

## Regional Plantations

# Indonesia imposes further export curbs

### MY & ID CPO price gap may widen even further

3M FCPO jumped 10% to MYR7,074/t yesterday following ID government's decision to raise the domestic market obligation (DMO) to 30% (from 20%). While this is positive for CPO price in the short term due to further export curbs by ID, the high CPO price will hasten demand rationing. Meanwhile, the relatively more MY-centric growers such as IOI, SOP, BPLANT, TAH, THP, HAPL, and FGV are again clear winners of this additional export curbs. Preferred BUYs remain with KLK, TAH and BAL.

### DMO raised to 30% (from 20%) of export volume

ID's trade minister Muhammad Lutfi surprised the market yesterday by raising the DMO requirement to 30% (from 20%) with effect from 10 Mar 2022. Recall that on 27 Jan 2022, the minister announced that exporters must set aside 20% of their shipments for the DMO that took immediate effect. The aim was to ensure sufficiency of cooking oil in the domestic market at affordable prices. The ID government has also set the prices of local CPO at IDR9,300/kg and Olein at IDR10,300/kg (ie termed as DPO or Domestic Price Obligation) for the affected DMO volume, way below ID's domestic CPO price (Fig.1). The government also capped the cooking oil prices from as low as IDR11,500/kg (for bulk oil) to as high as IDR14,000/kg (for premium oil) in the domestic market. The minister expected ID's cooking oil demand to be ~5.6mt in 2022.

### We estimate 3.3mt more PO to be allocated for DMO

According to GAPKI (Fig.3), ID's total exports of CPO and palm derivatives for 2021 were 33.67mt. Using this export figure, the 30% DMO requirement will require exporters to set aside 10.1mt (+3.34mt from earlier 20% DMO of 6.73mt) of palm oil for the domestic market cooking oil in 2022. On a monthly basis, an additional 0.28mt will be required to meet the 30% DMO requirement bringing total requirement to 0.84mt per month. In theory, the additional 3.34mt per annum requirement will mean there will be lesser availability of PO to be exported in the market for 2022. However, this will be mitigated by the industry's expectation of CPO output growing by 1mt-2mt in ID (to ~48mt-49mt) in 2022.

### ID-MY CPO price gap already at MYR2,138/t recently

This DMO policy has inevitably benefited MY-centric growers more in the short term as ID's export curbs will further tighten the already tight global 17 oils and fats stockpile. Since the DMO started on 27 Jan, the global CPO price increase has far outweighed the DPO at IDR9,300/kg for CPO and IDR10,300/kg for Olein. Nonetheless, we observe a widening domestic CPO price gap between MY and ID growers. It has widened from MYR1,132/t on 27 Jan to MYR2,138/t on 7 Mar 2022 - see Fig.2. With the government's revision in the DMO requirement to 30% (from 20%), we think the gap can only widen further from here.

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#### Regional CPO price forecast

|                            | 2022F | 2023F |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
|                            | MYR/t | MYR/t |
| Full year avg (FOB)        | 4,100 | 3,200 |
| <u>MDEX / MPOB prices:</u> |       |       |
| 3M CPO price (9 Mar)       | 7,074 |       |
| YTD (9 Mar) 3M CPO ASP     | 5,628 |       |
| YTD (9 Mar) spot CPO ASP   | 5,914 |       |

#### Plantation stocks mentioned on cover page

| Company          | BBG ticker | Rec  | Shr px | Tgt px |
|------------------|------------|------|--------|--------|
| <u>MY listed</u> |            |      | LCY    | LCY    |
| KL Kepong        | KLK        | Buy  | 27.00  | 29.60  |
| Ta Ann           | TAH        | Buy  | 5.30   | 5.32   |
| Swk Oil Palm     | SOP        | Hold | 6.30   | 5.88   |
| Bous.Plant       | BPLANT     | Hold | 1.13   | 1.03   |
| IOI Corp         | IOI        | Hold | 4.32   | 4.53   |
| HapSeng Plat     | HAPL       | N.R  | 2.800  | N/A    |
| TH Plant         | THP        | Sell | 1.04   | 0.71   |
| <u>SG listed</u> |            |      |        |        |
| Bumitama         | BAL        | Buy  | 0.78   | 0.98   |

