

## **TON DONG A JOINT STOCK COMPANY (Upcom: GDA)**

## **Clear Signs of Gradual Recovery**

(VND bn)	Q2-FY25	Q1-FY25	+/- qoq	Q2-FY24	+/- yoy
Revenue	4,257	3,977	7%	5,986	-29%
Parent company's NPAT	88	63	40%	171	-49%
EBIT	132	97	36%	189	-30%
EBIT margin	3%	2%	1 pps	3%	(0) pps

Source: GDA, RongViet Securities

## Q2-FY25: Domestic sales dominate, profitability improves

- Business results declined compared to Q2 2024 but showed recovery from the previous quarter. Net revenue and NPAT-MI reached VND 4,257 billion (-29% YoY, +7% QoQ) and VND 88 billion (-49% YoY, +40% QoQ), respectively.
- Sales volume of galvanized steel products recorded 202,000 tons (-14% YoY, +2% QoQ), which was impacted by weaker export market demand compared to Q2 2024.
   To offset the decline in exports, GDA focused on boosting domestic sales, achieving a volume of 142,000 tons (+44% YoY, +21% QoQ), securing the second-largest market share.
- Gross profit margin (GPM) recovered to 7.9% (up slightly from 7.1% in Q4 2024), with gross profit reaching VND 337 billion (-38% YoY, +19% QoQ). This was driven by stable raw material and finished product prices in Q2 (HRC prices maintained at USD 500–510/ton) and a reversal of inventory provisions (~VND 65 billion). By the end of Q2 2025, the inventory provision balance stood at approximately VND 107 billion. As a result, GDA is likely to record further provision reversals in the following quarters, as finished product prices have increased during August–September.

## Q3/2025 Outlook: Clear Recovery Compared to Q3/2024

- For Q3 2025, we expect that sales volume will remain focused on the domestic market, with a slight improvement in profit margins and a clear recovery in business results compared to Q3/2024. Therefore, we expect net revenue and NPAT-MI to reach VND 4,257 billion (-18% YoY) and VND 90 billion (+68% YoY), respectively.
- Galvanized steel consumption volume in Q3 is estimated at 195,000 tons (+4% QoQ, -12% YoY). The domestic market is projected to account for 70% of total volume, reaching 140,000 tons (+44% YoY, -1% QoQ). Despite Q3 not being a peak construction season (due to the rainy season), domestic demand remains relatively positive.
- For 2025, we maintain our forecast for PAT at VND 335 billion (-2% YoY, achieving 112% of the 2025 business plan).

## **Valuation and Recommendation**

Amid risks from the export market, GDA has successfully shifted orders to the domestic market, leveraging its competitive advantages. In the long term, we believe that the new flat steel plant (Phase 01) will support the company's growth. Additionally, the planned listing on the HOSE (to be implemented in 2025-2026) will enhance the company's visibility among investors.

By combining the Discounted Cash Flow (FCFF) method and the Price-to-Book (P/B) comparable method with a 50:50 weighting, we derive a target price for GDA stock of **VND 26,000 per share**, implying **an expected return of 43%** based on the closing price on September 23, 2025. Accordingly, we recommend a **BUY** rating for GDA.

BUY	+43%
Target price (VND)	18,000
Current market price (VND)	26,000
Cash dividend	VND 1000

Stock Info	
Sector	Basic Materials
Market Cap (VND mn)	2,753
Current Shares O/S (mn shares)	149
3M Avg. Volume (K)	219
3M Avg. Trading Value (VND Bn)	5
Remaining foreign room (%)	23.59
52-week range (VND)	12,191 – 20,868

	FY2024	TTM
EPS	2,981	1,965
EPS Growth (%)	40	-27.1
P/E	6.6	11.2
P/B	0.6	0.7
EV/EBITDA	12.7	15.0
ROE (%)	9.2	5.9



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Remaining Foreign Room (%)

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## Q2-FY25 Business result: Domestic Sales Dominate, Profit Improves

Q2-FY25 results showed a year-on-year (YoY) decline but continued recovery from the previous quarter. Specifically, net revenue and NPAT-MI reached VND 4,257 billion (-29% YoY, +7% QoQ) and VND 88 billion (-49% YoY, +40% QoQ), respectively.

