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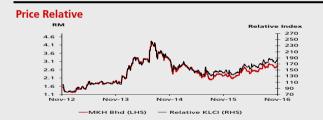
Last Traded Price (25 Nov 2016): RM2.82 (KLCI: 1,627.26) Price Target 12-mth: RM3.40 (21% upside) (Prev RM3.20) Shariah Compliant: Yes

Potential Catalyst: Stronger-than-expected sales, CPO price Where we differ: We are the only broker covering the stock Analyst

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What's New

- Record FY16 profit met expectations; 7 sen DPS declared
- Expect stronger FY17 with twin growth drivers in Plantation and Property in full swing
- Raise FY17/18F earnings by 12%/20% on higher property sales
- Maintain BUY with revised TP of RM3.40



Forecasts and Valuation				
FY Sep (RM m)	2016A	2017F	2018F	2019F
Revenue	1,275	1,409	1,423	1,381
EBITDA	337	346	356	352
Pre-tax Profit	308	255	258	250
Net Profit	205	181	186	180
Net Pft (Pre Ex.)	149	181	186	180
Net Pft Gth (Pre-ex) (%)	31.0	21.4	2.4	(3.1)
EPS (sen)	48.9	43.3	44.3	42.9
EPS Pre Ex. (sen)	35.6	43.3	44.3	42.9
EPS Gth Pre Ex (%)	31	21	2	(3)
Diluted EPS (sen)	48.9	43.3	44.3	42.9
Net DPS (sen)	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
BV Per Share (sen)	305	341	377	412
PE (X)	5.8	6.5	6.4	6.6
PE Pre Ex. (X)	7.9	6.5	6.4	6.6
P/Cash Flow (X)	5.5	5.1	5.0	4.8
EV/EBITDA (X)	5.2	4.9	4.5	4.4
Net Div Yield (%)	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.8
P/Book Value (X)	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Net Debt/Equity (X)	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
ROAE (%)	17.2	13.4	12.3	10.9
Earnings Rev (%):		12	20	N/A
Consensus EPS (sen):		39.0	37.0	N/A
Other Broker Recs:		B: 1	S: 0	H: 0

Source of all data on this page: Company, AllianceDBS, Bloomberg Finance L.P

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Compelling valuation

Sustained earnings growth in FY17. After achieving record profit in FY16, MKH is poised to deliver an even stronger performance in FY17, premised on the stellar performance from both its Plantation and Property divisions. Both key drivers are expected to reap the benefits of its efforts, offering clear earnings visibility in FY17 against the backdrop of a challenging economic environment. MKH is currently trading at a bargain valuation of 6.5x FY17 EPS which is unjustified. We reiterate our BUY rating with higher SOP-derived TP of RM3.40.

No concern on MKH's property sales. MKH achieved stronger-than-expected property sales of RM819m (-3% y-o-y) in FY16, on par with its record sales of RM842m in FY15. Management has set an all-time high sales target of RM900m in FY17, illustrating the strong confidence of its product offerings (majority <RM700k/unit). MKH's strong foothold in Kajang/Semenyih makes it the largest beneficiary of the improved public transport connectivity via two MRT stations within Kajang which will be operational by mid-CY17. Meanwhile, its unbilled sales of RM827.5m will sustain its near-term earnings momentum.

Plantation to recover in FY17. MKH's fresh fruit bunches (FFB) volume dropped 3% in FY16 due to the El-Nino impact on 2HFY16 production, but this is set to reverse in FY17 with the recovery in FFB production. Also, a strong rebound in crude palm oil (CPO) price supports our 52% growth projection in FY17 plantation EBIT (24% of group's FY17 EBIT). The plantation business is already self-sustaining with strong cash flows to pare down its US\$ borrowings.

Valuation:

MKH is a rare gem that offers both deep value and strong earnings growth. Its current bargain valuation of 6.5x PE is unjustified, in our view. Solid earnings delivery will be a strong re-rating catalyst as investors appreciate the value in the stock.

