

BINH SON REFINERY - BSR

Appealing stories ahead

OIL & GAS | Update

Consensus*: Add:7	Hold:2	Reduce:0
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Target price / Consensus:	15.3%
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Key changes in the report

Decrease FY23-25F EPS forecasts by 7.9%/36.5%/18.7%

Previous rating	ADD
Previous TP	VND27,300
Current price	VND17,200
52w high (VND)	32,700
52w low (VND)	11,500
3m Avg daily value (VNDmn)	101,495
Market cap (VNDbn)	53,657
Free float	7%
Dividend yied	2.50%
TTM P/E (x)	3.58
Current P/B (x)	1.03

Price performance



Ownership

PetroVietnam	92.1%
Others	7.9%
	Source: VNDIRECT RESEARCH

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ADD

Target price (12M) VND22,600

- 1Q23 net profit (NP) slid 30% yoy to VND1,629bn due to lower gasoline crack spread and lower petrochemical spread.
- FY23F NP is expected to drop 46.3% from FY22 record level due to GRM compress, but still 17.7% higher than FY21 level, in our estimate.
- Reiterate ADD with a lower target price (TP) of VND22,600.

1Q23 NP was hit by lower gross refining margin (GRM)

1Q23 revenue declined 2.1% yoy to VND34,066bn as a 5.4% yoy increase in consumption volume partially offset to the decrease in oil price. However, 1Q23 gross profit dropped 20.7% yoy to VND2,072bn due to: (1) gasoline import tax reduced from 8% to 5% in 1Q23 leading to the decrease in domestic gasoline premium, and (2) petrochemical gross loss of VND226bn. Meantimes, 1Q23 net financial income rose 2.6% yoy on the mixed impact of higher deposit income (+96% yoy), but recognizing net FX loss of VND86bn. Consequently, 1Q23 NP eased 30% yoy to VND1,629bn, meeting 19% of our full-year forecast.

Asian diesel crack spread dropped faster and deeper than our expectations

Asian diesel crack spread has tumbled to US\$13.4/bbl from the level of US\$30/bbl in Feb, significantly deeper and faster than our expectations. It was due to economic slowdown intensifying and global gas market easing amidst ample diesel supply (from China and Middle East). For 2H23F, we believe middle distillate crack spreads, particularly diesel crack spread, to gradually recover, supported by driving season and heating fuel demand in winter in Western countries. Overall, we cut our Asia diesel crack spread assumptions to US\$19.5/US\$17/ US\$14 per barrel in FY23-25F from US\$25/ US\$21/US\$18 per barrel previously. This leads to our 18.1%/14.3%/15.4% downward revision in FY23-25F GRM assumptions. Following that, our FY23-25F NP forecasts are trimmed by 7.9%/36.5%/18.7%, respectively.

Appealing stories still be ahead

The Government approved the revised Dung Quat refinery upgrade and expansion project this May, setting the stage for BSR to implement the project in coming times. It will be the strong driver for BSR in long-term, boosting the company revenue thanks to new added capacity as well as enhance company's profitability through raising proportion of high value products after coming online in 1Q28F. Besides, in short-term, we expect listing on main bourse (HOSE) to be a potential upside catalysts for BSR. Presently, the company just misses one criteria related to overdue liabilites to be listed on HOSE. BSR is engaging in coordinating with competent authorities to solve this problem, and target to list its shares on HOSE in 3Q23F.

Reiterate ADD with a lower TP of VND22,600

Our TP is revised down by 17% to VND22,600, based on DCF valuation. We retain our ADD rating for BSR thanks to its its potential growth in long-term coming from the upgrade and expansion project which has been approved, its potential from listing on the main bourse, and strong financial position. Downside risks are lowerthan-expected crack spreads and futher decline in oil price.

