

# **Pacific Andes**

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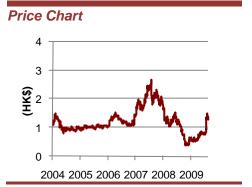
## **BUY (unchanged)**

Financial summary										
Year to Mar	08A	09A	10F	11F	12F					
Turnover (HK\$m)	10,017	11,168	13,490	14,795	15,507					
Net Profit (HK\$m)	373	517	617	840	986					
EPS (HK\$)	0.216	0.279	0.238	0.297	0.348					
EPS ∆%	(20.0)	29.2	(14.9)	24.8	17.4					
P/E (x)	6.3	4.9	5.7	4.6	3.9					
P/B (x)	0.70	0.64	0.77	0.68	0.60					
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.6	4.3	3.6	2.7	2.2					
Yield (%)	4.0	4.3	4.8	6.5	7.7					
ROE (%)	13.1	13.7	13.7	15.7	16.3					
ROCE (%)	13.0	11.6	12.8	14.7	15.8					
N. Gear. (%)	128.8	106.5	87.4	66.2	48.2					

Source: SBI E2-Capital

### Price Performance

	1 mth	3 mth	12 mth
Relative to HSI (%)	+61.1	+38.1	+31.8
Actual price changes (%)	+67.9	+60.7	+31.8
	09F	10F	11F
Consensus EPS (HK\$)	<b>09F</b> 1 Mar	10F	11F
Consensus EPS (HK\$) Previous forecasts (HK\$m)		<b>10F</b> n.a.	<b>11F</b> n.a.





 Ticker:
 1174.HK
 12 mth range:
 HK\$0.34-1.58

 Price:
 HK\$1.36
 Market cap:
 US\$493.1m

 Target:
 HK\$2.09 (+54%)
 Daily t/o, 3 mth:
 US\$1.6m

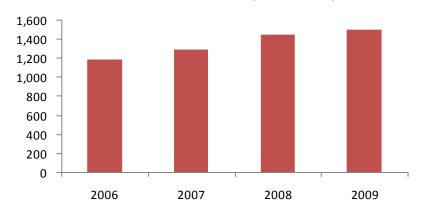
 Free float %:
 37.6%

#### **Key points:**

- \* Significant drop in oil price to improve trawling profitability.
- \* Strong demand for Alaska Pollock in the economy downturn.
- \* Ramping-up in the South Pacific.
- \* Fishing Jack Mackerel to contribute HK\$1.6b turnover by 2011.
- \* Hongdao Processing Complex launched operation in Feb.
- \* Favorable change in Peru's fishing system.
- \* Target at HK\$2.09 with conservative valuation.

Full-year harvest secured by the quota system. Sales of Alaska Pollock dropped 15.9% in 1Q FY03/10A to 38,119 tonnes because the company has adjusted its fishing schedule, shifting part of quota to the fourth quarter (or third quarter of the fiscal year), to conserve vessels for new operation in the South Pacific. Nevertheless, full-year volume should be intact at 224,883 tonnes based on Russia's total allowable catch (TAC) (2009: 1.51m tonnes), quota allocated to Pacific Andes (PAIH) (20% of total TAC) and average 74.5% processing yield rate. Upside surprise exists as Russia will reportedly raise 2010 TAC to 1.79m tonnes, which will impact PAIH's performance in 4Q FY03/10F.

