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# 7-Eleven Malaysia Holdings (SEM MK)

## 1Q22 earnings surprised

## Maintain BUY with a higher TP of MYR2.05

SEM's 1Q22 results were above expectations on lower-than-expected selling, distribution and administrative expenses. Going forward, postpandemic recovery in consumer mobility and extension of business hours will drive earnings momentum in sequential quarters. Hence, we lift FY22-FY24 earnings estimates by 14%-24% to derive a higher TP of MYR2.05 (28x FY22 PER, about -1SD to mean). Maintain BUY.

## Beat expectations

1Q22 core net profit of MYR24m (+109% YoY, -17% QoQ) were above expectations at 34% of both our/consensus full-year earnings estimates. The earnings surprise was largely on lower-than-expected selling, distribution and administrative expenses.

## Strong CVS SSSG of +15.2% YoY

1Q22 revenue grew 28% YoY on the back of increased consumer mobility in tandem with eased movement restrictions and increased interstate travel which benefitted both its convenience stores (CVS, +17% YoY) and pharmacy retail segments (+52% YoY). CVS reported a positive SSSG of +15.2% in 1Q22. Gross profit margins also increased 0.9ppts YoY due to better product mix in both CVS (higher portion of fresh food) and pharmacy retail. On a QoQ basis, revenue grew 6% YoY but pre-tax profit fell by 7% YoY given higher selling & distribution expenses from new store openings.

## Revising earnings estimates upwards

Upon lowering our SG&A expense assumptions, our FY22/FY23/FY24 earnings estimates are raised by 14%/22%/24%. Earnings prospects for FY23 appear to be significantly brighter, with better overall store footfall expected alongside the gradual transition of consumers back to prepandemic routines. Its focus on expanding its '*7-Café*' store network could also drive operating margins upwards as fresh food carries a higher gross profit margin of >35\%.

FYE Dec (MYR m)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	2,539	2,809	3,122	3,408	3,713
EBITDA	301	352	374	353	355
Core net profit	44	44	83	96	105
Core EPS (sen)	3.8	3.9	7.4	8.5	9.3
Core EPS growth (%)	(19.2)	2.7	87.4	15.3	9.1
Net DPS (sen)	2.3	1.6	4.0	4.6	5.0
Core P/E (x)	35.5	38.1	19.1	16.6	15.2
P/BV (x)	23.3	18.8	12.4	9.2	7.2
Net dividend yield (%)	1.7	1.1	2.8	3.2	3.5
ROAE (%)	35.3	56.6	76.3	63.9	53.2
ROAA (%)	2.5	2.1	3.6	4.0	4.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.8	6.4	5.5	5.6	5.4
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	246.9	264.9	157.6	98.4	61.8
Consensus net profit	-	-	73	79	85
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	14.5	21.9	23.6

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Share Price	MYR 1.41
12m Price Target	MYR 2.05 (+47%)
Previous Price Target	MYR 1.80

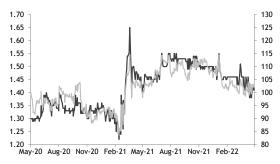
#### **Company Description**

7-Eleven Malaysia Holdings Berhad through its subsidiary 7-Eleven Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. is the owner and operator of 7-Eleven stores in Malaysia.

#### Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	1.55/1.38
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.1
Free float (%)	14.2
Issued shares (m)	1,278
Market capitalisation	MYR1.8B
	USD410M
Major shareholders:	
TAN CHEE YIOUN	21.8%
TSAI HONG TU	21.7%
7-Eleven Malaysia Holdings Bhd.	8.4%

#### Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	(1)	(3)	(1)
Relative to index (%)	3	1	2
Source: FactSet			

-7-Eleven - (LHS, MYR) ------7-Eleven / Kuala Lumpur Composite Index - (RHS, %)



