

Sports Toto (SPTOTO MK)

Very close to putting the ghost of COVID-19 to rest

Upgrade to BUY with higher TP of MYR1.55 (+11%)

Earnings/dividends came in above/within our expectations. NFO sales/draw/outlet pleasantly surprised by coming in a hair's width within pre-COVID levels. We raise FY24E-FY26E EPS by 8% p.a. as we raise NFO sales/draw/outlet assumption to 90% of pre-COVID levels from 85% of pre-COVID levels from FY24E onwards. Consequently, we also raise our DCF-TP to MYR1.55 from MYR1.40. With >10% upside potential, we upgrade SPTOTO to BUY from HOLD.

Earnings above and dividends within our expectations

1QFY24 core net profit of MYR60.2m (-16% YoY, -4% QoQ) was above our expectations at 28% of our FY estimate. As a secondary check, 1QFY24 revenue of MYR1.59b (+12% YoY) also outperformed our expectations at 29% of our FY estimate. Having said that, the first interim share DPS of 3.0sen was within our expectations at 25% of our FY estimate. Studying 1QFY24 toto betting EBIT margin of 13% does not suggest that the outperformance was due to lower than theoretical prize payout ratio.

NFO sales/draw/outlet returned to pre-COVID levels

On closer inspection, we discover that the outperformance was due to 1QFY24 NFO sales/draw/outlet coming in at c.97% of pre-COVID levels or 12ppts higher than we expected (4QFY23: c.85% of pre-COVID levels). SPTOTO attributed the strong NFO sales to large jackpot runs but we understand that tighter enforcement and better NFO sales at mainland Penang outlets thanks to Kedahan punters entering Penang to bet after NFO outlets were shuttered in Kedah on 1 Jan 2023 helped as well.

Raising EPS estimates by 8% p.a.

Going forward, SPTOTO is cautiously optimistic that NFO sales will continue its upward trajectory. We raise our NFO sales/draw/outlet assumption to 90% of pre-COVID levels from 85% of pre-COVID levels from FY24E onwards. Net impact is to raise our FY24E-FY26E EPS by 8% p.a. and DCF-TP to MYR1.55 from MYR1.40. We refrain from raising our NFO sales/draw/outlet assumption to c.100% of pre-COVID levels until we are comfortable that the 1QFY24 feat can be repeated.

FYE Jun (MYR m)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	5,229	6,100	5,650	5,605	5,605
EBITDA	369	433	465	447	447
Core net profit	163	221	231	225	232
Core EPS (sen)	12.1	16.5	17.2	16.8	17.3
Core EPS growth (%)	(11.9)	35.8	4.7	(2.4)	2.8
Net DPS (sen)	8.7	9.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Core P/E (x)	15.0	8.1	8.6	8.9	8.6
P/BV (x)	2.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6
Net dividend yield (%)	4.8	6.8	8.1	8.1	8.1
ROAE (%)	18.9	22.6	20.9	19.2	18.7
ROAA (%)	5.3	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.9	7.2	6.8	6.9	6.6
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	97.0	97.9	78.1	65.2	53.2
Consensus net profit	-	-	217	226	226
MIBG vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	6.6	(0.2)	2.4

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BUY

[Prior:HOLD]

Share Price MYR 1.49

MYR 1.55 (+12%) 12m Price Target MYR 1.40 **Previous Price Taraet**

Company Description

One of three national number forecast operators in Malaysia with 652 outlets.

Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	1.70/1.27
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.2
Free float (%)	49.2
Issued shares (m)	1,351
Market capitalisation	MYR2.0B
	USD433M
Major shareholders:	
Berjaya Land Bhd.	39.6%
Berjaya Corp. Bhd.	4.6%
The Vanguard Group, Inc.	2.1%

Price Performance



Sports Toto - (LHS, MYR) ----- Sports Toto / Kuala Lumpur Composite Index - (RHS, %

	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	2	1	(9)
Relative to index (%)	1	0	(10)

