 but should generate significant savings from 2027 onwards, which we believe are not yet reflected in market perception; b) Big C recovery, with 3Q26 SSSG expected to turn positive for the first time since 1Q25; and c) stronger-than-expected MM Mega Market Vietnam (MMVN) performance.
- **Glass business: Best performance in the past decade.** BJC's glass factory is the largest glass production facility in Southeast Asia. After discussions with the glass business' management, we remain confident in its 2H26 outlook. Orders from both existing and new customers remain strong, supported by stronger demand and production disruptions at two key competitors. This has allowed BJC to gain market share across various product categories. We see BJC's strong customer relationships and cost leadership as key advantages in winning new orders. Meanwhile, its existing customer, Thai Beverage, continues to gain market share in both alcohol and non-alcohol beverages, supporting demand. As a result, the factory continues to operate at full capacity, similar to 2Q26. We expect glass gross margin to expand yoy in 3Q26, driven by operating leverage and lower raw material costs, which should more than offset higher natural gas costs. Overall, we expect the glass business to remain a key earnings driver throughout 2H26.

Key Financials

Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Net turnover	170,814	166,542	192,820	194,300	198,300
EBITDA	22,292	21,005	24,628	23,331	23,587
Operating profit	12,904	11,795	14,787	13,437	13,632
Net profit (rep./act.)	4,001	4,011	6,228	5,426	5,604
Net profit (adj.)	4,771	4,373	4,742	5,426	5,604
EPS	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.4	1.4
PE (x)	15.1	16.5	15.2	13.3	12.9
P/B (x)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.5	11.2	9.3	9.7	9.6
Dividend yield (%)	3.9	2.8	4.4	3.8	4.0
Net margin (%)	2.3	2.4	3.2	2.8	2.8
Net debt/(cash) to equity(%)	129.9	129.6	120.2	115.6	111.0
Interest cover (x)	4.0	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.3
ROE (%)	3.2	3.2	4.8	4.1	4.1
Consensus net profit	n.a.	n.a.	5,393	4,843	5,210
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	n.a.	n.a.	1.2	1.1	1.1

Source: Berli Jucker, UOB Kay Hian

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BUY (Maintained)

Share Price	Bt18.00
Target Price	Bt21.00
Upside	16.67%
Previous TP	Bt18.00

Stock Data

Sector	Consumer Staples
Bloomberg ticker	BJC TB
Shares issued (m)	4,007.8
Market cap (Btm)	72,140.3
Market cap (US\$m)	2,166.5
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m)	5.1

Price Performance (%)

52-week high/low				Bt20.5/Bt13.3
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
7.8	24.1	26.8	(11.3)	25.0

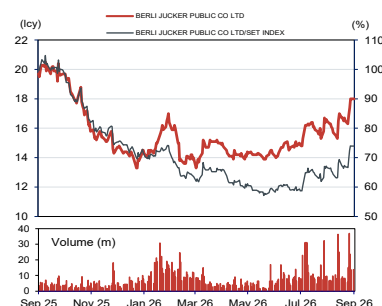
Major Shareholders (%)

TCC Corporation	45.68
TCC Holding (1995)	29.32
RAFFLES NOMINEES (PTE) LIMITED	4.07

Balance Sheet Metrics

FY26 NAV/Share (Bt)	33
FY26 Net Debt/Share (Bt)	38

Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg

Company Description

Berli Jucker (BJC) is a conglomerate that operates in: a) packaging supply chain, b) consumer supply chain, c) healthcare and technical supply chains, and d) modern retail supply chain.