Key Risks to Our View:

Margin compression. Rising construction cost could erode profit margins for property projects. Exposure to fluctuations in CPO prices can increase earnings volatility.

At A Glance

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Issued Capital (m shrs)	419
Mkt. Cap (RMm/US\$m)	1,183 / 265
Major Shareholders (%)	
Chen Choy & Sons Realty	43.1
Public Bank Grp Off Fund	9.8
Free Float (%)	47.1
3m Avg. Daily Val (US\$m)	0.18

ICB Industry: Real Estate / Real Estate Investment & Services



WHAT'S NEW

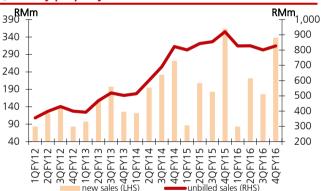
Growth momentum intact

Record FY16 earnings within expectation: MKH registered strong 4QFY16 core earnings of RM43m (+31% q-o-q, +30% y-o-y) after stripping out RM7.4m unrealised FX gains. Excluding exceptional items (gain on bargain purchase, unrealised FX gains, one-off government grant), this takes FY16 core profit to RM149m (+21% y-o-y) which is in line with our estimate.

Property remains the largest contributor: The Property division's core EBIT came in at RM73m (+52% q-o-q, -8% y-o-y), accounting for 77% of MKH's 4QFY16 core EBIT. This is attributable to progressive billings from on-going projects in Puncak Alam, Kajang, Semenyih and Cheras.

Strong 4QFY16 property sales. MKH's 4QFY16 property sales surged to RM338m (+92% q-o-q, -7% y-o-y) as the group ramped up its marketing activities during the quarter – similar to the trend in previous years. FY16 property sales came in at RM819m, a slight 3% drop compared to FY15. Nevertheless, this is a commendable performance considering that its peers have encountered much larger contraction in new sales during this challenging year. Meanwhile, unbilled sales remains healthy at RM827.5m.

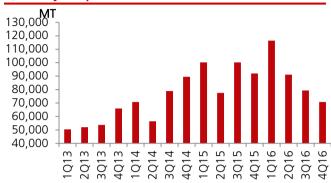
Quarterly property sales



Source: AllianceDBS, Company

Weaker FFB production in 4QFY16. MKH's Plantation division's core EBIT dipped 27% q-o-q (but turned around from losses in 4QFY15) to RM11.4m due to low FFB production of 70.7k MT (-11% q-o-q, -23% y-o-y) – the lowest in FY16 due to the El-Nino impact. This is however partly offset by higher CPO ASP of RM2,310 (+1% q-o-q, +30% y-o-y).

Quarterly FFB production



Source: AllianceDBS, Company

Stronger earnings in FY17. After achieving record profit in FY16, MKH is poised to deliver an even stronger performance in FY17, premised on the stellar performance of both its Plantation and Property divisions. We nudged up our FY17/18F earnings by 12%/20%, mainly due to better property sales performance. We are now imputing higher FY17-18F property sales of RM806m/RM810m, compared to our previous projection of RM724m/RM725m. Management has set an all-time high sales target of RM900m in FY17, illustrating the strong confidence of its product offerings (majority <RM700k/unit).

Plantation to recover in FY17. MKH's FFB volume dropped 3% in FY16 due to the El-Nino impact on 2HFY16 production, but this is set to reverse in FY17 with the recovery in FFB production. We are projecting 16% FFB production growth in FY17. Also, a strong rebound in CPO price is set to be reflected in its FY17 results, resulting in our 52% growth in FY17 plantation EBIT (24% of group's FY17 EBIT).

Maintain BUY with higher TP of RM3.40. Following our earnings upgrade, we raised our SOP-derived TP to RM3.40. We have imputed an unchanged 50% discount to our property RNAV and employed a DCF methodology for our plantation valuation (7.1% WACC, 1.5% TG). We believe its bargain valuation of 6.5x FY17 PE provides an attractive entry level given its visible and strong earnings potential.