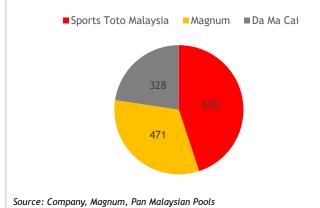
Source: FactSet

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Value Proposition

- Largest legal number forecast operator (NFO) in Malaysia with 652 outlets and seven games.
- Legal NFO industry has matured, but has also been slowly ceding share to the illegals due to lower prize payouts.
- Challenges are in introducing new and popular games and the authorities clamping down on illegal NFOs.
- Has an established track record of paying special dividends and capital reductions.
- Has a dividend policy of ≥75% DPR but has not abided by it in the last 3 financial years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

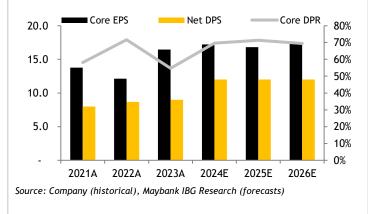
Number of outlets by NFO



Financial Metrics

- Key financial metric is EPS as it is the basis on which DPS will be declared.
- Forecast FY24E EPS to grow 5% YoY despite the closure of 20 NFO outlets in Kedah from 1 Jan 2023 (full-year impact) thanks to higher gross NFO sales/draw/outlet.
- Similarly, the closure of 4 NFO outlets in Perlis from mid-2023 will not have a material impact on earnings going forward as they account for <1% of total NFO outlets.
- Balance sheet was in net debt position of MYR1.13b or MYR0.83/share as at end-1QFY24.

Core EPS (sen), DPS (sen) and DPR (%)



Price Drivers



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

- Introduced 4D Zodiac, a game that combines the popular Classic 4D and Chinese zodiacs.
- 2. COVID-19 pandemic struck Malaysia. SPTOTO NFO outlets closed from 18 Mar 2020 to 15 Jun 2020.
- New COVID-19 cases in Malaysia began to rise after the Sabah state election.
- 4. Share price downtrend due to poor consumer sentiment and market share loss to illegal NFOs.
- 5. Fears arise that more NFO outlets could be shut if Perikatan Nasional comes to power.

Swing Factors

Upside

- Prize payout ratio Every 1ppt decrease in prize payout ratio will accrete c.MYR20m to core net profit.
- 4D: jackpot mix tilt towards jackpot will expand margins due to its lower prize payout ratio of 55%.
- Special draws Government may award more special draws to raise tax revenues.

Downside

- Prize payout ratio Every 1ppt increase in prize payout ratio will deduct c.MYR20m from core net profit.
- Gaming tax rate hikes Government raised gaming tax rates in the past and they may do so again going forward.
- Competition from illegal NFOs Illegal NFOs offer prize payout ratios which are 10-20ppts higher for 4D.

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Figure 1: Summary Results Table

FY Jun (MYR m)	1Q24	1Q23	% YoY	4Q23	% QoQ
Turnover	1,594.9	1,419.1	12.4	1,617.2	(1.4)
Operating expenses	(1,471.0)	(1,295.0)	13.6	(1,489.5)	(1.2)
EBITDA	123.9	124.1	(0.2)	127.7	(3.0)
Depreciation & amortisation	(20.9)	(14.8)	41.6	(21.0)	(0.2)
EBIT	102.9	109.3	(5.8)	106.7	(3.5)
Interest expense	(17.9)	(7.3)	143.6	(18.5)	(3.4)
Associates	4.8	4.2	12.8	6.8	(30.4)
Exceptional items	-	-	N/M	-	N/M
Pre-tax profit	89.8	106.2	(15.4)	95.0	(5.5)
Tax	(28.8)	(33.2)	(13.2)	(29.9)	(3.6)
Minority interest	(0.8)	(1.5)	(44.8)	(2.8)	(70.4)
Net profit	60.2	71.5	(15.9)	62.3	(3.5)
Net profit Ex El	60.2	71.5	(15.9)	62.3	(3.5)
	1Q24	1Q23	+/- ppt	4Q23	+/- ppt
EBIT margin (%)	6.5	7.7	(1.2)	6.6	(0.1)
Tax rate (%)	32.1	31.3	0.8	31.5	0.6
Segmental Results Table					
FY Jun (MYR m)	1Q24	1Q23	% YoY	4Q23	% QoQ
Revenue	1,594.9	1,419.1	12.4	1,617.2	(1.4)
- Toto betting	752.0	701.2	7.2	648.4	16.0
- Motor dealership	810.6	692.2	17.1	914.5	(11.4)
- Others	32.3	25.7	25.6	54.3	(40.6)
EBIT	102.9	109.3	(5.8)	106.7	(3.5)
- Toto betting	96.5	101.3	(4.8)	70.6	36.6
- Motor dealership	9.9	15.0	(33.8)	32.8	(69.8)
- Others	(0.4)	(3.5)	(89.2)	6.5	(105.9)
- Unallocated corporate expenses	(3.1)	(3.4)	(10.1)	(3.2)	(3.3)