Financial summary (VND)	12-21A	12-22A	12-23E	12-24E
Net revenue (bn)	101,080	167,124	136,040	111,962
Revenue growth	74.4%	65.3%	(18.6%)	(17.7%)
Gross margin	7.6%	9.6%	6.8%	6.6%
EBITDA margin	14.9%	19.1%	13.5%	13.2%
Net profit (bn)	6,716	14,726	7,901	6,411
Net profit growth		119.3%	(46.3%)	(18.9%)
Recurring profit growth		119.3%	(46.3%)	(18.9%)
Basic EPS	2,166	4,750	2,548	2,068
Adjusted EPS	2,166	4,750	2,548	2,068
BVPS	12,117	16,531	17,693	18,568
ROAE	19.6%	33.2%	14.9%	11.4%



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Reiterate ADD with a lower TP of VND22,600

We revise down our TP by 17% to VND22,600 due to FY23-25F EPS forecasts adjustment. Our TP is based on DCF method instead of the combination between EV/EBITDA and P/B multiple method previously as we believe it could effectively reflect fundamental aspects of the company. Generally, we maintain our ADD rating for BSR on the back of: (1) its potential growth in long-term coming from the upgrade and expansion project which has been approved recently, expectedly coming online from 1Q28F, (2) its potential to list on the main bourse, and (3) its strong financial position with a net cash balance of VND22,900bn and net gearing ratio of -0.43 at end-1Q23,.

Upside catalysts and downside risks:

- Upside catalysts are higher-than-expected refined product crack spreads and potential listing on the main bourse in 2H23F.
- Downside risks come from lower-than-expected crack spreads due to slow China demand recovery and futher decline in oil price.

Figure 1: DCF-based target price

DCF method	
Total present value of FCF (VNDbn)	40,902
Present value of Terminal Value (VNDbn)	13,051
Total presen value of Operations (VNDbn)	53,953
Plus: Cash and Short-term investment (VNDbn)	25,025
Less: Debt (VNDbn)	(8,954)
Less: Minority Interest (VNDbn)	6
Equity Value (VNDbn)	70,029
Shares Outstanding (m)	3,100
Equity Value per share (VND)	22,587
Target price (VND)	22,600
	Source: VNDIRECT RESEARCH

Figure 2: DCF Valuation – Summary of free cash flow (FCF)

VNDbn	FY22	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY30F	FY35F	CAGR22-35F
Total revenue	167,124	136,040	111,962	124,504	134,642	155,690	-0.5%
% growth yoy	65.3%	-18.6%	-17.7%	11.2%	4.5%	2.4%	
COGS & OPEX	(152,451)	(128,172)	(105,711)	(117,337)	(128,043)	(148,060)	
Unlevered profit / EBIT	14,673	7,868	6,252	7,166	6,599	7,631	
Operating margin	8.8%	5.8%	5.6%	5.8%	4.9%	4.9%	
Tax rate (%)	-5.7%	-10.0%	-10.0%	-10.0%	-10.0%	-10.0%	
EBIT * (1-Tax) or NOPAT	13,834	7,081	5,627	6,450	5,939	6,868	
+ D&A	2,192	2,269	2,245	2,274	4,253	4,672	
% of revenue	1.3%	1.7%	2.0%	1.8%	3.2%	3.0%	
- CapEx	(220)	(1,664)	(3,148)	(7,779)	(208)	(241)	
% of revenue	-0.1%	-1.2%	-2.8%	-6.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%	
+ 4 WC	(8,454)	2,671	47	(1,503)	1,333	1,381	
% of revenue	-5.1%	2.0%	0.0%	-1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	
Financial and other income / expense, net	913	911	872	919	945	1,038	
% of revenue	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	
UFCF	8,266	11,268	5,642	361	12,262	13,718	
						Source: VNDIR	ECT RESEARCH



Figure 3: Cost of equity

Cost of equity	
Risk Free Rate	4.0%
Beta	1.3
Risk Premium	11.0%
Cost of Equity	18.2%

Source: VNDIRECT RESEARCH

Figure 4: WACC and Long-term growth rate

VNDbn	
Equity	51,255
Debt	8,954
Cost of Debt	5.0%
Tax Rate	10.0%
WACC	16.2%
Perpetual growth rate	1.0%
	Source: VNDIRECT RESEARCH