SOP valuation

SOP	RMm	RM/share	Remarks
Shareholders fund	541	1.29	Exclude plantation NAV; 50% discount
Land bank surplus	172	0.41	50% discount
NPV of near-term projec	207	0.49	50% discount
Plantation	555	1.32	95% stake; DCF (WACC 7.1%, TG 1.5%)
_	1,475	3.52	
Warrant proceeds	65	-	conversion@RM1.89
Total	1,540	3.39	Fully diluted basis
	TP	3.40	

Source: AllianceDBS

Quarterly / Interim Income Statement (RMm)

% chg yoy	% chg qoq
16.0	42.4
16.0	43.4
12.3	57.3
24.9	19.9
(3.0)	(16.9)
37.4	39.5
nm	nm
(269.6)	60.3
(3.6)	(131.4)
nm	50.8
105.7	27.7
97.2	33.6
(29.8)	nm
106.6	33.7
29.8	31.1
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Source of all data: Company, AllianceDBS

CRITICAL DATA POINTS TO WATCH

Earnings Drivers:

First-mover advantage. We expect MKH to do well in property development, given its entrenched brand name in the Kajang-Semenyih growth corridor and stronghold in the affordable housing segment. This has placed the company in an enviable position with property sales and unbilled sales continuing to chalk new highs. Strong unbilled sales of RM827.5m imply strong earnings visibility in the near term.

Healthy sales of affordable housing. MKH's projects continue to be well-received in this challenging market because of its focus on affordable housing. MKH's FY16 property sales came in at RM819m (-3% y-o-y) which is a commendable performance. The completion of MRT Line 1 by 2017 that will link the Kajang/Semenyih growth corridor will be a strong catalyst for MKH, given its 490-acre property land bank in that area. Scarcity of land in Kajang also offers an advantage for MKH for its future launches – they are expected to fetch premium pricing, supported by strong demand.

Cheapest plantation proxy. MKH's 15k-ha fully planted oil palm estate in East Kalimantan has continued to register strong FFB production because of the young age profile, though it was slightly affected by the dry weather in early CY16. FY16 FFB volume dropped 3% after surging by 36% in FY15. We project FFB production will recover in FY17 (+16%) with an expected yield of 29MT/ha which is impressive given that the average age of the oil palms at its estate is seven years.

Growing plantation contribution. Plantation EBIT contribution made up ~16% of MKH's FY16 EBIT, and this is likely to continue to increase in tandem with rising FFB production. Also, as the plantation estates mature, MKH will benefit significantly from a CPO price recovery. The plantation business will underpin the strong recurring earnings base for MKH going forward, thus complementing its property business which is project-based.



Source: Company, AllianceDBS

Balance Sheet:

Gearing for expansion. MKH's net gearing stood at 42% as at end-Sep16. It may appear relatively high as ~37% of its borrowings are used for its Indonesian plantation business which started back in 2008. The estate is fully planted, and self-sustaining and contributing earnings, enabling the group to service borrowings. Meanwhile, its property business is still in expansion mode with aggressive launches in recent years, as MKH tries to ride on the booming property market in the Kajang-Semenyih growth corridor.

Share Price Drivers:

Strong property sales. The weak sentiment towards the property market has dampened interest in MKH. Therefore, it is critical for MKH to deliver strong property sales to entrench its pole position in Kajang/Semenyih. Its focus on affordable homes will help the group to attract more buyers.

CPO price recovery. Given rising contribution from the Plantation business, a sustained recovery in CPO price remains a key catalyst for MKH. With the tighter supply due to El Nino phenomenon, CPO price strength may hold. It may be a blessing in disguise as the group's maturing oil palms could reap the benefits of improving CPO price when production peaks.