Chart 1: Rassia's Alaska Pollock TAC (tonnes '000)



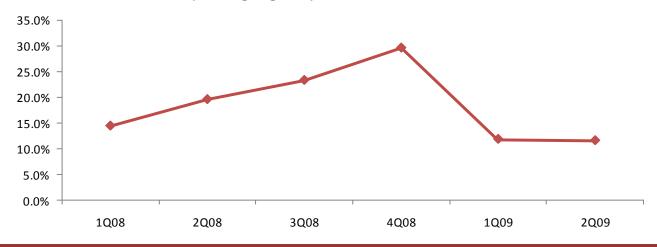
Source: Company data

**Margin enhanced on lower oil price.** Fuel costs used to account for near 20% of turnover from trawling division (i.e. catching Alaska Pollock

in Russia), which, following the correction of oil price (2-3 months lag due to inventory), has dropped significantly (1H 2009: 12.1%, 1H 2008: 17.2%), resulting in an apparent margin improvement. The management estimates this ratio will be at 13-14% if oil price stays at present level (US\$70-75/barrel).



Chart 2: Bunker / sales ratio (trawling segment)



Source: Company data

**Solid Alaska Pollock price.** Due to limited supply of Alaska Pollock and other wild-caught ocean species under strict regulation on fishing activities globally, Alaska Pollock's price has been going up ~9% each year steadily. For 2009, we believe it will stay in this trend, especially considering that current global economy slowdown has somewhat stimulated demand for Alaska Pollock, which is one of the cheapest eatable fish in the world. The 17.4% decline in effective ASP in IQ FY03/10A to US\$1,940/tonne was mainly due to the change in fishing schedule, which reduced high-end products output, such as fish roe, during the period. In fact, ASP enhanced 23.3% YoY in the previous quarter (4Q FY03/09A), comprising ~11% from increase in selling prices and ~12% as a result of change in delivery method from "at sea" to "at port".

New driver from the South Pacific. Fishing in the South Pacific, a new business line, commenced this year. The company has five super trawlers (catch capacity: 150 tonne/day) there. A factory vessel (processing capacity: 1,500 tonne/day) and a catch trawler (catch capacity: 400 tonne/day) will join soon. Catch volume of Jack Mackerel from Jan to Jul totaled ~10,000 tonnes, according to the management. Based on 245 fishing days (Mar-Oct) per year, 1,150 tonnes aggregate fishing capacity and 1,500 tonnes processing capacity, we calculate a theoretical catch volume of 281,750 tonnes and processing volume of 294,000 tonnes. The company has signed contracts to sell all output at US\$700/tonne. Considering the high uncertainty of fishing activities, 20% cushion has been adopted and we expect related revenue to reach HK\$1,581.8m by 2011 (sales volume: 294,000 tonnes, raw fish: 76.7% self-catch and 23.3% outsourced from third-parties).

Hongdao plant to strengthen processing division. The Hongdao Processing Complex launched operation in Feb. This new plant, carrying 60,000 tonnes fillet capacity, will replace some old plants to improve overall operating efficiency (e.g. higher fish processing yield). In addition, it allows PAIH to produce more value-added products and enhance traceability reporting capability. The latter has been a rising issue, especially in developed countries, in choosing seafood suppliers.

**Favorable change in Peru's fishing system.** Peru changed its anchovy fishing system from Olympic system to Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) system. The old Olympic system grants only a certain total fishing volume. Fishing companies, thus, are forced to expand their fleet as large as possible and rush to sea hurriedly once fishing season is opened in order to maximize harvest. The new system, however, by allocating certain quota to individuals, enables better arrangement for both fleet and fishing schedule, saving operating expenses.

**Strong cash inflow since FY03/11F.** After purchasing factory vessel and catcher vessels (total US\$60m) in FY03/10F, we estimate capex will decline to ~HK\$350m each year without other major expansion plan. The company's net profit will increase 19.3% and 36.2%, respectively, in FY03/10F and FY03/11F to HK\$616.7m and HK\$839.9m. Together with huge non-cash depreciation and charter hire expenses (~HK\$400m), we expect strong free cash inflow to be recorded since FY03/11F. Based on this cash flow, using a 13.2% required rate of return on equity, we derive the company's fair value at HK\$3.21 per share.