- **Big C Bang Pa-in DC: Improving efficiency and lower distribution costs.** The new Bang Pa-in DC started operations in Jul 26 and is gradually ramping up towards full efficiency. The DC will distribute products to Big C supermarkets, Pure Pharmacies, and online marketplaces. BJC is working with DHL to leverage its supply-chain expertise and improve logistics efficiency. Once fully implemented, we expect the new DC to lower distribution costs, shorten lead times, and improve inventory and logistics efficiency.
- **Promising Big C and MMVN outlook.**
 - **Big C's SSSG rose 5% yoy in the first two weeks of Sep 26**, bringing qtd SSSG to 1-2% yoy. Fresh and dry food remained the key growth drivers, while non-food categories, particularly Homeline and hardline, continued to improve. SSSG momentum strengthened across all three formats — hypermarket, supermarket, and mini Big C. Tourist-location stores continued to outperform, while renovation-related disruption was lower than in previous periods. Newly renovated stores also showed a strong improvement in sales performance.
 - **MMVN SSSG increased 10.5% yoy in Jul-Aug 26 in local currency**, in line with the strong momentum among peers in Vietnam and a 14% yoy growth in Vietnam retail sales during Jul-Aug 26. B2C sales contribution continued to increase, while Horeca sales momentum also improved following MMVN's expansion of its depot format. Appreciation of the Vietnamese dong against the Thai baht should also benefit 3Q26 earnings through forex translation.

Valuation/Recommendation

- **Maintain BUY and raise target price to Bt21.00 (from Bt18.00).** We roll over our target price to a 2027F PE of 15x, equivalent to -2SD to BJC's and -1.5SD to peers' five-year averages. BJC trades at 15x PE, in line with peers, but offers stronger earnings momentum.

Earnings Revision/Risk

- **Revise up earnings.** We revise up 2026-27 core profit by 1.4% and 6.9% to reflect: a) the stronger-than-expected MMVN outlook, b) the recovery of Big C, and c) cost saving initiatives.
- **Risks:** Consumer businesses remaining under pressure in 3Q26 from higher packaging costs, which could weigh on margins.

Share Price Catalyst

- Strong packaging businesses, cost saving initiatives, and Big C recovery should support earnings growth.

Environment, Social, Governance (ESG) Updates

CG Report: 5, SET ESG Rating: AA

Environmental

- BJC aims to become a net zero company by 2050. It is committed to developing the business to be sustainable in accordance with sustainable development frameworks, to comply with Sustainable Development Goals.

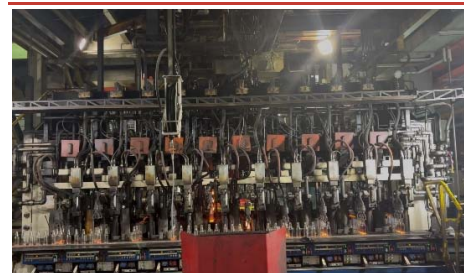
Social

- The company emphasises business operations with social responsibility in every operation by treating every stakeholder with respect for human rights as a basis, emphasises fair and equal treatment of workers, and strictly complies with relevant laws.

Governance

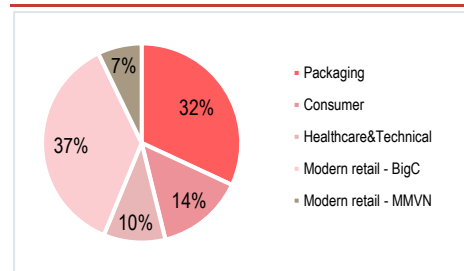
- BJC is committed to operating its business in accordance with good corporate governance policy and management excellence. BJC received the "Excellent" rating on good corporate governance from the Thai Institute of Directors.

Glass Forming Machine



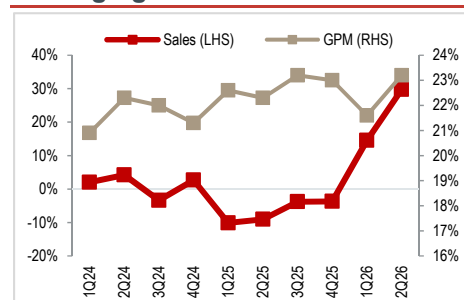
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2027 EBIT contribution



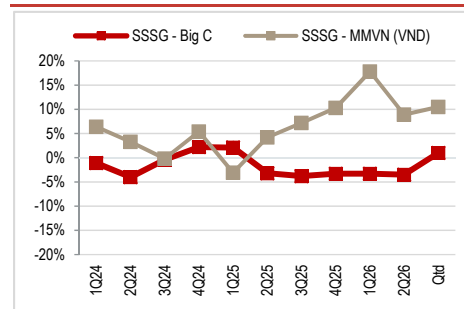
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Packaging Businesses



