

Greatech Technology (GREATEC MK)

2Q22: Supply chain woes far from over

Results below expectations; D/G to HOLD

1H22 results undershot as supply chain/inflation-induced pressures continued to squeeze GREATEC's historically vaunted margins. With few tangible signs of supply chain disruptions easing in the near-term, we have reduced FY22/23E estimates by -28%/-9% but keep FY24E unchanged. We also D/G the stock to a HOLD, pegged to 26x FY23 PER, at -0.5SD to the LT mean (from 32x FY23 PER, at the LT mean) on account of material project delivery risks and a tempered valuation premium as the Fed turns increasingly hawkish on inflation. Our revised TP is now MYR3.90 (-26%). We prefer Frontken, Inari and Vitrox in the MY tech (hardware) sector.

Margins compressed despite higher turnover...

Excluding EIs of MYR5.5m (includes a lumpy MYR4.6m in unrealized FX gains), GREATEC registered a 2Q22 core net profit of MYR19.7m (-59% YoY, -38% QoQ). Cumulatively, 1H22 core earnings of MYR51.7m (-43%) were below expectations, at just 31/33% of our/the street's full year forecasts. Although turnover improved sequentially (+16%), supply chain disruptions and cost inflation continued to exact a toll on EBIT margins (-7 ppts).

... from longer lead times and higher input costs

Following 1Q22's Covid-related labour constraints, GREATEC's sequential GP margins continued to be squeezed in 2Q22 as the group contended with (i) deferred revenue recognition from longer lead times for component deliveries in the PLS segment, (ii) inflated material/component costs (+5%) for its solar projects on-hand, (iii) higher third-party subcontract charges (+3%) incurred to ensure timely completion/delivery of projects in light of the component shortages, and (iv) an increase in employee compensation and benefits (c.+2%), in-line with its growing headcount.

Revising earnings estimates as outlook muddies

Despite mgmt's expectations of alleviating margins pressures in 2H22, we turn cautious on the group's near-term outlook and have slashed FY22/23E earnings by -28%/-9% on account of (i) lower FY22 revenue recognition (-15%) from project delivery delays and (ii) increased input costs (+7%/+5% in FY22/23E) from inflation-induced component price hikes and a higher employee headcount. FY24E forecasts remain unchanged; D/G to HOLD.

FYE Dec (MYR m)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	261	402	475	649	727
EBITDA	94	150	138	224	298
Core net profit	93	146	120	189	245
Core EPS (sen)	7.4	11.7	9.6	15.1	19.5
Core EPS growth (%)	61.6	57.8	(17.8)	57.5	29.3
Net DPS (sen)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Core P/E (x)	61.2	58.5	39.1	24.8	19.2
P/BV (x)	19.8	19.8	8.5	6.3	4.8
Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROAE (%)	36.4	39.5	24.5	29.3	28.4
ROAA (%)	23.2	27.5	17.7	22.3	22.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	57.3	54.9	31.6	19.0	13.6
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Consensus net profit	-	-	152	188	235
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(21.1)	0.8	4.0

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[Prior:BUY]

Share Price MYR 3.75

12m Price Target MYR 3.90 (+4%)

Previous Price Target MYR 5.25

Company Description

A niche automation specialist with core expertise in customisable capital equipment for solar photovoltaic industry.

Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	7.50/2.90
3m avg turnover (USDm)	1.5
Free float (%)	27.1
Issued shares (m)	1,252
Market capitalisation	MYR4.7B
	USD1.1B

Major shareholders:

TAN ENG KEE	65.8%
Kenanga Investors Bhd.	2.5%
LLH Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	2.5%

Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	4	1	(47)
Relative to index (%)	2	3	(44)