- Galvanized steel: sales volume reached 202,000 tons (-14% YoY, +2% QoQ), lower than the high export-driven volume in Q2/2024. Amid trade defense risks from importing countries, GDA redirected its focus to the domestic market, achieving a domestic sales volume of 142,000 tons (+44% YoY, +21% QoQ), securing the second-largest market share at 16% of total domestic galvanized steel production.
- Gross Profit Margin (GPM): GPM continued to recover, reaching 7.9% (up from 7.1% in Q4/2024), with gross profit reaching VND 337 billion (-38% YoY, +19% QoQ). This was driven by stable raw material and finished product prices in Q2 (HRC prices remained at USD 500-510/ton) and a reversal of inventory provisions (~VND 65 billion). By the end of Q2, the inventory provision balance stood at VND 107 billion, providing room for further provision reversals in the following quarters, which was supported by price increases for finished products in August-September.
- SG&A expenses amounted to VND 206 billion (-42% YoY, +11% QoQ), representing 4.8% of revenue. The lower expenses were due to reduced transportation costs for domestic orders compared to export orders. In Q2, net financial expenses were VND 25 billion, as GDA recorded no foreign exchange gains.
- Compared to the inventory accumulation period (Q4/2024–Q1/2025), GDA reduced average inventory days to 94 days in Q2, with an average inventory balance of VND 3.8 trillion (aligned with the 2023-2025 average). This reflects a cautious inventory policy, suitable for Q3, which is typically a low season for sales volume.

At the 2025 Annual General Meeting, the company shared updates on its new factory investments: 1/ Phu My Factory (included in the valuation model): Construction is expected to commence in Q4/2025, with Phase 1 (300,000 tons/year) focusing on diversifying steel products, expanding to steel grades for industrial and household appliances. 2/ Steel Pipe Factory (acquired from a domestic company): Completed and expected to start production in Q3, with Phase 1 capacity at 60,000 tons/year. Given GDA's strong brand presence in the domestic market, we expect these new factories to be key drivers of long-term growth.

Table 1: GDA's 2Q25 results

Unit: bn VND	Q1-FY25	+/-YoY	+/-QoQ	6M2025	% 2025 Business plan	% VDS's Forecast
Sales output (Thousand ton)	202	-14%	2%	399	51%	54%
Domestic	142	44%	21%	259		67%
Export	60	-56%	-25%	140		40%
HRC price (USD/ton)	500	-9%	0%			
Revenue	4,257	-29%	7%	8,233	46%	48%
COGS	(3,919)	-28%	6%	(7,614)		49%
Gross profit	337	-38%	19%	620		44%
SG&A cost	(206)	-42%	11%	(391)		40%
EBIT	132	-30%	36%	229		54%
Financial revenue	101	-23%	59%	164		46%
Financial expense	(126)	18%	56%	(206)		55%
Other income (net)	1	4%	-33%	3		40%
ЕВТ	108	-50%	32%	190		45%
NPAT-MI	88	-49%	40%	150	50%	45%

Sources: GDA, RongViet Securities

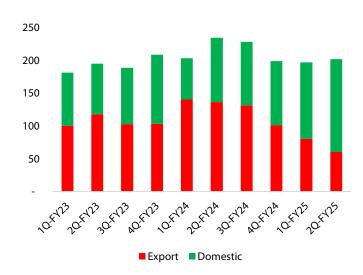


Figure 1: Inventory balance (VND bn) and Days of inventory on hand



Sources: GDA, RongViet Securities

Figure 2: Sales volume (thousand tons), by segment



Sources: GDA, RongViet Securities

## Q3-FY2025 Outlook: Recovery Compared to the Same Period

For Q3/2025, we expect sales volume to remain focused on the domestic market (decreasing negative impacts from the export market), with an improvement in gross profit margin (GPM) and a clear recovery in business results compared to Q3/2024. Accordingly, we project Q3 net revenue and NPAT-MI to reach VND 4,257 billion (-18% YoY) and VND 90 billion (+68% YoY), respectively. This is driven by:

