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App Tracker Apr-25: Free Fire maintains momentum; Delta Force in focus

Free Fire's revenue growth stayed strong at 22% y/y in Apr-25. Shopee and TikTok's MAUs grew steadily at 5% y/y in ASEAN. Temu's MAUs recovered 7% m/m in Apr (-4% g/g in 1Q25). Garena launched Delta Force on 22 Apr; its initial performance is largely in line with our expectations. Stay OW on SE.

Key Takeaways

- Free Fire sustained its growth momentum in Apr with revenues +22% y/y, similar to Feb-Mar. However, MAU decline widened to 13% y/y in Apr (vs. -8% in Mar)
- Garena launched Delta Force Mobile on 22 Apr. It has generated 7mn downloads and US\$700k in revenues until May 3, largely in line with our expectations.
- Shopee's Apr MAU trends remained stable, +5% and +18% y/y in ASEAN and Brazil, respectively. But downloads, declined faster at 17% y/y (vs. -10% in Mar).
- TikTok's MAUs rose 5% y/y in ASEAN in Apr with +19% growth in downloads. Temu's MAUs recovered 7% m/m in Apr (-4% q/q in 1Q25).
- No changes in EC commissions (last key one being TikTok hike in VN, +100bp in Apr). SE will report 1Q on May 13 with upside risk to Garena and EC margins.

Garena launched Delta Force Mobile on 22 April in ASEAN, Taiwan, Central and South America, Middle East and North Africa. During 22 Apr-3 May, it generated around 7mn downloads and US\$700k revenue, according to Sensor Tower. By geography, top 5 revenue contributors are Taiwan, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico and Indonesia. During the period of 22 Apr to 3 May, Garena's Delta Force Mobile's revenue is equal to around 30% of AOV revenue and 5% of Free Fire revenue in the same period.

Exhibit 1: Free Fire's revenue growth continued to be strong



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 2: Since launch to May 3, Garena's Delta Force generated around 7mn downloads and US\$700k revenue



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research

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Stock Rating Industry View	Overweight In-Line
Price target	US\$167.00
Up/downside to price target (%)	17
Shr price, close (May 5, 2025)	US\$142.50
52-Week Range	US\$147.72-56.00
Sh out, dil, curr (mn)	605
Mkt cap, curr (mn)	US\$86,172
EV, curr (mn)	US\$75,342
Avg daily trading value (mn)	US\$100

Fiscal Year Ending	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
EPS (US\$)**	0.77	2.74	4.17	5.16
Prior EPS (US\$)**	-	-	-	-
Revenue, net (US\$ mn)	16,820	21,616	25,980	30,476
EBITDA (US\$ mn)	1,052	2,367	3,499	4,357
ModelWare net inc (US	444	1,693	2,621	3,278
\$ mn)				
ROE (%)	6.7	20.2	24.3	23.1

Unless otherwise noted, all metrics are based on Morgan Stanley ModelWare

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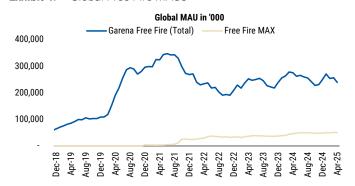
Monthly Trends – Free Fire

Exhibit 3: Free Fire revenue sustaining double digit growth momentum in April.