Source: FactSet



Fig 1: Greatech Technology's 2Q22 results summary

Quarterly results					Cumulative			
FY Dec (MYR m)	2Q22	1Q22	%QoQ	2Q21	%YoY	1H22	1H21	%YoY
Turnover	118.1	102.2	15.6	136.4	(13.4)	220.3	231.5	(4.9)
EBIT	25.5	29.4	(13.2)	38.9	(34.4)	54.9	86.2	(36.2)
Interest expense	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.8)	(0.2)	(28.6)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(39.1)
Pre-tax profit	25.4	29.3	(13.3)	38.8	(34.5)	54.7	85.8	(36.2)
Taxation	(0.2)	(0.4)	(34.8)	(0.4)	(37.7)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(18.4)
Net profit	25.2	28.9	(13.0)	38.4	(34.4)	54.1	85.0	(36.4)
Exceptional items	(5.5)	3.0	n.m.	9.6	n.m.	(2.4)	5.1	n.m.
Net profit (ex-EI)	19.7	32.0	(38.4)	48.0	(59.0)	51.7	90.2	(42.7)
	2Q22	1Q22	+/- ppt	2Q21	%YoY	1H22	1H21	+/- ppt
EBIT margin (%)	21.6	28.8	(7.2)	28.6	(6.9)	24.9	37.2	(12.3)
Net profit (ex-EI) margin (%)	16.7	31.3	(14.6)	35.2	(18.5)	23.5	39.0	(15.5)
Effective tax rate (%)	0.9	1.2	(0.3)	1.0	(0.0)	1.1	0.9	0.2

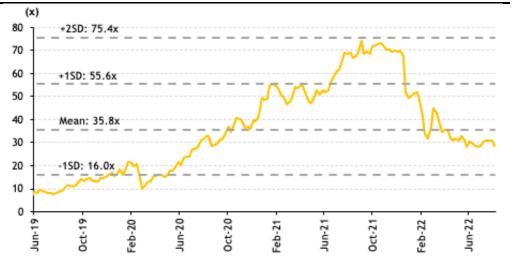
Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

Fig 2: Greatech Technology's historical and forecast revenue breakdown

Division	Revised revenue forecasts			Initial revenue forecasts			
	(MYR m)				(MYR m)		
	2022E	2023E	2024E	2022E	2023E	2024E	
Single automated equipment	77.0	87.0	97.0	77.0	87.0	97.0	
Production line system	323.3	477.9	541.7	403.3	477.9	541.7	
Upgrading	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	
Parts and services	24.8	33.8	37.9	29.2	33.8	37.9	
Total	475.0	648.7	726.5	559.4	648.7	726.5	

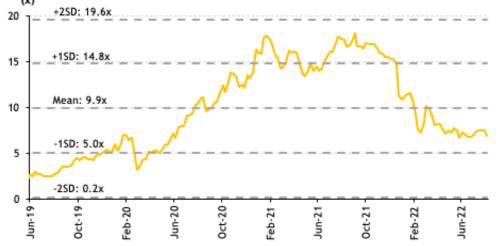
Source: Maybank IBG Research

Fig 3: Greatech Technology's 12M forward PER band (currently trading at 28.4x)



Source: Bloomberg, Maybank IBG Research

Fig. 4: Greatech Technology's 12M forward PBV band (currently trading at 7.0x) (x) +2SD: 19.6x 20



Source: Bloomberg, Maybank IBG Research

Risk statement

There are several risk factors for our earnings estimates, target price and rating for Greatech Technology. A downturn in the PV/EV industries will affect Greatech Technology's earnings. Additionally, forex volatility, especially USD/MYR, will also affect Greatech Technology's earnings, as >2/3 of its revenue and about 1/3 of its COGS are denominated in USD.