Figure 5: Oil refinery sector comparison

Company	Ticker	Price	Target price	Mkt Cap	P/E	(x)	EV/EBI	ſDA (x)	P/B	(x)	ROE	E (%)	ROA	. (%)	Div. yi	eld (%)
		LC\$	LC\$	US\$ m	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F
Thai Oil	TOP TB	45	NA	2,904	7.3	7.2	9.0	9.1	0.6	0.6	8.6%	8.1%	3.3%	3.4%	5.5%	5.6%
IRPC	IRPC TB	2	NA	1,334	15.5	10.0	8.2	6.5	0.6	0.5	3.7%	6.1%	1.7%	2.8%	3.8%	4.6%
Star Petroleum Refining	SPRC TB	9	NA	1,102	6.9	6.6	3.8	3.5	0.9	0.8	13.4%	13.0%	7.8%	8.7%	7.2%	7.6%
PTT Global Chemical	PTTGC TB	36	NA	4,689	13.3	8.0	8.5	6.7	0.5	0.5	4.0%	6.3%	1.9%	2.8%	3.5%	5.4%
GS Holdings Corp	078930 KS	38,750	NA	2,758	2.5	2.4	4.8	5.0	0.3	0.2	10.8%	10.4%	4.8%	4.7%	6.0%	6.2%
S-Oil Corp	010950 KS	73,100	NA	6,305	6.1	5.8	4.4	4.4	0.9	0.8	15.8%	15.0%	6.8%	7.0%	5.0%	5.2%
Bharat Petroleum	BPCL IN	364	NA	9,582	7.9	7.9	6.5	6.2	1.3	1.2	16.9%	15.9%	6.4%	5.4%	4.7%	5.2%
Hindustan Petroleum	HPCL IN	260	NA	4,471	5.4	4.8	7.4	6.2	1.2	1.0	19.0%	20.1%	4.2%	5.5%	5.5%	8.3%
Average					8.1	6.6	6.6	5.9	0.8	0.7	11.5%	11.9%	4.6%	5.0%	5.2%	6.0%
Binh Son Refinery	BSR VN	17,200	22,600	2,259	6.7	8.3	3.6	4.3	1.0	0.9	14.9%	11.4%	10.2%	8.3%	4.1%	4.1%
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1Q23 NP was hit by lower gross refining margin

Figure 6: 1Q23 results overview

FYE Dec (VNDbn)	1Q22	1Q23	%уоу	% vs. FY23 Comments forecasts
Brent crude oil price (US\$/bbl)	98	82	-16.0%	
Production output ('000 tonnes)	1,667	1,754	5.2%	
Utilisation rate (%)	103%	108%	5.4% pts	
Net revenue	34,783	34,066	-2.1%	28.3% 1Q23 revenue slightly declined 2.1% yoy as a 5.4% yoy increation total consumption volume partially offset to the decrease in oil
Gross profit	2,612	2,072	-20.7%	21.0%
Gross margin (%)	7.5%	6.1%	-1.4% pts	1Q23 GM compressed 1.4% pts yoy as: (1) In 1Q23, gasoline import tax reduced from 8% to 5% leading to the decrease in domestic gasoline premium, which caused gasoline GM to red 11% pts yoy, and (2) petrochemical segment incurred gross to VND226bn due to low polypropylene spread
Selling expenses	(249)	(325)	30.7%	38.9%
G&A expenses	(88)	(89)	1.1%	20.9%
Operating profit	2,275	1,658	-27.1%	
Net financial income (expenses)	167	171	2.6%	1Q23 net financial rose 2.6% yoy on the mixed impact of high 18.4% deposit income (+96% yoy to VND370bn), but recognizing net loss of VND86bn (compared to net FX gain of VND100bn in 1C
Financial income	356	810	127.4%	
Financial expenses	(189)	(639)	237.3%	
Net other income	21	14	-32.1%	
Pre-tax profit	2,463	1,843	-25.2%	
Net profit	2,324	1,629	-29.9%	19.0% 1Q23 NP was lower than our expectation
				Source: VNDIRECT RESEA

FY23-25F outlook: Earnings to ease from FY22 record level

Asian diesel crack spread dropped faster and deeper than our expectations

Over the past four months, Asian diesel crack spread tumbled to US\$13.4/bbl from the level of US\$30/bbl, significantly deeper and faster than our expectations. We believe it was mainly as economic slowdown intensified especially in Europe and global gas market eased (diesel is the feasible alternative for gas in power generation) amidst ample supply, coming from: (1) the return of China refined product exports, (2) the successful re-routing of Russia's distillate exports to the Middle East, Africa and South America, and (3) new refinery capacities in the Middle East.

From our perspective, we think middle distillate crack spreads, particularly diesel crack spread to gradually recover in coming months, supported by travel season and heating fuel demand in winter in Western countries. As a result, we revise down our Asia diesel crack spread assumptions to US\$19.5/US\$17/US\$14 per barrel in FY23-25F from US\$25/US\$21/US\$18 per barrel previously.