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Revenue	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25
Global	33,904	31,244	33,782	34,465	38,064	49,277	34,406	33,985	35,486	74,647	72,236	74,771	75,746	86,693	85,754	98,492	106,311	117,669
Y/Y																		
Global	33%	69%	46%	38%	38%	66%	19%	21%	22%	-50%	-35%	-29%	-17%	16%	19%	32%	40%	36%
M/M																		
Global	2%	-8%	8%	2%	10%	29%	-30%	-1%	4%	-18%	-3%	4%	1%	14%	-1%	15%	8%	11%
MAU	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25
ID	36,354	32,676	30,288	32,140	37,216	43,068	43,220	46,010	41,570	36,306	48,818	33,906	30,948	51,639	52,338	36,244	33,215	44,099
TH	7,848	7,562	7,694	7,786	7,224	7,020	7,222	7,523	8,439	8,532	10,270	8,746	8,501	7,779	9,491	7,938	7,568	7,255
PH	3,014	2,909	2,719	2,816	3,011	3,368	3,149	3,067	2,962	2,690	2,685	2,879	2,756	3,073	2,955	2,983	2,849	3,195
MY	2,468	2,316	2,302	2,135	2,630	2,945	2,819	2,544	2,237	3,017	3,123	2,777	2,174	2,987	3,226	2,438	2,356	2,769
SG	451	452	453	459	487	521	521	544	535	219	259	278	296	349	400	448	467	529
VN	22,688	20,654	17,541	16,420	15,609	18,387	16,391	15,975	15,790	11,244	13,993	16,813	12,907	13,777	18,156	21,873	16,523	16,918
ASEAN	72,823	66,570	60,997	61,757	66,177	75,309	73,322	75,663	71,533	62,008	79,147	65,399	57,582	79,604	86,565	71,922	62,977	74,765
Latam	95,230	92,263	87,442	88,616	98,125	105,662	96,668	92,706	87,049	97,497	96,483	100,834	97,399	105,579	97,280	94,678	91,394	98,345
Global	254,831	241,468	227,066	230,210	249,029	270,314	253,276	256,032	238,673	227,525	249,235	241,515	225,631	265,092	267,115	251,882	235,435	259,874
Y/Y																		
Global	4%	7%	2%	6%	5%	6%	-4%	-8%	-13%	-8%	9%	18%	14%	17%	7%	4%	4%	-2%
M/M																		
Global	-2%	-5%	-6%	1%	8%	9%	-6%	1%	-7%	15%	10%	-3%	-7%	17%	1%	-6%	-7%	10%
Downloads	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25
ID	3,296	2.914	2,270	3,042	6,209	7,965	5,298	4,504	3,709	5,773	9,206	4,746	5.598	12,239	16,403	9,565	11,521	17,768
TH	731	651	704	609	782	678	557	732	805	1,827	2,419	1,733	1,991	1,931	3,510	2,174	2,096	1,967
PH	156	161	136	170	194	310	186	144	177	318	425	591	416	417	498	510	500	640
MY	171	210	153	182	265	379	367	332	221	456	491	374	461	740	835	566	600	1,078
SG	71	63	62	50	64	84	83	85	66	140	162	108	139	173	234	213	177	252
VN	2,318	2,185	1,416	1,109	1,251	1,703	1,380	1,199	1,100	3,721	3,862	5,429	3,839	3,527	4,890	6,397	3,775	4,283
ASEAN	6,742	6,183	4,742	5,161	8,765	11,120	7,873	6,996	6,077	12,236	16,564	12,982	12,444	19,027	26,370	19,425	18,668	25,988
Latam	5,636	5,234	4,044	3,955	5,864	6,760	5,856	6,126	4,599	17,177	13,287	15,085	15,619	18,078	15,746	16,101	13,862	18,742
Global	27,712	25,145	22,824	25,391	35,078	37,459	29,527	27,504	21,788	53,214	55,859	59,556	56,658	78,279	86,447	81,367	83,292	94,489
Y/Y																		
Global	28%	47%	29%	42%	66%	41%	21%	1%	-22%	-24%	-25%	-5%	14%	47%	55%	37%	47%	21%
M/M																		
Global	-3%	-9%	-9%	11%	38%	7%	-21%	-7%	-21%	7%	5%	7%	-5%	38%	10%	-6%	2%	13%

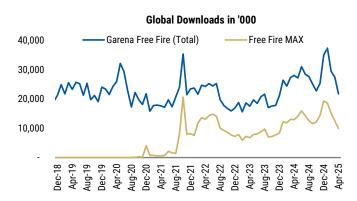
Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research.