			Quarterly		
FY 31 Dec (MYR m)	1Q22	1Q21	% YoY	4Q21	% QoQ
Revenue	840.0	657.1	27.8	795.1	5.6
Cost of sales	(607.5)	(481.0)	26.3	(570.6)	6.5
Gross Profit	232.5	176.1	32.0	224.4	3.6
Other operating	44.5	40.7	9.1	50.2	(11.5)
Selling & distribution	(173.9)	(148.0)	17.5	(164.2)	5.9
Admin	(41.1)	(33.7)	21.9	(45.6)	(9.9)
Operating profit	61.9	35.1	76.2	64.8	(4.4)
Finance costs	(16.2)	(14.7)	10.2	(15.9)	2.0
Pretax profit	45.7	20.4	123.8	48.9	(6.5)
Income tax	(14.5)	(6.9)	110.4	(16.1)	(10.0)
Minority Interest	(6.8)	(1.9)	268.9	(3.6)	92.5
Net profit	24.4	11.7	108.6	29.2	(16.6)
Core net profit	24.4	11.7	108.6	29.2	(16.6)
			+/- p.pts YoY		+/- p.pts QoQ
GP margin (%)	27.7	26.8	0.9	28.2	(0.6)
Operating margin (%)	7.4	5.3	2.0	8.1	(0.8)
Pretax margin (%)	5.4	3.1	2.3	6.1	(0.7)
Net profit margin (%)	2.9	1.8	1.1	3.7	(0.8)
Tax rate (%)	31.7	33.7	(2.0)	32.9	(1.2)
Revenue			% ҮоҮ		% QoQ
Convenience stores	523.9	449.0	16.7	520.2	0.7
Pharmaceuticals	316.1	208.1	51.9	274.8	15.0
Others	0.0	0.0	9.1	0.0	20.0
Total	840.0	657.1	27.8	795.1	5.6
Revenue split (%)			+/-p.pts YoY		+/-p.pts QoQ
Convenience stores	62.4	68.3	(6.0)	65.4	(3.1)
Pharmaceuticals	37.6	31.7	6.0	34.6	3.1
Source: Company, Maybank IB	G Research				

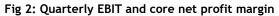
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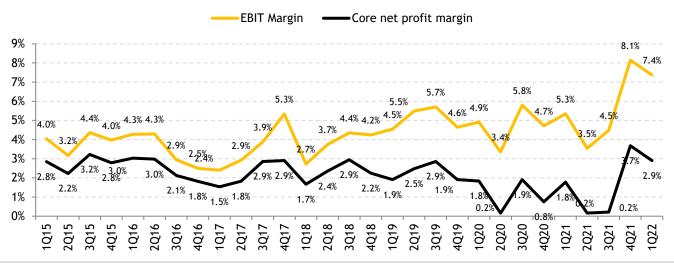
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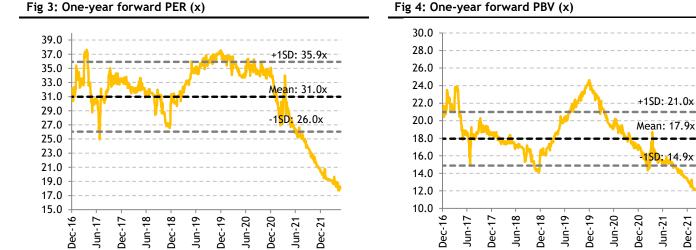
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Source: Company



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### **Risk statement**

There are several risk factors for our earnings estimates, target price and rating for SEM. As tobacco sales make up an estimated 30-35% of SEM's total sales, any unfavourable regulatory changes (eg. excise tax shocks) may impact SEM's earnings. Additionally, higher operating expenses through minimum wage hikes could also impact earnings growth.