Table 1: Growth analysis

Year to Mar (HK\$m)	09A	10F	(growth drivers)	11F	(growth drivers)
Turnover	11,167.8	13,489.7		14,795.1	
Gross profit	2,052.1	2,587.1		3,096.6	
Incremental gross profit		535.0		509.5	
Fishing		338.8	lower oil price	436.9	South Pacific operation
Frozen fish SCM		14.3		12.2	
Filet processing		182.0	strong filet price	60.4	contribution from Hongdao plant
Operating profit	1,523.1	1,856.2	HK\$101.7m one-off gain in 09A*	2,303.2	
Net profit	516.8	616.7		839.9	

Source: Company data and SBI E2-Capital

Note: \* including HK\$86.1m compensation received from suppliers of fish and HK\$20.2m gain on repurchase of convertible bonds.

Year to Mar (HK\$m)	10F	11F	12F	13F	14F	15F	16F	17F
EBIT	1,852.1	2,298.6	2,538.6	2,648.2	2,799.3	2,794.7	2,875.8	2,964.0
Depreciation/amortization	370.2	406.0	421.9	431.5	439.2	447.1	455.3	463.8
Net int. paid	(639.6)	(628.3)	(568.0)	(442.2)	(396.5)	(467.7)	(486.4)	(482.6)
Tax paid	(77.1)	(54.6)	(68.7)	(97.3)	(110.5)	(111.1)	(126.5)	(133.0)
Dividends received								
Gross cash flow	1,505.6	2,021.8	2,323.8	2,540.1	2,731.5	2,662.9	2,718.2	2,812.2
Changes. in working capital	(1,017.1)	(590.0)	(323.1)	(217.1)	(218.3)	(245.3)	(242.0)	(248.6)
Operating cash flow	488.5	1,431.7	2,000.7	2,323.0	2,513.1	2,417.6	2,476.2	2,563.6
Capex	(979.4)	(311.9)	(372.9)	(346.9)	(357.3)	(368.0)	(379.1)	(390.5)
Debt financing	(88.2)	(625.7)	(1,008.1)	(551.8)	493.1	353.0	18.6	170.2
FCFE	(579.0)	494.2	619.7	1,424.3	2,648.9	2,402.6	2,115.7	2,343.4

Source: SBI E2-Capital

Note: \* assuming a long-term constant capital structure comprising 60% equity and 40% debt

Target at HK\$2.09. PAIH has three main business divisions: fishing, frozen fish supply chain management (SCM) and filet processing. Employing a SOTP method, we estimate another fair value at HK\$2.98 per share. With the three businesses conducted and controlled by three different listing bodies, the HK listco, Pacific Andes Holding (PAH SP) and China Fishery (CFG SP), the corporate structure presents somewhat complicated, which might discourage investors seeking for pure exposure. Hence, we set our target price at HK\$2.09 at this stage, representing 30% discount to the SOTP fair value or 8.8x one-year forward P/E.

Table 3: Valuation references

	10F	11F
Discounted FCFE	Risk-free rate = 2.55%	HK\$3.21
	Risk premium = 10.56%	
	Require rate of return to equity = 13.11%	
	Long-term growth rate = 3.0%	
Sum-Of-The-Parts	Net profit in FY03/11F = HK\$839.9m	HK\$2.98
	Fishing: HK\$616.6m, P/E: 11.3x *	
	Frozen fish SCM: HK\$60.1m, current book value: HK\$444.5m, P/B: 0.5x **	
	Filet processing: HK\$163.3m, P/E: 7.9x ***	

Source: SBI E2-Capital

Note:

<sup>\*</sup> choose two-year average P/E of Kaichuang (600097 CH) and Copeinca (COP NO) as reference with 10% discount to reflect the difference in fiscal year end. The two companies are engaged in trawling and fishmeal business respective.

<sup>\*\*</sup> no P/E comparable. Adopt net assets value valuation with adjustment to goodwill.