Exhibit 4: Global Free Fire MAUs



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Exhibit 5: Global Free Fire downloads



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Exhibit 6: Global Free Fire revenues

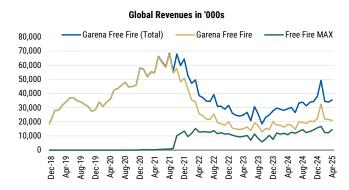
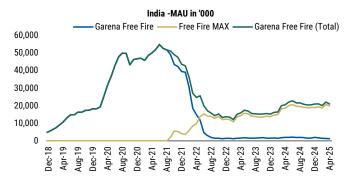


Exhibit 7: India – Free Fire MAUs



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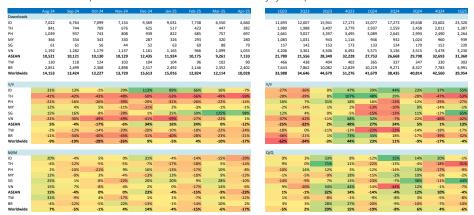
Monthly Trends – E-commerce

Exhibit 8: Shopee's MAU growth trend in ASEAN and Brazil has remained stable

	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25
U									
	138,695	139,754	141,790	142,378	143,169	142,383	142,928	145,541	145,392
	12,875	13,239	13,017	12,428	12,317	12,051	12,257	12,343	12,529
	46,591	46,690	47,076	47,394	48,520	48,201	47,896	48,128	47,224
1	16,809	17,118	16,935	16,942	16,899	16,815	16,693	16,858	16,890
	2,323	2,397	2,452	2,542	2,568	2,440	2,420	2,503	2,505
l	40,305	40,811	40,773	40,811	40,715	40,536	40,593	40,373	39,981
EAN /	257,598	260,008	262,043	262,495	264,187	262,425	262,788	265,748	264,521
	5,181	5,208	5,222	5,253	5,286	5,254	5,315	5,303	5,284
	47,336	47,847	48,430	49,943	50,939	51,657	51,471	52,241	52,497
ldwide	320,260	323,795	325,385	327,083	329,244	327,856	327,531	330,926	329,730
	11%	10%	8%	8%	10%	8%	8%	7%	7%
	8%	9%	5%	2%	0%	0%	1%	-1%	1%
	12%	10%	9%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	4%
	8%	8%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	13%	13%	12%	14%	13%	7%	4%	8%	7%
	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%
AN	10%	9%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%
	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
	23%	22%	20%	20%	24%	20%	20%	19%	18%
orldwide	9%	9%	7%	6%	8%	6%	6%	5%	5%
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	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	2%	0%
1	2%	3%	-2%	-5%	-1%	-2%	2%	1%	2%
H	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	-1%	-1%	0%	-2%
TY G	1%	2%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	1%	0%
	0%	3%	2%	4%	1%	-5%	-1%	3%	0%
N	196	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%
SEAN	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	1%	0%
N	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	-1%	1%	0%	0%
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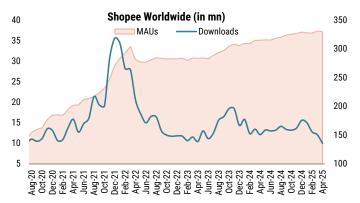
Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research.

Exhibit 9: Shopee's downloads were down 17% y/y in April



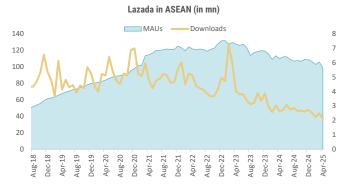
Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research.

Exhibit 10: Shopee worldwide



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 11: Lazada in ASEAN



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research.