- Revenue from Business activities: We expect galvanized steel sales volume in Q3 to reach 195,000 tons (+4% QoQ, -12% YoY), with the domestic market accounting for 70% of total volume at 140,000 tons (+44% YoY, -1% QoQ). Although Q3 is not a peak construction season (affected by the rainy season), domestic demand remains relatively positive. In July, GDA's sales volume reached 70,000 tons (-3% YoY), with domestic sales performing strongly at 57,000 tons (+84% YoY).
- With the scenario of HRC prices (a key input material highly correlated with finished product prices) recovering to USD 510/ton (driven by an 8-10% increase in iron ore prices in July), GPM is expected to improve and stabilize at 8.0% (comparable to Q2/2025). As a result, GDA's gross profit is projected at VND 341 billion (-9% YoY, +1% QoQ).
- Additional assumptions regarding other income and expenses include: 1/ SG&A expenses are expected to reach VND 200 billion (-34% YoY), with an SG&A-to-revenue ratio at 4.7%. As a result, net profit from operating activities is projected at VND 140 billion (+99% YoY, +6% QoQ). 2/ Net financial expenses are projected at VND 28 billion (consistent with Q2/2025).

For 2025, we maintain our forecast for GDA's sales volume at 736,000 tons (-14% YoY), with 70% contributed by the domestic market. Net profit for 2025 is expected to reach VND 335 billion (-2% YoY), achieving 112% of the company's 2025 business plan.

Table 2: Forecast Q3/2025 result

Unit: bn VND	Q3/2025F	+/-QoQ	+/-YoY	Assumptions
Sales output (Thousand ton)	195	-3%	-15%	
Domestic	140	-1%	44%	The domestic market continues to exhibit positive momentum, with only marginal impacts from seasonal factors, particularly the rainy season in the third quarter.
Export	55	-9%	-58%	Export market demand is experiencing a downturn, primarily attributable to the effects of protectionist measures.
HRC price (USD/ton)	510	2%	2%	Selling prices exhibited a recovery in September, bolstered by the rebound in raw material costs
Revenue	4,257	0%	-18%	
COGS	(3,916)	0%	-18%	
Gross profit	341	1%	-9%	Gross profit margin (GPM) attained 8%—driven by the recovery in selling prices and the ongoing reversal of provisions.



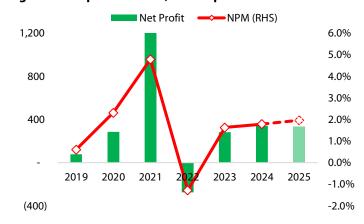
SG&A cost	(200)	-3%	-34%	The SG&A expense-to-revenue ratio reached 4.7%—reflecting an improvement over the prior-year period, attributable to reduced transportation costs associated with export orders.
EBIT	140	6%	99%	
Financial revenue	98	-2%	13%	Financial income and expenses remained comparable to those in Q2 2025
Financial expense	(126)	0%	36%	
Other income (net)	-			
EBT	113	4%	68%	
NPAT-MI	90	3%	68%	

Sources: GDA, RongViet Securities

Figure 3: GPM of GDA, for the period 2023-2025



Figure 4: Net profit of GDA, for the period 2019-2025



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Table 3: Trade defense measures (by importing countries) against coated steel products originating from the Vietnamese market, 2023-2024

Market	Status	Year	Details
EU	Officially	2024-2026	The group of "other countries" (including Vietnam) is proposed to be subject to a quota limit for 4A coated steel (shared across all sectors) of 118 thousand tons per quarter starting from Q1/2025 (a 40% reduction compared to previous quarters).
US	In process	2024 - present	Preliminary anti-dumping and countervailing duties have been imposed on Vietnamese manufacturers at rates exceeding 80%.
Mexico	Officially	2023 - present	AD duties at 0 – 10.84%
Malaysia	Officially	2020 - present	AD duties ranging from 2.18% to 37.14% on 10 steel HS codes.  Expansion of AD investigation to 22 new steel HS codes (from February 2025).

