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V.S. Industry (VSI MK)

Rising concerns from operational disruptions

D/G to HOLD with lower TP of RM1.07 (-38%)

VSI 1HFY22 results came in below our expectations. We cut our FY22/23/24E earnings assumptions by -36%/-16%/-3%, and lower our TP to RM1.07 (-38%), pegged to a revised PER multiple of 16.7x (vs. 20.0x previously), at the company's 5-years hist. PER mean (from +1.5SD previously). We have now removed the PER premium for the company, taking into account the on-going operational disruptions arising from its labour issues and raw material shortages, higher costs pressure, as well as risks of weakening orderbook in view of rising inflation eroding demand.

Labour and components shortages dragged earnings

VSI's 1HFY22 core net profit (CNP) came in at MYR81m (-39% YoY), the underperformance being mainly due to (i) lower orders for PCBA; (ii) components shortage; (iii) increased labour and raw material costs; and (iv) higher depreciation costs. Variance vs. our forecast stemmed largely from lower-than-expected revenue, thought to be due to components supply disruptions, as well as the labour shortage issue, that has restricted the company's ability to ramp up its new order capacity.

QoQ core profit improvement may not be sustainable

VSI 2Q22 CNP of RM42m (+10% QoQ, -35% YoY) was in line with its higher revenue QoQ (+5%). This could be partly due to higher production at VSI's Malaysia operations as it resumed full operational capacity from mid-September (vs. previous government mandated 60% workforce capacity, which impacted half of VSI's 1Q22), coupled with the absence of vaccination-related costs for its workforce. These, however, are one-off uplifts, in our view, which will normalise in the following quarters.

Rising costs and inflation headwinds ahead

We turn cautious on VSI's near term outlook. Additional foreign labour is expected to arrive in the coming months, easing labour shortage pressures - however, the company will continue to be hit by higher labour and raw material cost in FY22E (after imputing the time lag in its cost pass-through mechanism). Beyond FY22E, industry prospects have turned gloomy on the back of rising inflationary pressures, which could affect consumer demand for the premium consumer electronic products assembled by VSI.

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FYE Jul (MYR m)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	3,243	4,002	4,356	4,940	5,364
EBITDA	227	439	355	471	552
Core net profit	105	274	182	277	342
Core FDEPS (sen)	2.8	7.3	4.3	6.4	7.8
Core FDEPS growth(%)	(74.5)	161.1	(40.4)	48.0	22.5
Net DPS (sen)	2.6	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.9
Core FD P/E (x)	25.0	19.0	23.1	15.6	12.8
P/BV (x)	1.5	2.6	1.8	1.7	1.5
Net dividend yield (%)	3.7	2.7	2.1	3.1	3.9
ROAE (%)	5.4	13.1	8.7	12.4	14.3
ROAA (%)	3.6	8.5	5.0	7.4	8.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.4	12.2	10.0	7.3	5.9
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash	1.2	net cash	net cash	net cash
Consensus net profit	-	-	272	359	383
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(33.2)	(23.0)	(10.5)

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[Prior:BUY]

Share Price MYR 1.00 12m Price Target MYR 1.07 (+10%)

Previous Price Target MYR 1.73

Company Description

VS Industry Bhd is the 26th largest EMS provider in the world by revenue, ranked according to Manufacturing Market Insider in 2020.

Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	1.70/0.84
3m avg turnover (USDm)	3.0
Free float (%)	65.6
Issued shares (m)	3,828
Market capitalisation	MYR3.8B
	USD909M

Major shareholders:

Kumpulan Wang Persaraan	8.9%
BEH KIM LING	7.7%
BEH HWEE SZE	7.3%

Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	(15)	(24)	(29)
Relative to index (%)	(15)	(28)	(29)

-V.S. Industry / Kuala Lumpur Composite Index - (RHS, %)

Source: FactSet



Figure 1: V.S. Industry results summary

Quarterly results				Cun	nulative result	S		
FY Jul (MYR m)	2Q22	1Q22	%QoQ	2Q21	%YoY	1H22	1H21	%YoY
Turnover	1,014.1	968.0	4.8	999.3	1.5	1,982.1	1,986.4	(0.2)
EBIT	56.3	52.9	6.4	86.8	(35.2)	109.1	176.7	(38.2)
Interest expense	(2.6)	(2.9)	(10.8)	(2.7)	(2.6)	(5.5)	(5.9)	(5.8)
Interest income	0.9	0.9	(6.9)	1.0	(13.6)	1.8	2.1	(15.6)
Associate	(0.3)	(0.6)	(46.0)	0.2	(302.5)	(0.9)	0.7	(232.3)
Pre-tax profit	54.2	50.3	7.8	85.2	(36.4)	104.5	173.7	(39.8)
Taxation	(11.8)	(12.5)	(6.1)	(21.7)	<i>(45.7)</i>	(24.3)	(46.2)	(47.4)
Minority interest	0.0	1.6	(100.0)	0.2	(100.0)	1.6	3.0	(45.7)
Net profit	42.4	39.4	7.7	63.8	(33.5)	81.8	130.5	(37.3)
E.I.	(0.0)	(0.7)	(94.2)	1.7	(102.4)	(0.8)	1.8	(142.7)
Core net profit	42.4	38.7	9.6	65.5	(35.3)	81.1	132.3	(38.7)
	2Q22	1Q22	+/- ppt	2Q21	+/- ppt	1H22	1H21	+/- ppt
Pretax profit margin (%)	4.2	4.0	0.2	6.6	(2.4)	4.1	6.7	(2.6)
Tax rate (%)	21.7	24.9	(3.2)	25.4	(3.7)	23.3	26.6	(3.4)
	2Q22	1Q22	%QoQ	2Q21	%YoY	1H22	1H21	%YoY
Revenue (MYR m)	1,014.1	968.0	4.8	999.3	1.5	1,982.1	1,986.4	(0.2)
Malaysia	895.6	854.5	4.8	846.2	5.8	1,750.1	1,719.6	1.8
Indonesia	89.1	79.4	12.2	105.2	(15.3)	168.5	173.6	(2.9)
China	23.9	31.9	(25.3)	44.6	(46.5)	55.8	86.8	(35.7)
Others	5.6	2.1	161.2	3.3	66.9	7.7	6.5	18.9
Pretax profit (MYR m)	54.2	50.3	7.8	85.2	(36.4)	104.5	173.7	(39.8)
Malaysia	54.0	50.4	<i>7</i> .2	79.5	(32.0)	104.4	171.5	(39.1)
Indonesia	4.0	2.1	90.6	4.7	(14.9)	6.1	5.2	17.1
China	(5.5)	(3.2)	<i>7</i> 3.8	(0.6)	795.9	(8.7)	(6.1)	41.6
Others	1.7	1.0	72.2	1.7	0.6	2.6	3.0	(13.2)
Pretax profit margins (%)	2Q22	1Q22	+/- ppt	2Q21	+/- ppt	5.3	8.7	(3.5)
Malaysia	6.0	5.9	0.1	9.4	(3.4)	6.0	10.0	(4.0)
Indonesia	4.5	2.7	1.9	4.5	0.0	3.6	3.0	0.6
China	(23.1)	(9.9)	(13.2)	(1.4)	(21.7)	(15.6)	(7.1)	(8.5)

Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

Figure 2: Revenue forecasts of selected key customers (Previous)

	Revenue forecasts (MYR'm)						
Customer	FY22E FY23E FY24E						
UK-based	1,434	1,433	1,403				
US-based	1,050	1,092	1,134				
Coffeemaker	748	806	868				
Pool cleaner	445	542	649				
Customer Y (Home appliances)	300	450	550				