Exhibit 12: TikTok in ASEAN

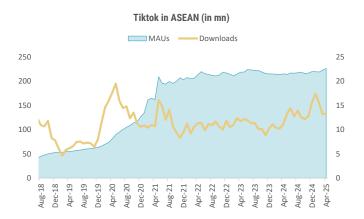
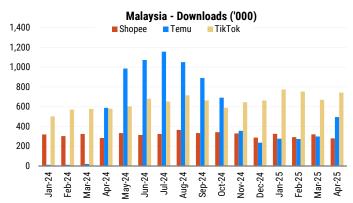
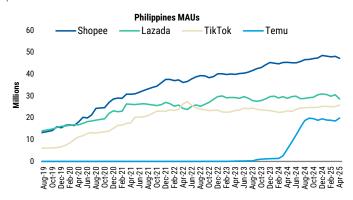


Exhibit 14: TikTok and Temu's downloads trended up in Malaysia in Apr



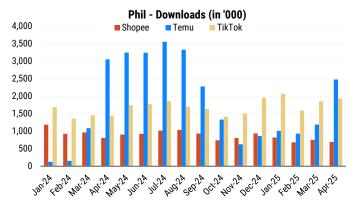
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Exhibit 16: Temu's MAUs for the Philippines seem to have hit a plateau



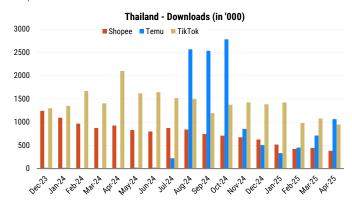
Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 13: Temu's monthly downloads in the Philippines recovered m/m in April 2025



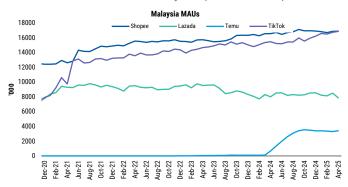
Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 15: Temu's downloads in Thailand also rose sequentially in April



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 17: Temu's MAU in Malaysia up 4% m/m in Apr



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 18: ASEAN MAUs

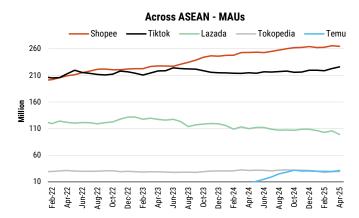
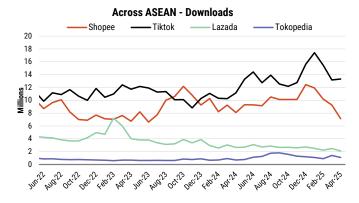


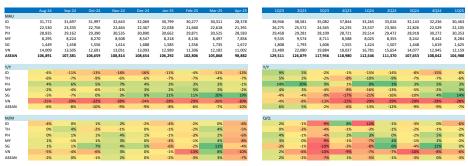
Exhibit 19: ASEAN Downloads



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research.

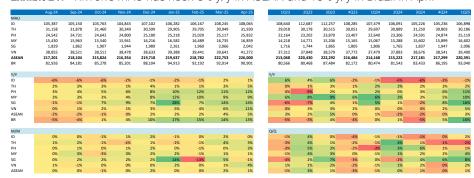
Exhibit 20:

Lazada's MAU trend continues to weaken



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research.

Exhibit 21: TikTok's MAU has risen 5% y/y in ASEAN and 13% y/y in Brazil in April



Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research.



Exhibit 22: TikTok's downloads rose 19% y/y in ASEAN

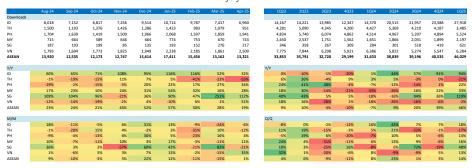


Exhibit 23: Tokopedia MAU was down 7% in Apr-25

	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1024	2Q24	3Q24	4024	1Q25
MAU																		
ID	31158	31862	31274	31053	30599	29224	27008	28526	28661	28468	28026	27537	29440	30747	31032	31068	30976	28253
Y/Y										Y/Y								
ID	12%	17%	9%	4%	2%	-3%	-11%	-11%	-7%	-3%	-7%	-8%	0%	8%	11%	13%	5%	-8%
M/M										Q/Q								
ID	3%	2%	-2%	-1%	-1%	-4%	-8%	6%	0%	-4%	-2%	-2%	7%	4%	1%	0%	0%	-9%

Source: Sensor Tower, Morgan Stanley Research.

