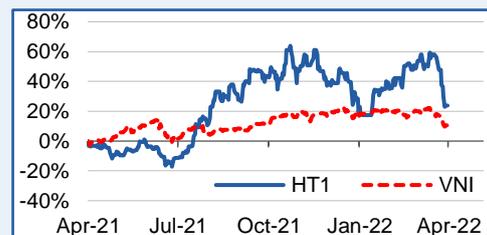


Industry	Cement		2021A	2022F	2023F	2024F
<b>Report Date</b>	<b>April 26, 2022</b>	Rev y/y	-11.3%	14.3%	0.9%	0.9%
Current Price	VND18,600	EPS y/y	-39.1%	56.1%	20.2%	2.7%
Target Price*	VND19,500	GPM	12.3%	14.7%	16.4%	16.3%
Upside to TP	+4.8%	NPM	5.2%	7.1%	8.5%	8.7%
Dividend Yield	5.4%	EV/EBITDA	7.3x	5.9x	5.3x	5.2x
TSR	+10.2%	P/B	1.4x	1.3x	1.3x	1.2x
Rating*	MARKET PERFORM	P/E	22.6x	14.5x	12.0x	11.7x



Market Cap	USD308.6mn		HT1	Peers**	VNI
Foreign Room	USD144.9mn	EV/EBITDA	7.3x	6.5x	N/A
ADTV30D	USD3.2mn	P/B (curr)	1.4x	1.2x	2.3x
State Ownership	79.7%	Net D/E	24.7%	26.0%	N/A
Outstanding Shares	381.5 mn	ROE	5.8%	13.2%	15.7%
Fully Diluted Shares	381.5 mn	ROA	3.4%	6.5%	2.6%

Note: \* TP and rating last updated January 26, 2022; \*\* regional peers.

#### Company Overview

HT1 is one of the largest domestic cement companies in Vietnam. The company is the leader in the South with around 30% market share and has 10% market share throughout Vietnam. It is 80% owned by the State-owned Vietnam Cement Industry Corporation (VICEM).

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## Modest 2022 earnings growth guidance amid high coal prices

- We attended HT1's annual general meeting (AGM) in HCMC on April 26.
- Shareholders approved 2022 guidance for profit before tax (PBT) of VND502bn (USD21.8mn; +9% YoY), which trails our expectation as it is equivalent to 70% of our current forecast of VND722bn (USD31.3mn; +56% YoY) mainly due to high expected input material costs.
- A cash dividend of VND600/share for FY2021 was approved, which is lower than our current assumption of VND1,000/share. Shareholders also approved a FY2022 dividend plan for a minimum of 5% on par. We note that HT1 has historically only paid a cash dividend — except for a 20% stock dividend paid in 2016.

**High input material prices prompt management's modest growth guidance for 2022.** For full-year 2022, management targets cement sales volume of 6.41 million tonnes (+7% vs 2021 actual), which is equivalent to 96% of our forecast of 6.71 million tonnes (+12% vs 2021 actual). HT1 guides for 2022 revenue of VND7.9tn (USD341.6mn; +11% YoY) and PBT of VND502bn (USD21.8mn; +9% YoY), which are equivalent to 97% and 70% of our respective forecasts for revenue of VND8.1tn (USD351.1mn; +14% YoY) and PBT of VND722bn (USD25.1mn; +56% YoY). We attribute the discrepancy between HT1's guidance and our forecast for 2022 PBT to 1) higher-than-expected input coal prices and 2) the pace of recovery in domestic demand and tough competition. More details regarding our current forecast for HT1 can be found in our latest [Update Report](#), dated January 26, 2022.

**Weak Q1 2022 earnings as high coal prices pressure margins.** HT1's cement sales volume was 1.51 million tonnes (+3% YoY; -9% QoQ) in Q1 2022 as domestic construction activities gradually recovered following COVID-19-related disruptions in Q3 2021. HT1's Q1 2022 cement sales volume fulfilled 23% of our 2022 full-year forecast of 6.7 million tonnes. Despite the recovery in sales volume, HT1's gross margin in Q1 2022 shrank to 8.4% vs 13.8% in Q1 2021 mostly due to the surge of coal prices since late 2021, which led to NPAT-MI falling 74% YoY to VND25bn (USD1.1mn) in Q1 2022. Per management, HT1's average input coal cost increased 46% YoY (or 3% QoQ) in Q1 2022, but the company was only able to partially pass on these rising coal prices by increasing ASPs by 8% YoY (or 2% QoQ) in the quarter. More details regarding HT1's Q1 2022 results can be found in our latest [Earnings Flash](#), dated April 20, 2022.

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