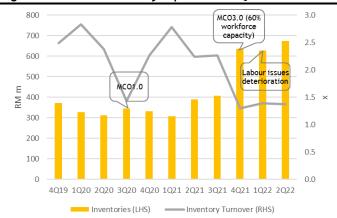
Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

Figure 3: Revenue forecasts of selected key customers (Current)

	Revenue forecasts (MYR'm)							
Customer	FY22E	FY22E FY23E FY24E						
UK-based	1,407	1,414	1,415					
US-based	987	1,050	1,092					
Coffeemaker	748	806	868					
Pool cleaner	344	468	558					
Customer Y (Home appliances)	200	400	500					

Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

Figure 4: Inventories level jumped since 4Q21



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

Figure 6: VSI's 12M forward PER (currently trades at 15.7x)



Source: Bloomberg, Maybank IBG Research

Figure 5: CNP margin weakened on lower inv. turnover



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

Figure 7: VSI's 12M forward P/BV (currently trades at 1.7x)



Source: Bloomberg, Maybank IBG Research

Risk statement

There are several risk factors for our earnings estimates, target price and rating for VSI. Key risks are: (i) weaker-than-expected consumer demand for VSI assembled products; (ii) lower-than-expected costs pass through (as the mechanism depends on the company's negotiation with its clients); (iii) persistent operational disruptions from labour issues and components shortage; and (iv) USD/MYR forex volatility (we estimate for every +/-1% change in USD/MYR, bottom line impact is +/-0.5%).



FYE 31 Jul	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Metrics	24.2	10.1	20.0	42.0	
P/E (reported) (x)	24.3	19.1	20.9	13.8	11.1
Core P/E (x)	24.6	18.7	20.9	13.8	11.1
Core FD P/E (x)	25.0	19.0	23.1	15.6	12.8
P/BV (x)	1.5	2.6	1.8	1.7	1.5
P/NTA (x)	1.5	2.6	1.8	1.7	1.5
Net dividend yield (%)	3.7	2.7	2.1	3.1	3.9
FCF yield (%)	4.7	4.2	6.0	5.6	9.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.4 19.2	12.2	10.0	7.3	5.9
EV/EBIT (x)	19.2	15.8	15.1	9.8	7.5
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	3,243.2	4,002.3	4,356.2	4,940.4	5,364.1
EBITDA	226.7	438.6	354.9	470.8	552.0
Depreciation	(89.5)	(99.1)	(118.7)	(116.5)	(114.5)
Amortisation	(2.3)	(2.3)	(2.3)	(2.3)	(2.3)
EBIT	134.9	337.1	233.8	352.0	435.2
Net interest income /(exp)	(10.2)	(7.3)	(14.0)	(11.5)	(8.3)
Associates & JV	2.3	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)
Other pretax income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	126.9	329.1	219.2	339.8	426.2
Income tax	(48.9)	(87.5)	(48.2)	(81.5)	(102.3)
Minorities	12.0	3.7	10.9	18.5	18.6
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	90.0	245.3	181.8	276.7	342.5
Core net profit	104.6	274.3	181.8	276.7	342.5
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	404.5	402.4	863.0	930.4	1,078.4
Accounts receivable	877.6	992.1	895.1	1,015.2	1,078.4
Inventory	331.8	633.8	409.1	453.9	477.0
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	846.9	989.5	970.8	954.3	939.8
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment in Associates & JVs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other assets	364.7	577.8	473.5	467.5	461.5
Total assets	2,825.5	3,595.6	3,611.4	3,821.3	4,010.0
ST interest bearing debt	215.4	318.8	318.8	318.8	318.8
Accounts payable	576.0	844.2	767.3	838.2	879.6
Insurance contract liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT interest bearing debt	47.0	109.4	109.4	109.4	80.4
Other liabilities	118.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0
Total Liabilities	956.7	1,378.1	1,301.3	1,372.2	1,384.6
Shareholders Equity	1,702.4	2,040.5	2,144.0	2,301.4	2,496.3
Minority Interest	166.4	177.0	166.1	147.7	129.1
Total shareholder equity	1,868.8	2,217.5	2,310.1	2,449.1	2,625.4
Total liabilities and equity	2,825.5	3,595.6	3,611.4	3,821.2	4,010.0
CASH FLOW (MVR m)					
CASH FLOW (MYR m) Pretax profit	126.9	329.1	240.2	320 0	426.2
·			219.2 121.1	339.8	
Depreciation & amortisation Adj net interest (income)/exp	91.8 10.2	101.5 7.3	14.0	118.8 11.5	116.8 8.3
Change in working capital	79.0	(266.9)	23.7		
• • •			(48.2)	(77.4)	(1.8)
Cash taxes paid Other operating cash flow	(48.9) (31.2)	(87.5) 358.5	0.7	(81.5) 0.7	(102.3) 0.7
Cash flow from operations	227.9	442.1	330.4	311.8	447.9
Capex	(107.2)	(227.3)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Free cash flow	120.7	214.8	230.4	211.8	347.9
Dividends paid	(48.1)	(105.7)	(78.4)	(119.3)	(147.6)
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	5.1	19.2	0.0	0.0	(29.0)
Other invest/financing cash flow	(19.0)	(18.1)	(25.2)	(25.2)	(23.3)
Effect of exch rate changes	21.9	19.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	80.7	129.2	126.8	67.4	148.1