E-Commerce Commissions Tracker

Exhibit 24: Changes in marketplace commission rates for Shopee

SHOPEE	Dates	Commission range	Fashion	FMCG	Electronics	Lifestyle	Others
Thailand	Mar-24	4% - 5%	4% - 5%	-	4%	-	4%
	Apr-24	5% - 6%	5% - 6%	-	5%	-	5%
	Jul-24	5% - 8%	7% - 8%	-	5%-7%	-	7%
	Jan-25	5% - 9%	7.5% - 9%	-	5% - 8%	8%	8%
Malaysia	Mar-24	0.0%-4.00%	4.00%	0% - 4%	2.5% - 4%	3% - 4%	-
Sellers on Cashback Program	Apr-24	0% - 8%	7.00%	0% - 8%	4% - 8%	5.5% - 7%	-
	Mar-25	0% - 9%	8.00%	0% - 9%	4% - 8%	5.5% - 7%	-
Sellers not on Cashback Program	Aug-24	0%-11%	10.00%	0% - 11%	7% - 11%	8.5% - 10%	-
	Mar-25	0% - 13%	12.00%	0% - 13%	8% - 12%	9.5% - 11%	-
Philippines	Apr-24 Jul-24	5-6.5% 7.24-8.74%	6% - 6.5% 8.24% - 8.74%	5.5% - 6.5% 7.74% - 8.74%	5% - 6% 7.24% - 8.74%	5% - 6.5% 7.24% - 8.74%	-
Vietnam	Jul-24 Apr-25	4% 1.5%-10.0%¹	9.0%-10.0%	9.0%-10.0%	Fixed fee 4% 1.5%-9.0%	9.5%-10.0%	4.0%-9.0%
Singapore	Mar-24	2.18% - 3.82%	-	-	2.18% - 3.82%	-	2.18% - 3.82%
	Sep-24	5.45%	-	-	5.45%	-	5.45%
	Mar-25	4.36-7.63% ²	-	-	7.63%	-	7.63%

SHOPEE	Dates	Commission range	Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D	Category E
Indonesia	Mar-24	3.8% - 6.3%	6.3%	5.3%	3.8%	3.8%	
	Sep-24	4.3% - 8%	8.0%	7.5%	5.8%	4.3%	
	Jan-25	4.3% - 8%	8.0%	7.5%	5.8%	4.3%	2.5%
	Jan-25	4.3/0 - 6/0	8.0%	7.376	3.876	4.376	2.57

Source: Seller websites for Shopee, Morgan Stanley Research. Shopee Indo Category A rate is after 20% discount. For Shopee Indonesia, key items for each Category are as follows: Cat A: Fashion, Sports & Outdoors, Health products, Luggage, Daily Necessities etc. Cat B: Home supplies, Electronics (Media players, game consols) etc. Cat C: Electronics, Camera & drone, Audio etc. Cat D: Computer accessories, Cellphone & Tablets, Baby & kids fashion jewellery, Precious jewellery etc. Cat E: Motorcycle. 'Shopee will remove 6% shipping fee in Apr. Commission rates by category are MS estimates based on information posted on Shopee's seller website. 'Shopee provides 327bps commission fee rebate incentives for sellers joining their FBS (Fulfilled-by-Shopee) in Singapore. For FBS merchants, commission rate is 4.36% (vs. 7.63% for non-FBS).