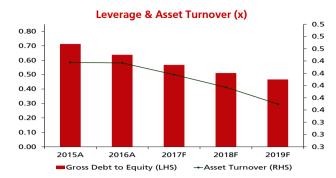
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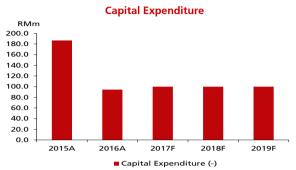
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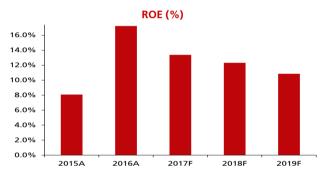
Weaker property sales. Rising household debt and softer consumer sentiment may lead to lower property sales. The hurdles that potential buyers are facing in getting bank financing have also resulted in generally lower sales.

Company Background

MKH is an established township developer in Kajang/Semenyih and Greater Klang Valley with an uninterrupted 25-year profit track record. It also has a plantation business with 16k ha of oil palm estates in Indonesia, which has started to contribute significantly.











Source: Company, AllianceDBS

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FY Sep	2015A	2016A	2017F	2018F	2019F
CPO ASP (RM/MT)	2,014	2,056	2,347	2,423	2,482
FFB production (MT)	370,000	357,674	413,262	431,858	442,447
property sales (RMm)	842	819	806 _	810	825
EBIT margin (%)	20.5	23.9	22.0	22.2	22.3

Segmental Breakdown

FY Sep	2015A	2016A	2017F	2018F	2019F
Revenues (RMm)					
Property development &	721	941	1,029	1,020	961
Hotel & property	34.8	39.1	40.2	41.4	42.7
Trading	65.0	71.8	74.0	76.2	78.5
Plantation	210	206	250	270	283
Others	10.4	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1
Total	1,042	1,275	1,409	1,423	1,381
EBIT (RMm)					
Property development &	153	228	218	211	197
Hotel & property	16.1	20.4	19.3	19.9	20.5
Trading	5.60	5.35	5.18	5.34	5.50
Plantation	32.4	49.4	74.9	87.4	93.0
Others	5.98	(3.4)	(7.2)	(7.2)	(7.2)
Total	214	299	310	316	308
EBIT Margins (%)					
Property development &	21.3	24.2	21.1	20.7	20.5
Hotel & property	46.2	52.2	48.0	48.0	48.0
Trading	8.6	7.4	7.0	7.0	7.0
Plantation	15.5	23.9	30.0	32.4	32.9
Others	57.3	(20.8)	(44.8)	(44.8)	(44.8)
Total	20.5	23.5	22.0	22.2	22.3

Income Statement (RMm)

FY Sep	2015A	2016A	2017F	2018F	2019F
Revenue	1,042	1,275	1,409	1,423	1,381
Cost of Goods Sold	(720)	(848)	(966)	(962)	(915)
Gross Profit	322	428	443	462	466
Other Opng (Exp)/Inc	(108)	(122)	(133)	(145)	(158)
Operating Profit	214	305	310	316	308
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates & JV Inc	0.07	(1.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(49.1)	(51.9)	(54.4)	(58.6)	(58.6)
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	(27.7)	55.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-tax Profit	137	308	255	258	250
Tax	(41.2)	(94.0)	(63.8)	(61.9)	(59.9)
Minority Interest	(9.3)	(9.0)	(10.2)	(10.3)	(10.0)
Preference Dividend	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Profit	86.3	205	181	186	180
Net Profit before Except.	114	149	181	186	180
EBITDA	238	337	346	356	352
Growth					
Revenue Gth (%)	29.2	22.4	10.5	1.0	(2.9)
EBITDA Gth (%)	10.4	41.4	2.6	3.0	(1.2)
Opg Profit Gth (%)	10.2	42.9	1.5	2.2	(2.6)
Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%)	16.4	31.0	21.4	2.4	(3.1)
Margins & Ratio					
Gross Margins (%)	30.9	33.5	31.5	32.4	33.8
Opg Profit Margin (%)	20.5	23.9	22.0	22.2	22.3
Net Profit Margin (%)	8.3	16.1	12.9	13.0	13.0
ROAE (%)	8.1	17.2	13.4	12.3	10.9
ROA (%)	3.6	7.0	5.4	5.2	4.8
ROCE (%)	7.5	8.9	8.5	8.3	7.7
Div Payout Ratio (%)	34.0	14.3	18.5	18.1	18.6
Net Interest Cover (x)	4.3	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.3