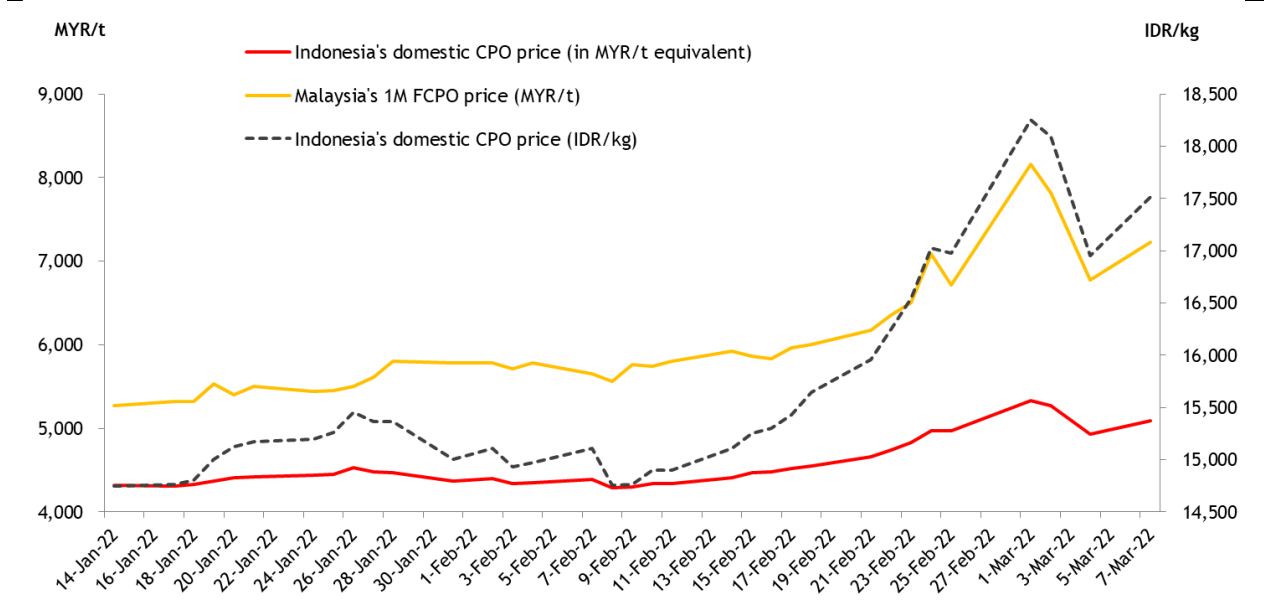
Source: Maybank IBG Research

#### Terms used in this note:

ASP - Average Selling Price  
CPO - Crude Palm Oil  
DMO - Domestic market obligation  
DPO - Domestic price obligation  
FCPO - Futures Crude Palm Oil  
ID - Indonesia/ Indonesian  
LCY - Local currency  
mt - million tonnes  
MY - Malaysia/ Malaysian  
PO - Palm Oil  
t - tonnes