FYE 30 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Metrics P/E (reported) (x)	35.4	55.0	39.1	24.8	19.2
Core P/E (x)	61.2	58.5	39.1	24.8	19.2
P/BV (x)	19.8	19.8	8.5	6.3	4.8
P/NTA (x)	19.8	19.8	8.5	6.3	4.8
Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FCF yield (%)	1.3	0.4	0.6	2.2	4.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	57.3	54.9	31.6	19.0	13.6
EV/EBIT (x)	59.8	56.8	34.4	20.9	14.9
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	261.1	402.2	475.0	648.7	726.5
EBITDA	94.3	150.2	138.0	224.4	297.6
Depreciation	(3.8)	(4.9)	(10.9)	(19.9)	(25.5)
Amortisation	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
EBIT	90.4	145.2	127.0	204.4	272.0
Net interest income /(exp)	(0.3)	0.0	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Associates & JV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Exceptionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other pretax income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	90.1	145.2	126.6	204.0	271.6
Income tax	(2.2)	(3.5)	(6.3)	(15.3)	(27.2)
Minorities	0.0	0.0	(0.2)	0.6	0.3
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	87.8	141.8	120.1	189.2	244.7
Core net profit	92.7	146.2	120.1	189.2	244.7
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	285.5	320.4	344.5	449.8	652.4
Accounts receivable	41.5	93.4	110.3	150.6	168.6
Inventory	11.7	12.3	16.9	21.3	21.6
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	64.5	107.4	196.5	251.6	276.1
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Investment in Associates & JVs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other assets	51.5	75.1	77.5	77.5	77.5
Total assets	454.7 1.4	608.6 1.1	745.6 1.1	950.6 1.1	1,195.9 1.1
ST interest bearing debt Accounts payable	98.5	114.2	131.0	147.3	148.2
Insurance contract liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT interest bearing debt	17.2	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Other liabilities	51.0	47.0	47.0	47.0	47.0
Total Liabilities	168.0	177.6	194.3	210.6	211.5
Shareholders Equity	286.7	431.0	551.2	740.4	985.1
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.2	(0.4)	(0.7)
Total shareholder equity	286.7	431.0	551.3	740.0	984.4
Total liabilities and equity	454.7	608.6	745.6	950.6	1,195.9
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	90.1	145.2	126.6	204.0	271.6
Depreciation & amortisation	3.9	5.0	11.0	20.0	25.6
Adj net interest (income)/exp	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4
Change in working capital	(0.9)	(18.3)	(4.7)	(28.4)	(17.4)
Cash taxes paid	(2.2)	(3.5)	(6.3)	(15.3)	(27.2)
Other operating cash flow	10.8	(1.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operations	103.2	126.4	126.6	180.3	252.6
Capex	(29.5)	(89.1)	(100.0)	(75.0)	(50.0)
Free cash flow	73.7	37.3	26.6	105.3	202.6
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	(0.5)	(2.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other invest/financing cash flow	1.4	(6.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effect of exch rate changes	(4.2)	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0



FYE 30 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	20.9	54.0	18.1	36.6	12.0
EBITDA growth	56.6	59.3	(8.1)	62.6	32.6
EBIT growth	56.3	60.7	(12.5)	60.9	33.1
Pretax growth	56.5	61.2	(12.8)	61.1	33.2
Reported net profit growth	68.0	61.4	(15.3)	57.5	29.3
Core net profit growth	61.6	57.8	(17.8)	57.5	29.3
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	36.1	37.4	29.1	34.6	41.0
EBIT margin	34.6	36.1	26.7	31.5	37.4
Pretax profit margin	34.5	36.1	26.7	31.4	37.4
Payout ratio	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	33.6	35.2	25.3	29.2	33.7
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Assets/Equity (x)	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2
ROAE (%)	36.4	39.5	24.5	29.3	28.4
ROAA (%)	23.2	27.5	17.7	22.3	22.8
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	(157.0)	(85.9)	(45.0)	(35.0)	(32.6)
Days receivable outstanding	49.4	60.3	77.2	72.4	79.1
Days inventory outstanding	17.7	18.6	16.5	17.1	19.0
Days payables outstanding	224.1	164.9	138.7	124.5	130.7
Dividend cover (x)	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
Current ratio (x)	2.5	2.9	2.8	3.4	4.6
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	2.7	3.4	3.8	4.5	5.7
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	net cash				
Net interest cover (x)	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Capex/revenue (%)	11.3	22.2	21.1	11.6	6.9
Net debt/ (net cash)	(266.9)	(304.3)	(328.4)	(433.7)	(636.3)

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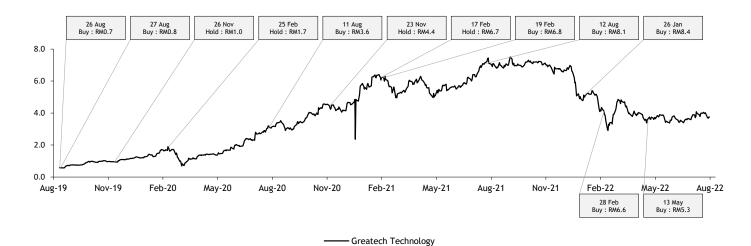
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