

### Vietnam: Oil & Gas

## BUY

TP upside (downside) +39.6%

Close	30	July	2024	
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Price	27,400
12M Target	38,259

#### Share price performance relative to VNINDEX



Market cap (USD mn)	602
6M ADT (USD mn)	6.6
Outstanding shares (mn)	556
Free float (%)	49.1
FINI ownership (%)	15.8
FOL Room (%)	33.2
Major shareholders (%)	50.4
2024 Net debt/equity (%)	Net cash
2024 BVPS (VND)	36.517
2024 P/B (x)	1.0
2024 EV/EBITDA (x)	7.0

#### **Financial outlook**

Year to Dec	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales (VND bn)	5,812	7,402	9,565	10,272
EPS (VND)	1,041	2,228	3,881	4,494
ROE (%)	4.2	8.8	14.5	15.5
Div. yield (%)	-	-	-	-

Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Yuanta Vietnam

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# **PV Drilling (PVD VN)**

# Drilling growth momentum extended Event

**2Q24 preliminary results** - We attended yesterday's analyst meeting.

### Details

**2Q24 revenue grew by 59.5% YoY...** to reach VND2,254bn, underpinned by a +59% increase in drilling revenue. PVD's average day rate increased by +25% YoY and the company added another hired rig in 2Q24. In addition, drilling-related services posted 2Q24 revenue of VND556bn, up by +43% YoY.

... but a high base means that 2Q24 PBT slid by -3% YoY to reach 207bn. The year's VND70bn one-off gain from contract termination in 2Q23 did not repeat. Excluding that one-off, 2Q24 core PBT would have risen by +45.7% YoY.

**1H24 revenue thus rose by +53% YoY** to reach VND4,036bn, fulfilling 54% of our full-year revenue forecast. Notably, drilling revenue rose by +43% YoY to reach VND2,700bn. Drilling-related services increased by +31% YoY to reach VND930bn. 1H24 PBT reached VND424bn, jumped 54.2% YoY, fulfilling 28.1% 2024E PBT forecast.

The SEA drilling market remains tight due to the rig supply shortage. There are only seven new rigs under construction in Asia, and the four rigs under construction in China are planned to operate in China. The SEA market thus looks to be even tighter in 2025.

**New rig acquisition in the pipeline**. PVD plans to invest US\$90mn in another rig to take advantage of strong demand. Management plans to use the additional rig for domestic drilling activity in 2026–2030. Also, PVD plans to invest approximately US\$20mn in equipment.

**Our view**: We expect further improvement in PVD's core business due to 1) rising average day rates YoY; and 2) the commencement of Block B, which would substantially increase PVD's drilling-related business workload from 2025.

The share price has corrected since April on general stock market weakness and the -13% correction in oil price (Brent). We expect upside catalysts from 1) the official announcement of the rig acquisition and/or 2) the final investment decision for Block B.

We reiterate BUY with target price of VND 38,259 per share, equivalent to a 2024E PB multiple of 1.7x. Our 2024 PATMI forecast of VND1.239tn (+114% YoY) reflects our positive assumption for a recovery in drilling-related business operations.

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