Source: Company

Results analysis

- 1QFY24 core net profit was down 16% YoY largely due to higher prize payout ratio which we estimate to have come in at c.60% or 2ppts higher QoQ. Yet, 1QFY24 prize payout ratio of c.60% is at the theoretical average vs. 1QFY23 prize payout ratio of c.58% which was below the theoretical average. Thus, we believe 1QFY24 core net profit is more representative of SPTOTO's future quarterly earnings going forward.
- 1QFY24 core net profit eased 4% QoQ despite toto betting EBIT rising 37% QoQ on higher NFO sales and lower prize payout ratio which we estimate to have come in at c.60% or 2ppts lower QoQ; due to fewer car sales and non-recurrence of reversal of restoration costs overprovision following termination of certain leases and one-off manufacturer support income enjoyed in 4QFY23.

Figure 2: SPTOTO DCF-based valuation

	MYRm	MYR/sh	Comments
STM Lottery	2,632.6	1.96	WACC: 9.2%, g: 0%
Net cash/(debt) at STM Lottery	(550.0)	(0.41)	End-FY6/24E
Equity value	2,082.6	1.55	

Source: Maybank IBG Research



FYE 30 Jun	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Key Metrics	16.0	0.9	9.4	9.0	0.4
P/E (reported) (x)	16.0	9.8	8.6	8.9	8.6
Core P/E (x)	15.0	8.1	8.6	8.9	8.6
P/BV (x)	2.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6
P/NTA (x)	12.3	5.2	4.9	4.2	3.7
Net dividend yield (%)	4.8	6.8	8.1	8.1	8.1
FCF yield (%)	6.1	1.6	18.5	15.3	14.9
EV/EBITDA (x) EV/EBIT (x)	9.9 12.3	7.2 8.7	6.8 8.1	6.9 8.2	6.6 7.9
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	5,229.3	6,099.7	5,649.8	5,604.8	5,604.8
EBITDA	369.2	432.8	464.7	447.2	447.2
Depreciation	(72.7)	(72.6)	(72.7)	(72.7)	(72.7)
EBIT	296.5	360.3	392.0	374.5	374.5
Net interest income /(exp)	(30.2)	(44.6)	(42.8)	(34.0)	(24.0)
Associates & JV	8.7	21.0	8.7	8.7	8.7
Exceptionals	(1.7)	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	273.3	337.1	358.0	349.3	359.2
Income tax	(103.0)	(109.5)	(119.4)	(116.5)	(119.8)
Minorities	(9.3)	(5.7)	(7.7)	(7.5)	(7.7)
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	160.9	221.9	230.9	225.3	231.7
Core net profit	162.6	221.4	230.9	225.3	231.7
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	558.8	621.0	665.9	515.8	459.1
Accounts receivable	540.7	604.1	560.7	556.4	556.4
Inventory	401.8	644.2	589.4	586.3	586.3
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	398.3	577.8	535.1	492.4	449.7
Intangible assets	696.6	727.6	727.6	727.6	727.6
Investment in Associates & JVs	103.6	124.9	133.7	142.4	151.1
Other assets	561.0	591.3	591.3	591.3	591.3
Total assets	3,260.8	3,890.9	3,803.7	3,612.1	3,521.5
ST interest bearing debt	310.6	592.5	732.6	642.1	502.6
Accounts payable	712.2	903.1	856.7	854.0	854.0
LT interest bearing debt	1,176.3	1,144.0	883.7	713.9	683.6
Other liabilities	105.0	112.0	114.0	113.0	114.0
Total Liabilities	2,303.9	2,751.9	2,586.9	2,323.4	2,154.1
Shareholders Equity	895.0	1,068.5	1,138.5	1,202.9	1,273.8
Minority Interest	61.9	70.6	78.3	85.8	93.6
Total shareholder equity	956.9	1,139.1	1,216.8	1,288.8	1,367.3
Total liabilities and equity	3,260.8	3,890.9	3,803.7	3,612.1	3,521.5
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	273.3	337.1	358.0	349.3	359.2
Depreciation & amortisation	72.7	72.6	72.7	72.7	72.7
Adj net interest (income)/exp	30.2	44.6	42.8	34.0	24.0
Change in working capital	0.9	(111.0)	51.7	4.8	0.0
Cash taxes paid	(89.9)	(115.6)	(117.7)	(117.0)	(119.2)
Other operating cash flow	(7.0)	(21.5)	(8.7)	(8.7)	(8.7)
Cash flow from operations	280.1	206.2	398.7	335.0	328.0
Capex	(131.2)	(178.1)	(30.0)	(30.0)	(30.0)
Free cash flow	148.9	28.2	368.7	305.0	298.0
Dividends paid	(47.0)	(127.7)	(160.8)	(160.8)	(160.8)
Equity raised / (purchased)	(5.0)	(14.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	160.1	199.5	(120.3)	(260.3)	(169.8)
Other invest/financing cash flow	(50.0)	(53.5)	(42.8)	(34.0)	(24.0)
Effect of exch rate changes	(11.9)	30.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	195.1	62.2	44.8	(150.1)	(56.7)



