

Degem

Recommendation: **NOT RANKED**

Stock Code: 7119

Bloomberg: DGEM MK

Price: MYR1.19

12-Month Target Price: N/A

Date: October 31, 2007

Board: Main

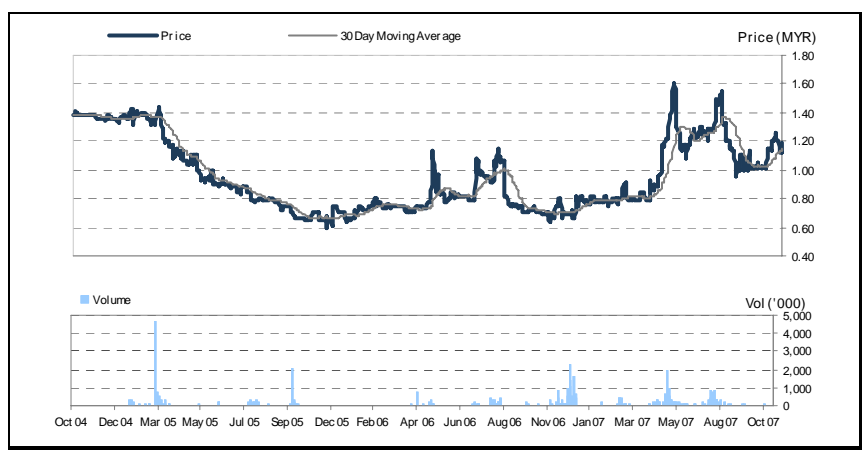
Sector: Consumer Products

GICS: Consumer Discretionary/Apparel, Accessories & Luxury Goods

Market Value - Total: MYR159.5 mln

Summary: Founded in 1982, Degem is a leading jeweler in Malaysia focused on the domestic trading, and manufacturing of diamonds, gemstones, pearls, white gold and platinum jewelry. Listed in October 2001, it was transferred to the Main Board in June 2003.

Analyst: Alison Seng



Recent Developments

Recommendation & Investment Risks

- Pending the renewal of the CBRS research scheme, and confirmation that Degem will be participating in the new scheme, we suspend coverage of the stock until further notice. Our last recommendation was Strong Buy. Our last 12-month target price was MYR1.59.
- As developments in Degem may impact the company's fundamental outlook and valuation during the suspension of coverage, please note that current earnings may become stale and should not be seen to be representative of our view.

Key Stock Statistics

FY Dec.	2006	2007E
Reported EPS (sen)	10.3	10.1
PER (x)	11.6	11.8
Dividend/Share (sen)	19.0	2.5
NTA/Share (MYR)	0.73	0.81
Book Value/Share (MYR)	0.79	0.87
No. of Outstanding Shares (mln)	134.0	
52-week Share Price Range (MYR)	0.64 - 1.61	
Major Shareholders:	%	
Legion Master Sdn. Bhd.	51.7	
Diamond Landmark Sdn. Bhd.	7.8	

Per Share Data

FY Dec.	2004	2005	2006	2007E
Book Value (MYR)	0.76	0.82	0.79	0.87
Cash Flow (sen)	9.8	4.9	9.5	11.7
Reported Earnings (sen)	8.4	3.5	10.3	10.1
Dividend (sen)	3.0	2.5	19.0	2.5
Payout Ratio (%)	27.4	52.3	168.3	17.8
PER (x)	14.2	34.5	11.6	11.8
P/Cash Flow (x)	12.1	24.5	12.5	10.1
P/Book Value (x)	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
Dividend Yield (%)	2.5	2.1	16.0	2.1
ROE (%)	11.5	4.5	10.1	12.2
Net Gearing (%)	25.4	25.8	25.7	17.6

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Profit & Loss

FY Dec. / MYR mln	2005	2006	2007E	2008E
Reported Revenue	108.2	143.9	150.8	165.7
Reported Operating Profit	9.2	19.2	19.9	21.7
Depreciation & Amortization	-1.9	-1.9	-2.2	-2.5
Net Interest Income / (Expense)	-1.2	-1.9	-2.1	-1.9
Reported Pre-tax Profit	8.0	17.2	17.4	19.2
Effective Tax Rate (%)	41.3	19.7	22.0	26.0
Reported Net Profit	4.6	13.8	13.5	14.2
Reported Operating Margin (%)	8.5	13.4	13.2	13.1
Reported Pre-tax Margin (%)	7.4	11.9	11.5	11.6
Reported Net Margin (%)	4.3	9.6	9.0	8.6

Source: Company data, S&P Equity Research

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Recommendation and Target Price History

Date	Recommendation	Target Price
New	Not Ranked	
22-Aug-07	Strong Buy	1.59
17-Jul-07	Strong Buy	1.62
6-Jun-07	Strong Buy	1.43
21-May-07	Buy	1.43
12-Mar-07	Buy	0.92
6-Dec-06	Buy	0.84
17-Aug-06	Hold	1.12
22-Jun-06	Hold	0.87
1-Mar-06	Strong Sell	0.40
5-Jan-06	Strong Sell	0.45