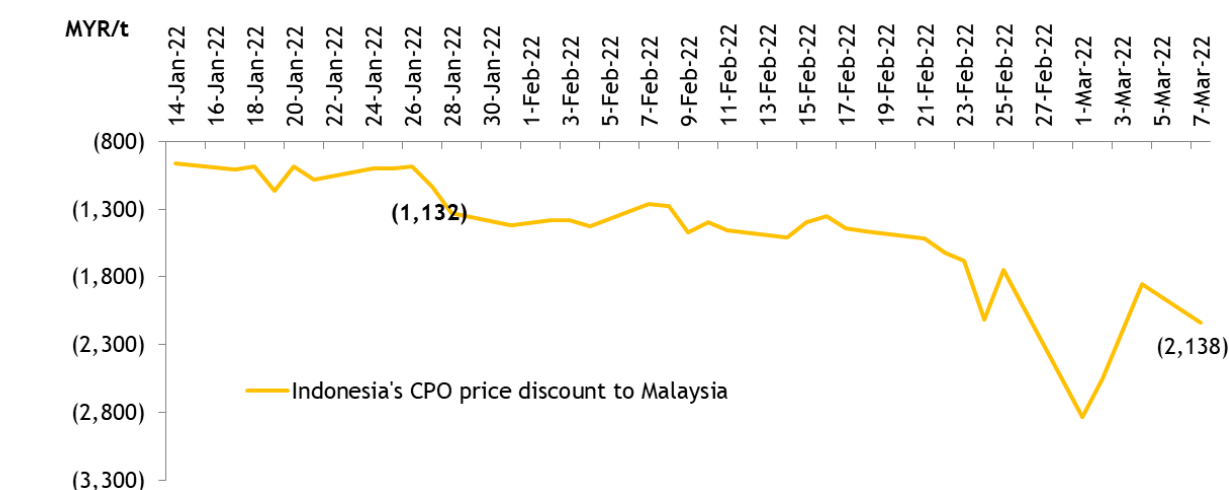
| Stock            | Bloomberg code | Mkt cap (USD'm) | Rating | Price (LC) | TP (LC) | Upside (%) | P/E (x) |      | P/B (x) |     | Div yld (%) |     |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------|---------|-----|-------------|-----|
|                  |                |                 |        |            |         |            | 22E     | 23E  | 22E     | 23E | 22E         | 23E |
| Sime Darby Plant | SDPL MK        | 8,754           | Hold   | 5.30       | 4.78    | (6)        | 16.8    | 23.1 | 2.3     | 2.2 | 3.6         | 2.6 |
| KL Kepong        | KLK MK         | 6,971           | Buy    | 27.00      | 29.60   | 14         | 14.5    | 20.1 | 2.3     | 2.2 | 3.7         | 3.0 |
| IOI Corp         | IOI MK         | 6,485           | Hold   | 4.32       | 4.53    | 8          | 17.5    | 21.4 | 2.5     | 2.4 | 3.4         | 2.8 |
| First Resources  | FR SP          | 2,368           | Sell   | 2.03       | 1.88    | (3)        | 11.5    | 14.0 | 1.8     | 1.7 | 4.3         | 3.6 |
| Genting Plant    | GENP MK        | 1,993           | Hold   | 9.30       | 8.95    | (0)        | 18.1    | 23.9 | 1.6     | 1.5 | 3.3         | 2.5 |
| Bumitama Agri    | BAL SP         | 1,010           | Buy    | 0.78       | 0.98    | 31         | 8.3     | 8.8  | 1.3     | 1.2 | 4.8         | 4.6 |
| Swk Oil Palms    | SOP MK         | 860             | Hold   | 6.30       | 5.88    | (5)        | 9.7     | 13.9 | 1.2     | 1.1 | 2.1         | 2.2 |
| Boustead Plant   | BPLANT MK      | 605             | Hold   | 1.13       | 1.03    | (1)        | 12.5    | 26.7 | 0.8     | 0.8 | 8.0         | 2.2 |
| Ta Ann           | TAH MK         | 563             | Buy    | 5.30       | 5.32    | 7          | 9.2     | 13.0 | 1.4     | 1.3 | 6.5         | 4.6 |
| TSH Resources    | TSH MK         | 561             | Hold   | 1.70       | 1.60    | (4)        | 14.3    | 21.3 | 1.3     | 1.3 | 2.1         | 1.4 |
| TH Plantations   | THP MK         | 220             | Sell   | 1.04       | 0.71    | (32)       | 9.8     | 23.0 | 1.2     | 1.2 | 0.0         | 0.0 |