Source: RongViet Securities



## **Valuation**

#### LONG-TERM VALUATION USING FCFF METHOD

DCF Assumptions	Value	Valuation Summary	Unit: VND billion
WACC 2025	12.1%	DCF forecast time	5 years
Effective tax rate	20%	Discounted free cash flow	5,343
Cost of equity	21.2%	+ Cash & Equity at valuation date	6,945
Risk-free rate	3%	- In debt	5,294
Equity risk premium	10%	Equity value	3,691
Beta	1.82	Number of outstanding shares (million shares)	149
Exit EV/EBITDA	5.0	Equity value per share (VND)	25,300

Table 4: Sensitivity scenario for GDA's Equity Value per Share (VND)

	Exit EV/EBITDA							
		3	4	5	6	7		
	10.05%	17,576	23,121	28,665	34,209	39,753		
WACC	11.05%	16,384	21,663	26,942	32,221	37,500		
WACC	12.05%	15,256	20,285	25,314	30,343	35,372		
	13.05%	14,189	18,981	23,774	28,567	33,359		
	14.05%	13,178	17,748	22,317	26,886	31,456		

## **SHORT-TERM VALUATION USING P/B METHOD**

We prefer to use the P/B method to value short-term cyclical companies (including steel companies) as 1/ The earnings and P/E ratios of cyclical companies are highly volatile, 2/ The P/B ratio more accurately reflects the market's bid when expecting a recovery period for the industry. Taking into account the average P/B level in the period 2018-2023 of domestic companies (NKG, HSG), we believe that a P/B level of 1.0x is appropriate for: 1/ A company with a position in the domestic galvanized steel industry such as GDA, 2/ Long-term ROE cycle maintained at 15% (after Phu My factory - phase 01 is put into stable operation).

Table 5: Sensitivity Table for GDA Equity Value per Share (VND)

					P/B				
			0.8	0.9	0.9	1	1.1	1.2	1.3
BVPS (VND)	2025	26,976	21,581	24,279	24,279	26,976	29,674	32,372	35,069
(1.1.2)	2026	28,598	22,878	25,738	25,738	28,598	31,458	34,318	37,178

Source: RongViet Securities

By combining the long-term valuation method (FCFF cash flow discount method) and the short-term valuation method (P/B comparison method), each weighted at 50%, we give the target price of GDA stock as **VND 33,600/share**.

**Table 6: Summary of GDA valuation** 

Method	Weight	Price	Contribute
FCFF	50%	25,314	12,600
P/B (1.0x)	50%	26,976	13,400
Target price			26,000

Source: RongViet Securities



## Exhibit 1: 2Q/2025 Results

Business result (VND Bn)	Q2-FY25	Q1-FY25	+/- (qoq)	Q2-FY24	+/- (yoy)
Revenue	4,257	3,977	7%	5,986	-29%
Gross profit	337	282	19%	545	-38%
SG&A	(206)	(185)	11%	(356)	-42%
Operating income	107	80	34%	213	-50%
EBITDA	198	163	21%	277	-28%
EBIT	132	97	36%	189	-30%
Financial expenses	(126)	(81)	56%	(106)	18%
- Interest expenses	(77)	(60)	28%	(67)	15%
Dep. and amortization	66	66	0%	87	-25%
Non-recurring items (*)					
Extraordinary items (*)	1	2	-33%	1	4%
PBT	108	82	32%	215	-50%
NPAT-MI	88	63	40%	171	-49%
(*) Adjusted NPAT-MI	86	61	42%	170	-49%

Source: GDA, RongViet Securities

## Exhibit 2: 2Q/2025 Performance Analysis

Results	Q2-FY25	Q1-FY25	+/- (qoq)	Q2-FY24	+/- (yoy)
Profitability Ratios (%)					
Gross Margin	8%	7%	1 pps	9%	-1 pps
EBITDA Margin	5%	4%	1 pps	5%	0 pps
EBIT Margin	3%	2%	1 pps	3%	0 pps
Net Margin	2%	2%	0 pps	3%	-1 pps
Adjusted Net Margin	2%	2%	1 pps	3%	-1 pps
Turnover (x) *					
-Inventories	3.88	3.50	1,2	5.27	1,7
-Receivables	10.94	10.95	-0,1	14.36	-0,9
-Payables	9.78	7.71	0,6	8.24	0,2
Leverage (%)					
Total Debt/ Equity	200%	218%	-17 pps	225%	-25 pps

