

Tropicana Corp (TRCB MK/HOLD/RM1.66/Target: RM1.99)

2Q13: Results within expectations

Year to 31 Dec	2Q13	1Q13	qoq	yoy	1H13	yoy	Year	EPS	PE
	(RMm)	(RMm)	% chg	% chg	(RMm)	% chg		(sen)	(x)
Revenue	362.1	305.3	18.6	209.3	667.4	206.8	2013F	10.8	15.4
Property development & resort operations	312.4	270.1	15.7	190.2	582.5	166.9	2014F	12.9	12.9
Property investment	33.9	35.1	-3.6	233.3	69.0	147.0	2015F	14.7	11.3
Investment holding and others	15.8	0.0	n.m	n.m	15.8	n.m			
Operating profit	74.1	81.0	-8.5	21.3	155.1	83.6			
Property development & resort operations	51.2	70.2	(27.1)	139.4	121.5	221.4			
Property investment	26.3	15.9	65.3	(43.9)	42.2	(14.7)			
Investment holding and others	(3.4)	(5.1)	(33.7)	(142.9)	(8.5)	n.m			
Pretax profit	62.3	66.8	(6.7)	2.5	129.1	57.8			
Net Profit	38.3	43.8	(12.5)	(1.3)	82.1	48.9			
EBIT margin	16.4%	26.0%			20.9%				

Source: Bursa Malaysia, UOB Kay Hian

Results

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Impact: During the quarter, Tropicana achieved sales of RM798m, which brings total sales in 1H13 to RM1.06b, which represents about 53% of their 2013 sales target of RM2b. Strong sales were driven by the recently unveiled projects such as Tropicana Danga Bay in Iskandar Malaysia, Tropicana Grande and Tropicana Gardens in the Klang Valley. These projects commanded take-up rates of 58-95%. Going forward, the group targets to launch another RM2.1b worth projects for the rest of 2013. Slated to be launched in 2H13 is also the Tropicana Heights mixed development in Kajang. The first phase of the development will comprise terrace houses with a total GDV of RM235m. Also, unbilled sales for the company currently stands at about RM1.65b (vs RM1.1b in 1Q13), which would ensure earnings visibility in the next three years.

Notably, Tropicana's strategy to monetise smaller parcels of land and to concentrate on larger developments is still intact. The group is also embarking on a de-gearing exercise whereby it expects to reduce its gearing levels to 0.5x. As of 2Q13, the group's net gearing stood at about 0.8x. Also, Tropicana recently announced that it has signed a letter of intent (LOI) with CapitaMalls Malaysia Trust (CMMT) to dispose off its Tropicana shopping mall and Tropicana Office tower. Currently, we value the properties at RM560.6m, with the cap rate assumption of 5.5% for the shopping mall and 6.0% for the office tower.

Maintain HOLD with a target price of RM1.99. Our target price represents a 40% to our RNAV/share of RM3.32. Our target price implies a 2014F PE of 15x. While we continue to like Tropicana for its ability to deliver strong sales coupled with a strong development pipeline, we still remain our cautious view on the property market. Entry price is RM1.55.

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