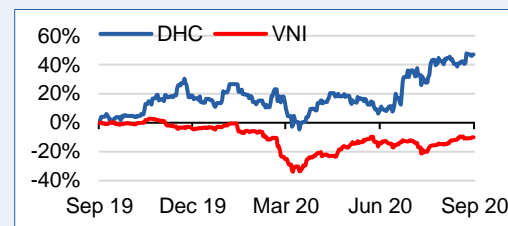


Dong Hai Ben Tre (DHC)

Analyst meeting note

Industry:	Packaging paper		2019	2020F	2021F	2022F
Report Date:	September 16, 2020					
Current Price:	VND46,500	Rev Growth	54.3%	80.7%	-1.5%	15.2%
Target Price:	VND53,600	EPS Growth	30.3%	53.3%	17.2%	6.2%
Upside to TP:	+15.2%	GPM	21.2%	17.8%	19.3%	19.1%
Dividend Yield:	5.4%	NPM	12.7%	11.2%	13.3%	12.3%
TSR:	+20.6%	EV/EBITDA	10.4x	7.0x	6.4x	5.5x
Rating:	BUY	P/OCF	13.5x	5.2x	6.6x	6.8x
		P/E	14.1x	9.2x	7.8x	7.4x



Market Cap:	USD112.4mn		DHC	Peers*	VNI
Foreign Room:	USD24.7mn	P/E (ttm)	8.6x	11.6x	13.9x
ADTV30D:	USD1.5mn	P/B (curr)	2.2x	1.3x	2.0x
State Ownership:	0%	Net D/E	0.4x	0.6x	N/A
Outstanding Shares:	56.0 mn	ROE	28.7%	9.3%	13.3%
Fully Diluted Shares:	56.0 mn	ROA	14.4%	4.0%	2.4%
Three-year PEG	0.4		*Foreign peers		

Company Overview

Dong Hai Ben Tre (Dohaco) is a medium-sized packaging paper company in Vietnam with a 2019 market share of ~3%, per our estimate. DHC owns two recycled paper mills and a packaging factory in Ben Tre Province in southern Vietnam. DHC's main products include packaging papers and corrugated carton boxes.

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Monthly profitability trending in positive direction

We attended DHC's online analyst meeting today. The meeting covered a wide range of topics, including 8M 2020 results and the company's medium-term business outlook. Overall, our key takeaways from the meeting reinforce our optimism on DHC.

DHC completed its 2020 earnings guidance in 8M 2020; management expects NPAT-MI to surge 54% for full-year 2020 and 10% for 2021. Per management, DHC recorded revenue of VND1.8tn (USD76mn; + 201% YoY) and NPAT-MI of VND201bn (USD8.7mn; +224% YoY) in 8M 2020. Management attributes this stellar growth primarily to the contribution from its Giao Long 2 paper factory that commenced commercial operation in September 2019. Per our estimate, in August 2020 alone, DHC posted NPAT-MI of VND17bn (USD0.7mn), which was higher than VND10bn (USD0.4mn) and VND15bn (USD0.6mn) in June and July, respectively. Management attributes this profit improvement mainly to a MoM strengthening in finished packaging paper prices. For the remainder of 2020, DHC expects its monthly NPAT-MI will be around VND20bn (USD860,000), translating to full-year NPAT-MI of VND280bn (USD12mn; +54% YoY). For 2021, DHC expects 10% growth for both the top and bottom lines on the back of a revenue contribution from a new paper product line (kraftliner) and potential easing of the business disruptions caused by COVID-19. Compared to our current forecasts, DHC's latest 2020 earnings guidance is in line while its 2021 guidance is more conservative.

Input old corrugated container (OCC) prices rebounded in Q3; however, management expects OCC prices to plunge in 2021 given China's plans to stop importing OCC. Per DHC, European OCC prices advanced from USD130 per tonne in July to USD160 per tonne in September — though they are still lower than USD200 per tonne in April during the peak disruptions of COVID-19 (Q4 2019: ~USD90-USD100 per tonne). DHC expects OCC prices will stabilize in Q4 2020 before plunging in 2021 due to China's plans to ban imports of OCC from the beginning of 2021. In management's view, this ban — if implemented — would be a boon for DHC's profit margins as it could cause a surplus in the global OCC market while simultaneously increasing paper production costs and thus packaging paper prices in China and Vietnam.

Thanks to robust demand, packaging paper prices are recovering from trough in June. Per management, DHC's contracted paper ASP for July–October shipments rose 2%-3% MoM per month. Per our estimate, DHC's testliner paper ASP (main product) in August 2020 advanced 14% vs its trough in June 2020 and edged up 2% vs August 2019. Management expects paper ASP will either stabilize at the current levels or climb further as packaging paper demand from consumer

goods industries in both Vietnam and China has recovered. We note that Vietnam's packaging paper prices typically correlate with paper prices in China due to the fact that Vietnam-based paper companies also export to China while also selling domestically. DHC's management also shared that DHC is typically able to pass increases in OCC costs to its customers with a one-to-two-month lag.

New packaging capacity and new product development are well on track to contribute revenue in 2021. Per management, DHC has ordered machinery and equipment for its new packaging factory (P2) and expects this factory will commence operation in early 2021. We note that the P2 factory will widen DHC's annual packaging capacity by 130% from 47 million units to ~130 million units. On the other hand, management plans to conduct test runs of its new kraftliner product line in Q4 2020. We note that DHC plans to allocate 10% of its Giao Long 2 paper factory's capacity to produce kraftliner from 2021. In addition, kraftliner's selling prices are 30%-40% higher than DHC's current paper products. Per management, SCG (Thailand) and Nine Dragons (China) are the current key suppliers of kraftliners in Vietnam.

Management reaffirms its new paper factory — Giao Long 3 — will have a larger capacity than Giao Long 2 and be capable of producing more premium paper grades. Per our estimate, this comment by management implies that the Giao Long 3 factory would broaden DHC's total paper capacity by at least 80%. DHC is conducting feasibility study and seeking an investment license from the Government for Giao Long 3. The company plans to disclose more details about its investment plan for Giao Long 3 at its 2021 AGM.

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