Figure 7: Singapore simple GRM (US\$/bbl)

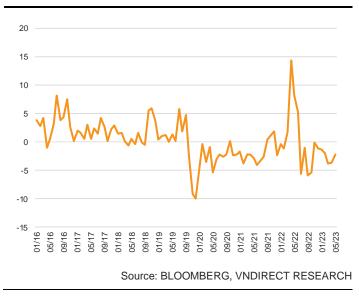


Figure 9: China refined product export quota (million tonnes). The return of China exports put downward pressure on Asian crack spreads

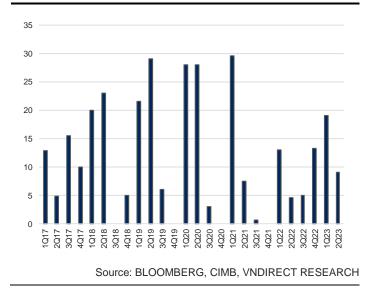


Figure 8: Asian refined product crack spreads (US\$/bbl)

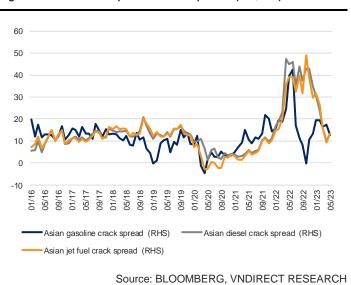
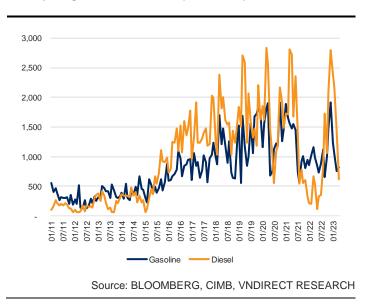


Figure 10: China refined product exports volume surged in early-2023 before pulling back in March 2023 ('000 tonnes)



For BSR, given the weaker-than-expected diesel crack spread and lower domestic premium for gasoline, we decrease our FY23-25F GRM from US\$11.7/10.6/9.2 per barrel to US\$9.5/9.1/7.7 per barrel. Consequently, we forecast FY23F NP to tumble 46.3% yoy from FY22 record level due to the company GRM compress (but still 17.7% higher than FY21 level). Earnings are expected to continue declining 18.9% yoy in FY24F due to 50-day periodic maintenance and lower GRM, before turning back to growth trajectory in FY25F (+13.5% yoy).



The upgrade and expansion project should be a long-term driver for BSR

The Government approved the revised Dung Quat refinery upgrade and expansion project in early-May 2023, setting the stage for BSR to implement this project in coming times. After completion and operation from 1Q28F, the refinery capacity will be expanded by 17% to 7.6 million tons annually (equivalent to 171,000 bbl/day). Its gasoline and diesel products will be upgraded to meet Euro-V standard. The upgraded refinery will be able to process up to 14 crude oil types, including two domestic and 12 imported types. We believe this will open the opportunity for BSR to access numerous high-sulfurs, high-yield crude oils with abundant supply in the world, particularly amidst domestic oil production has fallen for many years. Overall, we expect this project to be the strong driver for BSR in long-term, boosting the company revenue thanks to new added capacity as well as enhance company's profitability through raising proportion of high value products.

Figure 11: The upgrade and expansion project

	Current	After upgrade and expansion
Capex (US\$m)		1,257
Designed capacity (bbl/day)	148,000	171,000
Feedstock	Sweet and light crude oil (mainly from Bach Ho oilfield and its neighbor oilfields)	Sourer and heavier crude oil (with sulfur content in range of 0.12 - 0.34%)
Type of products	Mainly refined oil products (including gasoline, diesel, fuel oil and LPG)	Increase the proportion of petrochemical products and high value refined products like LPG, JetA1
Quality of products	EURO II, EURO III	EURO V
Capital structure		40% equity and 60% debt
Timeline		2024-28F
	Source: VNDIRECT	RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

Listing on the main bourse to be the upside catalyst for BSR in 2H23F

In 2023 AGM, BSR has got approval from shareholders to list shares on Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange (HOSE) in 3Q23F. The company has met 8/9 requirements to be list its shares on HOSE, except the criteria regard to overdue liabilities (table below). Currently, Vietnam Central Biofuels JSC (BSR-BF), a subsidiary of BSR, has the overdue debt of nearly VND1,100bn (just equivalent to 1.5% of BSR's total asset), which impact on BSR's consolidated financial statements (FS). Notably, according to the regulations on these criteria, there are no specific instructions on considering overdue liabilities on parent company's FS or the consolidated FS. BSR, thus, is engaging in coordinating with competent authorities to assess and solve this problem. In case of approval, listing on main bourse will enhance the company's transparent as well as the ability to access major investors. And this will be potential upside catalyst for BSR stock price, in our view.