<sup>\*\*\* 10%</sup> discount to two-year industry average P/E to reflect the difference in fiscal year end



Table 4: Peers comparison

		Market cap	Fiscal	Historical	One-Year	Two-Year		Net Gearing
Company	Ticker	(US\$m)	Yr-end	P/E (x)	P/E (x)	P/E (x)	ROE (%)	(%)
Pacific Andes	1174 HK	493.1	03/2009	4.9	5.7	4.6	13.9	110.4
Fishing								
Kaichuang	600097 CH	521.2	12/2008	3.3	19.1	15.9	32.9	23.2
Nippon Suisan	1332 JP	817.1	03/2009	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(19.8)	287.2
ITATA	ITATA CI	308.8	12/2008	44.2	n.a.	n.a.	. 0.8	12.6
Aker Seafoods	AKS NO	60.4	12/2008	n.a.	n.a.	20.3	(9.1)	191.6
Copeinca	COP NO	271.3	12/2008	n.a.	26.3	9.1	(6.4)	48.6
Average				23.7	22.7	15.1	(0.3)	112.6
Processing								
Kyokuyo	1301 JP	222.4	03/2009	13.0	n.a.	n.a.	9.1	137.4
Toyo Suisan Kai	2875 JP	2,797.3	03/2009	17.7	n.a.	n.a.	9.7	(30.4)
Tassal	TGR AU	323.1	06/2008	9.0	10.0	8.8	13.9	17.2
Average				13.2	10.0	8.8	10.9	41.4

Source: Bloomberg, SBI E2-Capital

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Table 5: P&L					
Y/F 31 Mar (HK\$m)	08A	09A	10F	11F	12F
Revenue	10,017.4	11,167.8	13,489.7	14,795.1	15,507.3
Cost of sales	(8,186.1)	(9,115.7)	(10,902.6)	(11,698.5)	(12,142.0)
Gross profit	1,831.3	2,052.1	2,587.1	3,096.6	3,365.3
Other income	210.1	170.8	62.2	67.4	70.6
Selling and distribution expenses	(229.2)	(304.9)	(326.7)	(356.6)	(369.6)
Administrative expenses	(350.4)	(373.7)	(439.0)	(473.6)	(491.1)
Other expenses	(32.3)	(21.2)	(27.4)	(30.6)	(31.5)
Operation profit	1,429.4	1,523.1	1,856.2	2,303.2	2,543.6
Gain on deemed acquisition/discount on					
acquisition of additional interests in					
subsidiaries	0.0	12.9			
Gain on dilution of interest in a subsidiary	24.7	0.0			
Finance costs	(533.2)	(508.5)	(683.3)	(674.1)	(615.6)
Share of results of associates	0.4	(0.7)			
Profit before taxation	921.3	1,026.7	1,172.8	1,629.2	1,928.0
Taxation	(37.1)	(0.9)	(77.1)	(54.6)	(68.7)
Profit for the period	884.3	1,025.8	1,095.7	1,574.6	1,859.3
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of the company	372.9	516.8	616.7	839.9	986.0
Minority interest	511.4	509.1	479.0	734.7	873.2
EPS - Basic (HK\$)	0.216	0.279	0.238	0.297	0.348
EPS - Diluted (HK\$)	0.215	0.274	0.237	0.296	0.348
Proposed DPS (HK\$)	0.055	0.059	0.065	0.089	0.104
Proposed dividend	100.5	167.1	185.0	252.0	295.8

Source: Bloomberg, SBI E2-Capital

Note: \* 944m new shares were issued in Jun 09 via a two for one rights issue at HK\$0.6 each.