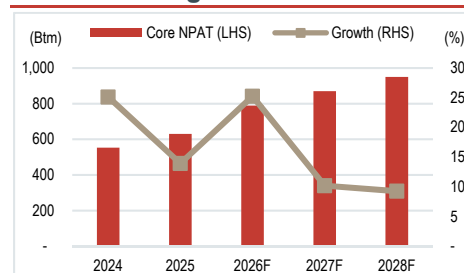
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Same-store Sales Growth



Source: Berli Jucker, UOB Kay Hian

MMVN Earnings Forecast



Source: Berli Jucker, UOB Kay Hian

Profit & Loss

Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Net turnover	166,542	192,820	194,300	198,300
EBITDA	21,005	24,628	23,331	23,587
Deprec. & amort.	9,209	9,841	9,894	9,954
EBIT	11,795	14,787	13,437	13,632
Total other non-operating income	-	-	-	-
Associate contributions	100	130	139	146
Net interest income/(expense)	(5,345)	(5,431)	(5,431)	(5,431)
Pre-tax profit	6,440	9,486	8,145	8,347
Tax	(1,527)	(1,965)	(1,681)	(1,722)
Minorities	(903)	(1,293)	(1,038)	(1,020)
Net profit	4,011	6,228	5,426	5,604
Net profit (adj.)	4,373	4,742	5,426	5,604

Cash Flow

Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Operating	19,959	19,432	19,482	19,667
Pre-tax profit	6,440	9,486	8,145	8,347
Tax	(1,527)	(1,965)	(1,681)	(1,722)
Deprec. & amort.	9,209	9,841	9,894	9,954
Working capital changes	1,138	(965)	(140)	(149)
Non-cash items	1,487	(175)	53	27
Other operating cashflows	3,210	3,210	3,210	3,210
Investing	(8,905)	(11,129)	(13,217)	(14,186)
Capex (growth)	(10,137)	(10,073)	(10,362)	(10,749)
Investments	21	(52)	(55)	(58)
Others	1,210	(1,004)	(2,799)	(3,378)
Financing	(11,738)	16,330	(3,174)	(2,765)
Dividend payments	(3,444)	(2,044)	(3,174)	(2,765)
Issue of shares	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from borrowings	(1,007)	18,374	-	-
Others/interest paid	(7,287)	-	-	-
Net cash inflow (outflow)	(684)	24,633	3,091	2,716
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	5,144	4,133	28,766	31,857
Ending cash & cash equivalent	4,460	28,766	31,857	34,574

Balance Sheet

Year to 31 Dec (Btm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Fixed assets	285,312	285,544	286,012	286,807
Other LT assets	2,492	3,140	3,154	3,156
Cash/ST investment	4,133	28,766	31,857	34,574
Other current assets	39,944	46,161	47,012	47,946
Total assets	334,491	366,272	370,751	375,257
ST debt	34,544	23,540	23,540	23,540
Other current liabilities	58,718	52,790	53,554	54,365
LT debt	125,478	154,856	154,856	154,856
Other LT liabilities	11,710	14,564	14,989	14,823
Shareholders' equity	126,616	132,093	135,383	139,243
Minority interest	6,292	7,584	8,623	9,643
Total liabilities & equity	334,490	366,272	370,750	375,257

Key Metric

Year to 31 Dec (%)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Profitability				
EBITDA margin	12.6	12.8	12.0	11.9
Pre-tax margin	3.9	4.9	4.2	4.2
Net margin	2.4	3.2	2.8	2.8
ROE	3.2	4.8	4.1	4.1
Growth				
Turnover	(2.5)	15.8	0.8	2.1
EBITDA	(5.8)	17.2	(5.3)	1.1
Pre-tax profit	(11.3)	47.3	(14.1)	2.5
Net profit	0.2	55.3	(12.9)	3.3
Net profit (adj.)	(8.3)	8.4	14.4	3.3
Leverage				
Debt to total capital	126.4	135.1	131.8	128.1
Debt to equity	133.0	143.3	140.7	137.7
Net debt/(cash) to equity	129.6	120.2	115.6	111.0
Interest cover	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.3

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