FYE 31 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	51.9	36.9	19.1	16.6	15.2
Core P/E (x)	35.5	38.1	19.1	16.6	15.2
P/BV (x)	23.3	18.8	12.4	9.2	7.2
P/NTA (x)	(4.3)	(4.4)	(4.6)	(5.3)	(6.3
Net dividend yield (%)	1.7	1.1	2.8	3.2	3.5
FCF yield (%)	7.8	10.7	10.6	8.5	7.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.8	6.4	5.5	5.6	5.4
EV/EBIT (x)	17.4	14.7	10.8	9.5	8.8
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	2,539.0	2,809.1	3,122.1	3,408.4	3,712.2
EBITDA	301.0	351.9	373.9	353.3	355.0
Depreciation	(183.1)	(197.8)	(184.1)	(146.7)	(136.9
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	117.9	154.1	189.7	206.6	218.1
Net interest income /(exp)	(54.3)	(61.2)	(54.9)	(52.7)	(51.3
Associates & JV	(1.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Exceptionals	(1.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
•	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other pretax income	0.0 62.7	0.0 92.9			
Pretax profit			134.9 (44 5)	153.9	166.9
ncome tax	(27.3)	(34.1)	(44.5)	(50.8)	(55.1
Winorities	(5.6)	(14.5)	(7.3)	(7.3)	(7.3
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	29.8	44.3	83.1	95.8	104.
Core net profit	43.8	44.3	83.1	95.8	104.
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	135.0	158.0	282.2	365.8	433.
Accounts receivable	96.2	85.8	95.3	104.1	113.
nventory	288.9	383.2	417.3	452.4	490.
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	346.5	322.5	257.0	239.8	243.9
ntangible assets	425.5	473.3	473.3	473.3	473.
nvestment in Associates & JVs	0.0	0.0	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3
Other assets	744.8	828.2	828.2	828.2	828.2
Total assets	2,036.8	2,250.9	2,353.2	2,463.4	2,582.1
ST interest bearing debt	201.4	84.9	84.9	84.9	84.9
Accounts payable	585.0	640.1	697.2	755.8	818.0
LT interest bearing debt	331.7	555.4	555.4	555.4	555.4
Other liabilities	758.0	789.0	789.0	789.0	789.0
Total Liabilities	1,875.6	2,068.9	2,126.0	2,184.6	2,247.4
Shareholders Equity	66.8	90.0	127.9	172.2	220.
Minority Interest	94.5	92.1	99.3	106.6	113.9
Total shareholder equity	161.2	182.0	227.2	278.8	334.7
Total liabilities and equity	2,036.8	2,250.9	2,353.2	2,463.4	2,582.1
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	62.7	92.9	134.9	153.9	166.9
Depreciation & amortisation	183.1	197.8	184.1	146.7	136.9
Adj net interest (income)/exp	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in working capital	(25.6)	(33.1)	13.4	14.8	15.
Cash taxes paid	(32.9)	(45.4)	(44.5)	(50.8)	(55.1
Other operating cash flow	2.1	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Cash flow from operations	189.3	227.3	287.9	264.6	264.
Capex	(68.2)	(46.4)	(118.6)	(129.5)	(141.1
Free cash flow	(00.2)	(40.4) 180.9	169.2	135.1	123.
Dividends paid	(26.5)	(18.0)	(45.2)	(51.6)	(55.9
Equity raised / (purchased)	(28.3)	(4.2)	0.0	0.0	0.
Change in Debt	375.7	79.9	0.0	0.0	0.
Other invest/financing cash flow	(437.0)	(236.7)	0.2	0.2	0.
Effect of exch rate changes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Net cash flow	5.1	1.9	124.2	83.8	67.9

FYE 31 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	7.5	10.6	11.1	9.2	8.9
EBITDA growth	7.8	16.9	6.2	(5.5)	0.5
EBIT growth	(2.0)	30.7	23.1	8.9	5.6
Pretax growth	(18.3)	48.3	45.2	14.1	8.4
Reported net profit growth	(44.9)	49.0	87.4	15.3	9.1
Core net profit growth	(18.9)	1.2	87.4	15.3	9.1
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	11.9	12.5	12.0	10.4	9.6
EBIT margin	4.6	5.5	6.1	6.1	5.9
Pretax profit margin	2.5	3.3	4.3	4.5	4.5
Payout ratio	88.9	40.7	54.4	53.8	53.5
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	1.2	1.6	2.7	2.8	2.8
Revenue/Assets (x)	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4
Assets/Equity (x)	30.5	25.0	18.4	14.3	11.7
ROAE (%)	35.3	56.6	76.3	63.9	53.2
ROAA (%)	2.5	2.1	3.6	4.0	4.1
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	(47.0)	(36.9)	(32.8)	(32.9)	(32.9)
Days receivable outstanding	12.2	11.7	10.4	10.5	10.5
Days inventory outstanding	51.5	59.0	64.5	64.7	64.7
Days payables outstanding	110.7	107.6	107.8	108.1	108.1
Dividend cover (x)	1.1	2.5	1.8	1.9	1.9
Current ratio (x)	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	246.9	264.9	157.6	98.4	61.8
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	246.9	264.9	157.6	98.4	61.8
Net interest cover (x)	2.2	2.5	3.5	3.9	4.3
Debt/EBITDA (x)	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8
Capex/revenue (%)	2.7	1.7	3.8	3.8	3.8
Net debt/ (net cash)	398.1	482.2	358.1	274.4	206.7

Source: Company; Maybank IBG Research

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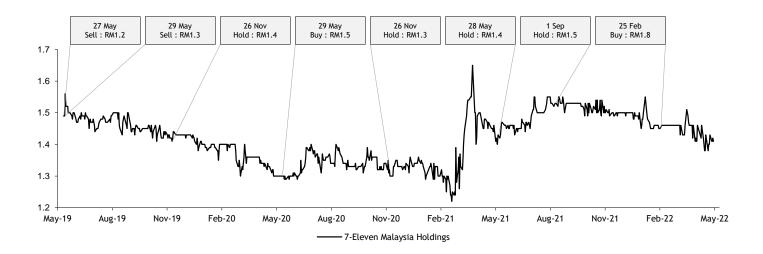
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