FYE 31 Jul	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	(18.5)	23.4	8.8	13.4	8.6
EBITDA growth	(25.0)	93.5	(19.1)	32.7	17.3
EBIT growth	(33.6)	149.9	(30.6)	50.5	23.6
Pretax growth	(30.2)	159.3	(33.4)	55.0	25.4
Reported net profit growth	(45.6)	172.5	(25.9)	52.2	23.8
Core net profit growth	(46.6)	162.2	(33.7)	52.2	23.8
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	7.0	11.0	8.1	9.5	10.3
EBIT margin	4.2	8.4	5.4	7.1	8.1
Pretax profit margin	3.9	8.2	5.0	6.9	7.9
Payout ratio	106.8	56.2	43.1	43.1	43.1
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	2.8	6.1	4.2	5.6	6.4
Revenue/Assets (x)	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3
Assets/Equity (x)	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
ROAE (%)	5.4	13.1	8.7	12.4	14.3
ROAA (%)	3.6	8.5	5.0	7.4	8.7
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	68.2	60.5	51.9	38.9	39.0
Days receivable outstanding	103.9	84.1	78.0	69.6	69.4
Days inventory outstanding	43.3	50.0	47.8	35.6	35.9
Days payables outstanding	79.1	73.6	73.8	66.3	66.3
Dividend cover (x)	0.9	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.3
Current ratio (x)	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.9
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash	1.2	net cash	net cash	net cash
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	net cash	1.2	net cash	net cash	net cash
Net interest cover (x)	13.2	46.0	16.7	30.5	52.2
Debt/EBITDA (x)	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.7
Capex/revenue (%)	3.3	5.7	2.3	2.0	1.9
Net debt/ (net cash)	(142.1)	25.8	(434.8)	(502.2)	(679.3)

Source: Company; Maybank IBG Research



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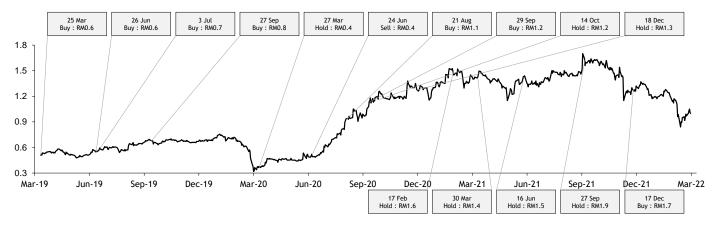
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