Source: Company, AllianceDBS

Lower than management's target of RM900m

Driven by unbilled sales

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FY Sep	4Q2015	1Q2016	2Q2016	3Q2016	4Q2016		
Revenue	349	266	322	282	404		
Cost of Goods Sold	(248)	(179)	(214)	(177)	(278)		
Gross Profit	101	87.8	109	105	126		
Other Oper. (Exp)/Inc	(31.3)	(22.8)	(32.7)	(36.5)	(30.3)		
Operating Profit	69.7	65.1	75.8	68.6	95.8		
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Associates & JV Inc	(0.1)	0.17	0.32	(1.1)	(0.4)		
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(22.0)	(9.7)	(9.6)	(9.8)	(22.8)		
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	(8.7)	34.7	8.67	4.92	7.43		
Pre-tax Profit	38.9	90.3	75.2	62.6	80.0		
Tax	(15.3)	(23.2)	(18.1)	(22.6)	(30.1)		
Minority Interest	0.81	(5.5)	(1.8)	(2.4)	0.57		
Net Profit	24.4	61.6	55.3	37.7	50.4		
Net profit bef Except.	33.1	26.9	46.6	32.8	43.0 >	_	
EBITDA	75.5	73.4	83.8	75.5	104		
						<u> </u>	4QFY16 met expectation
Growth							
Revenue Gth (%)	36.3	(23.6)	21.0	(12.5)	43.4		
EBITDA Gth (%)	43.8	(2.8)	14.1	(9.9)	38.1		-
Opg Profit Gth (%)	51.7	(6.7)	16.5	(9.5)	39.5		
Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%)	25.8	(18.9)	73.6	(29.7)	31.1		
Margins							
Gross Margins (%)	29.0	33.0	33.7	37.3	31.2		
Opg Profit Margins (%)	20.0	24.4	23.5	24.3	23.7		
Net Profit Margins (%)	7.0	23.1	17.2	13.4	12.5		
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Balance Sheet (RMm) FY Sep	2015A	2016A	2017F	2018F	2019F		
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Net Fixed Assets	211	218	282	343	399		
Invts in Associates & JVs	12.5	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0		
Other LT Assets	1,201	1,739	1,762	1,785	1,809		
Cash & ST Invts	269	301	380	461	550		
Inventory	68.9	93.5	103	104	101		
Debtors	211	223	246	249	241		
Other Current Assets	621	656	714	712	689		
Total Assets	2,594	3,245	3,501	3,668	3,804		
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ST Debt	287	264	264	264	264		
Creditor	365	554	612	618	600		
Other Current Liab	100	53.8	90.0	88.1	86.1		
LT Debt	514	573	573	573	573		
Other LT Liabilities	205	488	488	488	488		
Shareholder's Equity	1,102	1,278	1,430	1,582	1,728		
Minority Interests	21.4	34.2	44.4	54.7	64.7		
Total Cap. & Liab.	2,594	3,245	3,501	3,668	3,804		
Non-Cash Wkg. Capital	435	365	362	359	346		
Net Cash/(Debt)	(532)	(536)	(458)	(376)	(287)		
Debtors Turn (avg days)	63.1	62.0	60.8	63.5	64.8		
Creditors Turn (avg days)	164.5	205.9	228.8	243.5	255.1		
Inventory Turn (avg days)	28.0	205.9 36.4	38.6	243.5 41.1	43.1		
							Hoalthy balance sheet
Asset Turnover (x)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4		Healthy balance sheet
Current Ratio (x)	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7		
Quick Ratio (x)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8		
Net Debt/Equity (X)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2		
Net Debt/Equity ex MI (X)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2		
Capex to Debt (%)	23.3	11.3	11.9	11.9	11.9		
Z-Score (X)	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9		