P & L (HK\$m) Year to Mar	A80	09A	10F	11F	12F	Cash Flow (HK\$m) Year to Mar	A80	09A	10F	11F	12F
rear to mar Turnover	1.374.3	1,521.9	1.852.1	2,298.6	2.538.6	tear to mar EBIT	1.374.3	1,521.9	1,852.1	2,298.6	2.538.6
% chg	(478.1)	(507.3)	(679.3)	(669.5)		Depre./amort.	319.2	363.2	370.2	406.0	421.9
Gross profit	24.7	12.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net int. paid	(406.2)	(474.3)	(639.6)	(628.3)	(568.0
·	0.4	(0.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tax paid	(75.2)	(42.6)	(77.1)	(54.6)	(68.7
EBITDA						Dividends received	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Depre./amort.	921.3	1,026.7	1,172.8	1,629.2	1,928.0	Gross cashflow	1,212.1	1,368.2	1,505.6	2,021.8	2,323.8
EBIT	(37.1)	(0.9)	(77.1)	(54.6)	(68.7)						
Net int. income/(exp.)	(511.4)	(509.1)	(479.0)	(734.7)	(873.2)	Chgs. in working cap.	(474.7)	(469.4)	(1,017.1)	(590.0)	(323.1)
Exceptionals	372.9	516.8	616.7	839.9	986.0	Operating cashflow	737.4	898.8	488.5	1,431.7	2,000.7
Associates	20.0	38.6	19.3	36.2	17.4						
Jointly-controlled entit.	(400 =)	(40= 4)	(40=0)	(0=0.0)	(00= 0)	Capex	(3,936.6)		(979.4)	(311.9)	(372.9)
Pre-tax profit	(100.5)	(167.1)	(185.0)	(252.0)	(295.8)	Free cashflow	(3,199.1)	(190.2)	(490.9)	1,119.9	1,627.8
Tax Minarity interests	272.4	349.7	431.7	587.9	690.2	Dividende seid	(40.5)	(AE E)	(467.4)	(405.0)	(252.0)
Minority interests	0.216	0.279	0.338	0.297	0.249	Dividends paid  Net distribution to MI	(18.5)	(45.5)	(167.1)	(185.0)	(252.0)
Net profit % chg	0.216	0.279	0.238	0.297	0.348 0.348	Investments	(52.9) (14.2)	(115.6) (11.3)	(160.2)	(263.5)	(327.0)
70 Orig	0.213	0.059	0.257	0.230	0.104	Disposals	2.6	13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends	1,725.9		2,596.1	2,832.1		New shares	1,563.6	1.9	916.3	0.0	0.0
Retained earnings	1,828.1				2,832.1	Others	(163.5)	(147.4)	(162.7)	(285.2)	(365.3)
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EPS (HK\$) - Basic	,					Net cashflow	(1,817.4)	(381.2)	95.7	649.7	1,010.4
EPS (HK\$) - F.D.							,	. ,			
DPS (HK\$)	18.3	18.4	19.2	20.9	21.7	Net (debt)/cash - Beg.	(4,439.0)	(6,256.4)	(6,637.6)	(6,541.9) (	(5,892.2)
No. sh.s o/s (m) - W.A.	16.9	16.9	16.5	18.3	19.1	Net (debt)/cash - End.	(6,256.4)	(6,637.6)	(6,541.9)	(5,892.2) (	(4,881.8)
No. sh.s o/s (m) - Y.E.	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0						
No. sh.s o/s (m) - F.D.	9.2	9.2	8.7	11.0	12.4	Interim Results (HK\$m)	07A	08A	09A		
	3.7	4.6	4.6	5.7	6.4	Six months to Jun		5,085.0	5,460.1		
Margins (%)		1,521.9	1,852.1		2,538.6	Turnover	52.4	34.2	7.4		
Gross	(478.1)	(507.3)	(679.3)	(669.5)	(610.6)	% chg					
EBITDA	24.7	12.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	D (1) (	493.8	674.2	626.4		
EBIT	0.4	(0.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Profit from operations	(111.9)	(255.6)	(254.3)		
Pre-tax Net	921.3	1 026 7	1 172 0	1 620 2	1 020 0	Interest expenses Associates	1.0 0.0	0.6 24.7	(0.6)		