Fig 1: Domestic CPO spot prices in Malaysia and Indonesia (converted from IDR into MYR per tonne)



Sources: Bloomberg, GAPKI

Fig 2: Domestic CPO price gaps widened between Malaysia and Indonesia (in MYR per tonne) since 27 Jan



Sources: Bloomberg, GAPKI

Fig 3: Indonesia's palm oil performance 2019-2021

|                                 | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   | %       |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Beginning Stock                 | 3,261  | 4,596  | 4,867  |         |
| CPO Prod                        | 47,180 | 47,034 | 46,888 | -0.31%  |
| CPKO Prod                       | 4,648  | 4,549  | 4,411  | -3.04%  |
| Import                          | 104    | 43     | 59     |         |
| <b>Total Supply</b>             | 51,932 | 51,626 | 51,358 | -0.52%  |
| Local Consumption               |        |        |        |         |
| - Food                          | 9,860  | 8,428  | 8,954  | 6.24%   |
| - Industry                      |        |        |        |         |
| Oleochemicals                   | 1,056  | 1,695  | 2,125  | 25.35%  |
| Biodiesel                       | 5,831  | 7,226  | 7,342  | 1.60%   |
| <b>Subtotal Domestic Demand</b> | 16,747 | 17,349 | 18,421 | 6.18%   |
| Export                          |        |        |        |         |
| Crude                           | 7,399  | 7,171  | 2,482  | -65.39% |
| Refined                         | 23,677 | 21,120 | 25,481 | 20.64%  |
| Lauric                          | 2,047  | 1,813  | 1,509  | -16.79% |
| Biodiesel                       | 1,090  | 32     | 167    | 424.64% |
| Oleochemicals                   | 3,218  | 3,871  | 4,036  | 4.26%   |
| <b>Subtotal Export Demand</b>   | 37,430 | 34,007 | 33,674 | -0.98%  |
| <b>Total Demand</b>             | 54,177 | 51,357 | 52,094 | 1.44%   |
| <b>End Stock</b>                | 4,596  | 4,867  | 4,131  |         |

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Source: GAPKI (POC2022)

Fig 4: Geographical exposure of companies (by oil palm planted area)

| Company                      | Malaysia<br>(%) | Indonesia<br>(%) | Others<br>(%) |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| SDPL - Sime Darby Plantation | 51              | 33               | 16            |
| IOI - IOI Corp               | 88              | 12               | -             |
| KLK - KL Kepong              | 43              | 55               | 2             |
| GENP - Gent Plant            | 41              | 59               | -             |
| THP - TH Plant               | 97              | 3                | -             |
| SOP - Swk Oil Palms          | 100             | -                | -             |
| TAH - Ta Ann                 | 100             | -                | -             |
| TSH - TSH Resources          | 15              | 85               | -             |
| BPlant - Bous Plant          | 100             | -                | -             |
| HAPL - Hap Seng Plantations  | 100             | -                | -             |

Source: Companies

## Risk statement

There are several risk factors that may affect our sector view, earnings estimates, price targets, and ratings of stocks under coverage. Key risks to the sector and companies are:

**Upside risks:** (i) Weaker-than-expected production recovery of palm oil and other vegetable oils in 2022; (ii) Brent crude oil price inches closer to USD150/barrel; (iii) Weather anomalies at major palm oil and oilseeds producing regions persist into 2022.

**Downside risks:** (i) Reversal of Brent crude oil price to sharply below USD80/barrel; (ii) Negative policies imposed by importing countries; (iii) Unfriendly government policies at producing or exporting countries; (iv) Production in 2022 turns out much stronger than expected; (v) Global demand turns out to be weaker than expected; and (v) Weaker competing oil prices (like soybean and rapeseed).

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