Source: Company, AllianceDBS

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Cash Flow Statement (RMm)

FY Sep	2015A	2016A	2017F	2018F	2019F
Pre-Tax Profit	137	308	255	258	250
Dep. & Amort.	24.5	32.6	35.8	39.4	43.4
Tax Paid	(49.1)	(78.6)			
	, ,	, ,	(27.6)	(63.8)	(61.9)
Assoc. & JV Inc/(loss)	(0.1)	1.00	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chg in Wkg.Cap.	(49.0)	(15.7)	(33.0)	4.72	15.1
Other Operating CF	141	(34.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Operating CF	205	213	231	238	246
Capital Exp.(net)	(187)	(94.5)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Other Invts.(net)	(4.0)	(4.6)	(22.9)	(22.9)	(24.0)
Invts in Assoc. & JV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Div from Assoc & JV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Investing CF	(5.2)	(7.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Investing CF	(196)	(107)	(123)	(123)	(124)
Div Paid	(33.6)	(29.4)	(29.3)	(33.5)	(33.5)
Chg in Gross Debt	88.5	(25.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Issues	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Financing CF	(12.8)	(4.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Financing CF	42.2	(60.0)	(29.3)	(33.5)	(33.5)
Currency Adjustments	21.7	(13.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chg in Cash	72.6	32.7	78.3	81.7	88.7
Opg CFPS (sen)	60.5	54.7	62.9	55.7	55.2
Free CFPS (sen)	4.26	28.4	31.2	33.0	34.9

Source: Company, AllianceDBS

Target Price & Ratings History



Note: Share price and Target price are adjusted for corporate actions.

S.No.	Date of Report	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
1:	30 Nov 15	2.25	2.80	BUY
2:	05 Feb 16	2.15	2.80	BUY
3:	26 Feb 16	2.28	2.80	BUY
4:	08 Mar 16	2.26	2.80	BUY
5:	29 Mar 16	2.53	3.20	BUY
6:	12 Apr 16	2.75	3.20	BUY
7:	30 May 16	2.46	3.20	BUY
8:	10 Jun 16	2.51	3.20	BUY
9:	13 Jun 16	2.56	3.20	BUY
10:	14 Jul 16	2.50	3.20	BUY
11:	22 Aug 16	2.95	3.20	BUY
12:	26 Aug 16	2.82	3.20	BUY
13:	27 Sep 16	2.91	3.20	BUY
14:	22 Nov 16	2.85	3.20	BUY

Source: AllianceDBS

Analyst: QUAH He Wei, CFA

DISCLOSURE

Stock rating definitions

STRONG BUY - > 20% total return over the next 3 months, with identifiable share price catalysts within this time frame

BUY - > 15% total return over the next 12 months for small caps, >10% for large caps

HOLD - -10% to +15% total return over the next 12 months for small caps, -10% to +10% for large caps

FULLY VALUED - negative total return > -10% over the next 12 months

SELL - negative total return of > -20% over the next 3 months, with identifiable catalysts within this time frame

Commonly used abbreviations

Adex = advertising expenditure $EPS = earnings per share \\ bn = billion & EV = enterprise value & P/B = price / book ratio \\ BV = book value & FCF = free cash flow & P/E = price / earnings ratio \\ CF = cash flow & FV = fair value & PEG = P/E ratio to growth ratio$

CAGR = compounded annual growth rate FY = financial year q-o-q = quarter-on-quarter Capex = capital expenditure <math>m = million RM = Ringgit

CY = calendar year M-o-m = month-on-month ROA = return on assets
Div yld = dividend yield NAV = net assets value ROE = return on equity

DCF = discounted cash flow NM = not meaningful TP = target price
DDM = dividend discount model NTA = net tangible assets trn = trillion

DPS = dividend per share NR = not rated WACC = weighted average cost of capital

EBIT = earnings before interest & tax p.a. = per annum y-o-y = year-on-year EBITDA = EBIT before depreciation and amortisation PAT = profit after tax YTD = year-to-date

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