Exhibit 25: Changes in marketplace commission rates for TikTok

TIKTOK		Commission range	Fashion	FMCG	Electronics	Lifestyle	Others
Thailand	Mar-24	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	
	Apr-24	4.28-5.35%	4-5.35%	4.28%	4.28%	4.28%	
	Jul-24	4-4.28%	4-4.28%	4.28%	4.28%	4.28%	
	Sep-24	4-5.35%	4-5.35%	5.35%	4.28%	5.35%	
	Jan-25	5.35%-6.42%	5.35%-6.42%	5.35%	5.35%	5.35%	
Indonesia	Apr-24	1-4.3%	1.9-4.3%	2.7-4.3%	1-4.3%	2.7-3.6%	
indonesia.	May-24	1-6.5%	4-6.5%	4-6.5%	1-6.5%	4-6.5%	1-6.5%
	Sep-24	1-8%	4.25-8%	4.25-8%	1-8%	2.5-8%	1-8%
	Nov-24	0-8%	4.25-8%	4.25-8%	1-8%	0-8%	1-8%
Malaysia	Feb-24	0-3.18%	3.18-3.18%	0-3.18%	1.59-3.18%	2.12-3.18%	
ividiaysia	Mar-24	0-3.18%	4.32-4.32%	0-3.18%	2.7-4.32%	3.24-4.32%	
	Sep-24	0-4.32%	8.10-10.26%	0-4.32%	4.86-9.18%	6.48-10.26%	
	Зер-24	0-11.54%	8.10-10.20%	0-11.34%	4.80-3.1876	0.46-10.20%	
Philippines	May-24	2-3.7%	3-3.6%	2.5-3.3%	2-3.4%	2.9-3.7%	
	Jun-24	2-5.2%	4.6-5.2%	3-4.8%	2-5%	4-5.1%	
	Aug-24	3.2-6.9%	5 - 6.7%	4.5 - 6.4%	3.2 - 6.8%	5 - 6.9%	
	Jan-25	5-7.3%	5-7.3%	5-6.8%	5-7%	5-7.3%	
Vietnam	Pre Oct-24	2.0%					
· Carlain	Oct-24	1-3%	3.0%	3.0%	1.0-2.0%	3.0%	
	Apr-25	1-4%	4.0%	4.0%	1.0-3.0%	4.0%	
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Singapore	Pre Sep-24		=	-	2.18%	=	2.18%
	Sep-24	2.18-3.27%	-	-	2.18%	-	3.27%
	Jan-25	3.27-4.91%	4.91%	4.91%	3.27%	3.27-4.91%	

Source: Seller websites for Tiktok, Morgan Stanley Research. For TikTok Indonesia, all product sub-categories with a Marketplace Commission of 10% effective Sep 16 will receive a 20% commission discount, implying an effective commission rate of 8% (as shown in the table). For changes to be made in Nov, TikTok Indonesia will adjust the rates of a few sub-categories. For example, they will raise the rates of some sports fashion products and indoor furniture but trim the rates of everyday home supplies and some household appliance.

Valuation Methodology and Risks

Sea Ltd (SE.N)

Probability-weighted DCF

- Base case: US\$160/sh (65%). WACC 9.5%, EBITDA CAGR 38% (2024-27)
- Bear case: US\$75/sh (10%, reflects risks to profitability from EC competition). Adjusted EBITDA is 33% and 37% below base case in 2025 and 2026. WACC 10.1%
- Bull case: US\$220/sh (25%, reflects rational competition, faster ramp-up of EC profitability). Adjusted EBITDA is 6% and 11% above base for 2025 and 2026. EC margins reach 2% of GMV by 2027. WACC 9.0%.

Risks to Upside

- GMV growth remaining >20% for longer
- Benign competition driving further gains in market share in EC
- Faster-than-expected ramp-up in EC profitability
- Favourable game pipeline announcements
- Higher growth contribution from fintech

Risks to Downside

- Slowdown in GMV growth for EC
- Disruptive competition in EC derailing profitability
- Slowing growth in fintech and/or rising NPLs
- Reduction in MAUs for Free Fire affecting DE



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