Source: GDA, RongViet Securities

<sup>\*</sup> Denominator is total revenue/COGS for the last four quarters



INCOME STATEMENT	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025F	FY2026F	BALANCE SHEET	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025F	FY2026F
Revenue	17,435	19,136	17,027	18,465	Cash	1,194	811	727	886
COGS	16,305	17,687	15,615	16,947	Short term investment	2,156	3,222	4,567	3,900
Gross profit	1,129	1,449	1,413	1,519	Account receivables	1,984	1,242	1,436	1,557
Selling expense	764	1,027	902	923	Inventories		4,585	3,404	3,694
Administrative expense	63	111	85	92	Other short-term assets	209	479	527	579
Finance income	378	436	357	356	Fixed tangible asset	2,129	1,859	1,726	3,693
Finance expenses	371	354	372	399	Fixed intangible asset	130	131	129	128
Other income	-3	35	8	12	Long term financial investment	271	110	110	110
Gain from j,t ventures	0	0	0	0	Other long-term assets	322	475	475	475
PBT	306	428	418	472	Total asset	11,522	12,913	13,101	15,022
Prov, of Tax	22	86	84	67	Account payables				
Minority's Interest	0	0	0	0	Customers pay in advance	2,041	2,181	2,020	2,531
PAT to Equity S/H	284	342	335	405	Short term debt	5,804	6,779	6,779	6,779
EBIT	302	311	425	503	Long term debt	44	67	167	1,283
EBITDA	647	660	760	838	Other non-current liabilities	0	56	58	61
				%	Bonus and welfare fund	34	42	52	64
FINANCIAL RATIOS	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025F	FY2026F	Science and technology funds	0	0	0	0
Growth					Total liabilities	7,923	9,124	9,076	10,719
Revenue	-20.6%	9.8%	-11.0%	8.4%	Common stock and APIC	1,981	1,981	1,981	1,981
EBITDA	-49.8%	2.0%	15.1%	10.3%	Treasury stock (enter as -)	0	0	0	0
EBIT	-53.0%	2.9%	36.9%	18.3%	Retained earnings	1,630 2	1,826	2,019	2,278
PAT	-45.5%	20.6%	-2.1%	21.1%	Other comprehensive income		2	2	2
Total assets	-28.6%	12.1%	1.5%	14.7%	Inv, and Dev, Fund	3	3	20	40
Total equity	-22.9%	5.4%	5.5%	6.9%	Total equity 3,		3,813	4,023	4,301
					Minority interests 2		2	2	2
Profitability									
Gross margin	6.5%	7.6%	8.3%	8.2%	VALUATION RATIO	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025F	FY2026F
EBITDA margin	3.7%	3.4%	4.5%	4.5%	EPS (VND/share)	1,177	2,129	2,830	3,427
EBIT margin	1.7%	1.6%	2.5%	2.7%	P/E (x)	10.2	8.7	7.5	6.2
Net margin	1.6%	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	BV (VND/share)	31,538	33,246	35,076	37,503
ROA	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	P/B (x)	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5
ROCE	8.2%	7.9%	9.9%	8.8%	DPS (VND/share)	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
ROE	7.8%	9.0%	8.3%	9.4%					
Efficiency					VALUATION MODEL	Price	Weig		verage
Receivables turnover	8.8	15.4	11.9	11.9	FCFF	25,3		50	12,600
Inventories turnover	5.2	3.9	4.6	4.6	P/B (1.0x)	26,9	900	50	13,500
Payables turnover	8.0	8.1	7.7	6.7	Target price (VND/Share)		_		26,000
Liquidity						rget price	Recommen		Period
Current	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	10/2024	29,500	BUY		NG TERM
Quick	0.7	0.6	8.0	0.7	6/2025	26,000	BUY		NG TERM
Finance Structure					9/2025	26,000	BUY	LOI	NG TERM
Total debt/equity	161.7%	179.5%	172.6%	187.4%					
ST debt/equity	160.5%	177.8%	168.5%	157.6%					
LT debt/equity	1.2%	1.7%	4.1%	29.8%					



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