Figure 12: BSR has met 8/9 criteria to list its share on HOSE

No. Criteria		Status
1 Paid in capital >= VND30bn		Done
2 Approval from shareholders		Done
3 Time of listing on UPCOM >= 2 years	5	Done
4 ROE > 5% in previous year and reco	gnizing profit in previous 2 consecutive years	Done
5 Listing organization has at least 15% shareholders	of voting shares held by at least 100 non-major	*
6 Regulations on the commitment of in	ternal shareholders	Done
7 No violations within 2 years as of tim	e of enrollment in listing on HOSE	Done
8 Consulted by a securities firm		Done
9 Not have overdue liabilities (over 1 ye	ar)	Not yet
	* Do not apply for equitized State-own Source: VNDIRECT RESEARCH, COMPA	

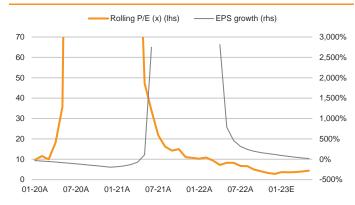
We cut FY23-25F forecasts revision by 7.9%/36.5%/18.7% due to lower GRM assumptions

Figure 13: FY23-25F earnings forecast revision

		FY23F			FY24F			FY25F		
Unit: VNDbn	Old	New	%Δ	Old	New	%Δ	Old	New	%Δ	Comments
The average Brent oil price (US\$/bbl)	85	85	0.0%	80	80	0.0%	75	75	0.0%	
Total consumption volume ('000 tonnes)	6,058	6,955	14.8%	6,955	6,058	-12.9%	7,020	7,020	0.0%	
Implied utilisation rate (%)	93.2%	107.0%	14.8% pts	107.0%	93.2%	-12.9% pts	108.0%	108.0%	0.0% pts	We change FY23-24F utilisation rate assumption as BSR has decided to delay the periodic maintenance from mi 2023F to early-2024F
GRM (US\$/bbl)	11.7	9.5	-18.1%	10.6	9.1	-14.3%	9.2	7.7	-15.4%	We reduce FY23-25F GRM assumption: by 18.1%/14.3%/15.4% mainly as: (1) we lower diesel crack spread assumptions by 21.6%/19%/22% to reflect faster- and deeper-than-expected asian crack spread correction, and (2) the decrease in gasoline domestic premium following lower gasoline import tax should hurt BSR's gasoline crack spread
Net revenue	120,393	136,040		131,876	111,962		126,021	124,504	-1.2%	
Gross profit	9,843	9,296	-5.6%	11,620	7,377	-36.5%	10,321	8,446	-18.2%	
Gross margin (%)	8.2%	6.8%	-1.3% pts	8.8%	6.6%	-2.2% pts	8.2%	6.8%	-1.4% pts	
Selling expenses	836	945	13.0%	857	728	-15.1%	847	837	-1.2%	
G&A expenses	424	483	14.1%	464	398	-14.3%	443	442	-0.3%	
Operating profit	8,583	7,868	-8.3%	10,299	6,252	-39.3%	9,030	7,166	-20.6%	
Net financial income/(expenses)	928	885	-4.7%	886	850	-4.0%	890	895	0.6%	
Net other income	23	26	13.1%	25	22	-15.0%	24	24	-1.1%	
Pre-tax profit	9,534	8,779	-7.9%	11,210	7,124	-36.5%	9,944	8,086	-18.7%	
Net profit	8,581	7,901	-7.9%	10,089	6,411	-36.5%	8,950	7,277	-18.7%	
EPS (VND)	2,768	2,548	-7.9%	3,254	2,068	-36.5%	2,887	2,347	-18.7%	
										Source: VNDIRECT RESEARC



