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### **BUY**

# TP upside (downside) +77.8% Close 04 May 2020

Price 9,820 12M Target 17,457

#### Share price performance relative to VNIDEX



Market cap (USD mn)	981
6M ADT (USD mn)	1.3
Outstanding shares (mn)	2,342
Free float (%)	88
FINI ownership (%)	11.5
FOL Room (%)	37.5
Major shareholders (%)	79.9
2020 Net debt/equity (%)	37.0
2020 BVPS (VND)	13,368
2020 P/B (x)	0.73
2019 P/E (x)	9.2
2020 P/E (x)	7.2
2020 EV/EBITDA (x)	4.7

#### Financial outlook

Year to Dec	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E
Sales (VND bn)	35,421	36,815	37,769	39,024
EPS (VND)	1,064	1,372	1,585	1,774
ROE (%)	8.8	10.6	11.3	11.5
Div. yield (%)	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1

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# **PV POWER (POW VN)**

# **Unrealized FX loss eroded 1Q20 profit**

#### **Event**

POW's 1Q20 PATMI fell by 49.5% YoY to reach VND444bn. The decline was mainly attributable to revenue and margin contraction and unrealized FX losses.

### **Details**

1Q20 revenue decreased 5.5% YoY to VND7,975bn. Total output fell by 4.3% YoY to 5,267 mn kWh. According to the company's report, coal power revenue increased, offsetting revenue declines from gas-fired (due to gas supply) and hydropower (due to ongoing draught conditions). Revenue at the Vung Ang coal-fired plant rose by 46% YoY to VND2,718 bn, accounting for 34.1% of total revenue; its output volume rose by 50% YoY to 1850 mn kWh.

Gross profit margin fell to just 12.8%, down from 15.6% in 1Q19. Net financial expenses increased by 46% YoY to VND324bn, although interest expenses fell by 15.8% YoY to just VND244bn. This was mainly due to unrealized FX losses of VND136bn, up from nearly zero in the same period last year. Thus, 1Q20 PATMI declined by 49.5% YoY to reach VND444bn despite a 32.5% YoY fall in SG&A to VND82.3bn.

**Significant de-gearing.** POW has reduced its leverage significantly, with its net debt falling by 37% YoY to VND10,719bn. The company's net debt to equity ratio has thus fallen to 36% from 61% in 1Q19. Currently, POW has VND13,442bn in long-term debt, of which 64% (VND8,538bn) is denominated in USD and 5% (VND763bn) is denominated in euros.

**FY2020 guidance revisit.** POW fulfilled 22.5% of its 2020E revenue guidance of VND 35,449 bn and 25% of its 2020E profit before tax guidance of VND 2,395 bn, which is -23.8% YoY lower than PBT in 2019. POW plans medium maintenance at the NT1 and NT2 gasfired power plants and the Dakdrinh hydropower plant in 2020.

#### **Our view**

We reiterate BUY with target price of 17,457. At today close, POW's share price has rebounded 11.3% since our last report and it is now trading at an attractive 0.7x 2020 book value. Our forecasts and target price are currently under review.

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