ivet	921.3	1,020.7	1,172.0	1,629.2	1,920.0	Jointly-controlled entit.	382.9	444.0	5.8 377.3		
						Pre-tax profit	(12.0)	(21.6)	(7.1)		
						Tax	(194.7)	(234.8)	(180.4)		
						Minority interests	176.1	187.5	189.8		
						Net profit	147.5	6.5	1.2		
						% chg					
Balance Sheet (HK\$m)	A80	09A	10F	11F	12F		0.139	0.115	0.104		
Year to Mar						EPS (HK\$) - Basic	3,789.8	5,085.0	5,460.1		
Fixed assets	3,111.4	4,210.5	4,497.7	4,576.1	4,699.8	DPS (HK\$)	52.4	34.2	7.4		
Intangible assets	4,822.3	4,805.7	4,633.1	4,460.4	4,287.8						
Other LT assets	14.5	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	Shareholding Structure					
Cash	376.6	402.8	458.6	503.0	527.2				Shares	s o/s (m)	%
Accounts receivable		4,078.2		5,346.3		N.S. Hong				1,527.1	53.9
Other receivables	274.3	292.6	269.6	295.6	309.9	Leung Hok Pang				238.5	8.4
Inventories				2,277.1		Others				1,066.5	37.7
Due from related co.s Other current assets	27.1 3.0	1.4 85.6	0.0 73.9	0.0 73.9	0.0 73.9	Total				2,832.1	100.0
Total assets	14,196.9										
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Accounts payable	(696.3)	(542.2)	(648.5)	(695.9)	(722.3)	PAIH began seafood souring	and distribu	tion busin	ess in 19	86 and co	mmence
Other payable	(266.6)	(914.5)	(502.2)	(538.9)	(559.3)	seafood processing in China					
Tax payable	(40.2)	(98.3)	(98.3)	(98.3)	(98.3)	company listed on Hong Kor	•				
Due to related co.s	(10.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	fish SCM division under PAF	-	-		-	
ST debts	(3,898.6)	(3,132.1)		(3,452.0)		company launched its in-hou			-		
Other current liab.	(22.7)	(36.5)	(37.9)	(37.0)	(24.8)	2004 PAIH diversified into up	ostream fishi	ng by acq	uiring cor	ntrolling sta	ake in
LT debts	(2,734.3)					CFGL, which listed on Singa	pore exchan	ge in 200	6. Also in	2006, PA	IH
Other LT liabilities				(309.4)		tapped in to fishmeal market	<del>-</del>				
Total liabilities	(8,385.8)	(9,016.3)	(8,633.8)	(8,074.6)	(7,098.2)	Key Ratios	A80	09A	10F	11F	12F
						Net gearing (%)	128.8	106.5	87.4	66.2	48.2
Share capital	182.8	188.8	283.2	283.2	283.2	Net ROE (%)	13.1	13.7	13.7	15.7	16.3
Reserves				5,390.4		EBIT ROCE (%)	13.0	11.6	12.8	14.7	15.8
Shareholders' funds Minority interest				5,673.7		Dividend payout (%)	27.0	32.3	30.0	30.0	30.0
Minority interest				3,797.9		Effective tax rate (%)	4.0 2.9	0.1 3.0	6.6	3.4	3.6
Total	5,011.1	0,040.0	0,324.8	9,471.5	10,112.1	Net interest coverage (x) A/R turnover (days)	123.8	126.0	2.7 121.3	3.4 126.3	4.2 128.8
Canital amplayed	12,444.1	13 680 n	15 325 2	15 866 7	16 181 7	A/P turnover (days)	26.8	20.2	16.1	16.6	126.6
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Capital employed Net (debt)/cash	(6,256.4)	(6 637 6)	(6 5 <u>4</u> 1 a)	(5 802 2\	( <u>4</u> 881 8\	Stock turnover (days)	86.1	74.2	65.2	68.6	69.7





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