Valuation



Income statement

(VNDbn)	12-22A	12-23E	12-24E
Net revenue	167,124	136,040	111,962
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Cost of sales	(151,027)	(126,744)	(104,585)
Gen & admin expenses	(515)	(483)	(398)
Selling expenses	(909)	(945)	(728)
Operating profit	14,673	7,868	6,252
Operating EBITDA	30,769	17,164	13,629
Depreciation and amortisation	(16,096)	(9,296)	(7,377)
Operating EBIT	14,673	7,868	6,252
Interest income	1,750	1,715	1,410
Financial expense	(923)	(831)	(560)
Net other income	86	26	22
Income from associates & JVs	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	15,586	8,779	7,124
Tax expense	(916)	(878)	(712)
Minority interest	56	0	0
Net profit	14,726	7,901	6,411
Adj. net profit to ordinary	14,726	7,901	6,411
Ordinary dividends	(1,347)	(2,170)	(2,170)
Retained earnings	13,379	5,731	4,241

Balance sheet

Balance alloct			
(VNDbn)	12-22A	12-23E	12-24E
Cash and equivalents	22,853	26,384	28,590
Short term investments	2,172	4,345	4,779
Accounts receivables	16,553	13,790	12,270
Inventories	16,809	12,848	12,034
Other current assets	84	68	56
Total current assets	58,471	57,435	57,730
Fixed assets	18,075	17,471	18,374
Total investments	10	10	10
Other long-term assets	1,931	1,845	1,778
Total assets	78,488	76,760	77,891
Short-term debt	8,954	6,658	5,751
Accounts payable	14,836	11,181	9,202
Other current liabilities	2,225	1,811	1,491
Total current liabilities	26,015	19,650	16,444
Total long-term debt	0	999	2,588
Other liabilities	1,282	1,321	1,360
Share capital	31,005	31,005	31,005
Retained earnings reserve	14,652	18,255	20,966
Shareholders' equity	51,255	54,859	57,569
Minority interest	(65)	(68)	(71)
Total liabilities & equity	78,488	76,760	77,891

12-24E

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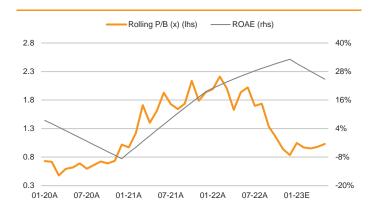
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Cash flow statement (VNDbn) 12-22A 12-23E Pretax profit 15,586 8,779 Depreciation & amortisation 2,192 2,269 Tax paid (918) (878) Other adjustments (1, 330)(2,005) (8,454) Change in working capital 2,671 7,077 Cash flow from operations 10,836 Capex (220) (1,664) Proceeds from assets sales 0

	0	0	0
Others	2,915	(2,172)	(434)
Other non-current assets changes			
Cash flow from investing activities	2,695	(3,837)	(3,583)
New share issuance	0	0	0
Shares buyback			
Net borrowings	(1,918)	(1,298)	683
Other financing cash flow			
Dividends paid	(1,347)	(2,170)	(2,170)
Cash flow from financing activities	(3,265)	(3,468)	(1,488)
Cash and equivalents at beginning of period	16,346	22,853	26,384
Total cash generated	6,507	3,531	2,206
Cash and equivalents at the end of period	22,853	26,384	28,590

	12-22A	12-23E	12-24E
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Net profit margin	8.8%	5.8%	5.7%
Asset turnover	2.30	1.75	1.45
ROAA	20.3%	10.2%	8.3%
Avg assets/avg equity	1.64	1.46	1.38
ROAE	33.2%	14.9%	11.4%
Efficiency			
Days account receivable	36.2	37.0	40.1
Days inventory	40.6	37.0	42.1
Days creditor	35.9	32.2	32.2
Fixed asset turnover	8.75	7.65	6.25
ROIC	24.5%	12.7%	9.7%
Liquidity			
Current ratio	2.2	2.9	3.5
Quick ratio	1.6	2.3	2.8
Cash ratio	1.0	1.6	2.0
Cash cycle	40.9	41.8	50.0
Growth rate (yoy)			
Revenue growth	65.3%	(18.6%)	(17.7%)
Operating profit growth	125.4%	(46.4%)	(20.5%)
Net profit growth	119.3%	(46.3%)	(18.9%)
EPS growth	119.3%	(46.3%)	(18.9%)

Source: VND RESEARCH

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