FYE 30 Jun	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	8.3	16.6	(7.4)	(0.8)	0.0
EBITDA growth	(3.8)	17.2	7.4	(3.8)	0.0
EBIT growth	(6.4)	21.5	8.8	(4.5)	0.0
Pretax growth	(3.4)	23.4	6.2	(2.4)	2.8
Reported net profit growth	(11.2)	37.9	4.0	(2.4)	2.8
Core net profit growth	(12.0)	36.2	4.3	(2.4)	2.8
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	7.1	7.1	8.2	8.0	8.0
EBIT margin	5.7	5.9	6.9	6.7	6.7
Pretax profit margin	5.2	5.5	6.3	6.2	6.4
Payout ratio	72.4	54.6	69.7	71.4	69.4
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	3.1	3.6	4.1	4.0	4.1
Revenue/Assets (x)	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6
Assets/Equity (x)	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.8
ROAE (%)	18.9	22.6	20.9	19.2	18.7
ROAA (%)	5.3	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.5
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	13.8	15.7	18.8	17.2	17.0
Days receivable outstanding	35.1	33.8	37.1	35.9	35.7
Days inventory outstanding	27.0	33.2	42.8	41.0	40.9
Days payables outstanding	48.2	51.3	61.1	59.7	59.6
Dividend cover (x)	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Current ratio (x)	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	97.0	97.9	78.1	65.2	53.2
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	97.0	97.9	78.1	65.2	53.2
Net interest cover (x)	9.8	8.1	9.2	11.0	15.6
Debt/EBITDA (x)	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.7
Capex/revenue (%)	2.5	2.9	0.5	0.5	0.5
Net debt/ (net cash)	928.0	1,115.6	950.4	840.2	727.1

Source: Company; Maybank IBG Research



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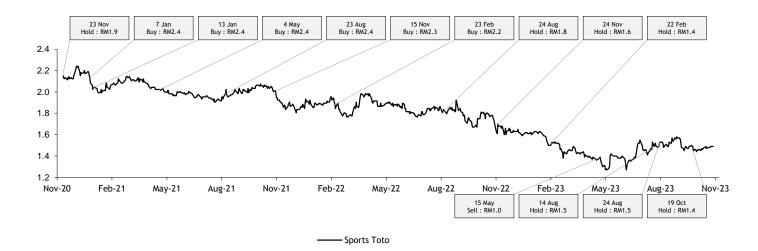
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