

# **Venture Corporation Limited**

# Gaining profit share

## SINGAPORE | TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING | INITIATION

- Exceptional margins and consistency in capturing a larger profit share of the industry.
- Healthy operating cash-flows and cash holdings to support 4.6% dividend yield.
- Valuation is attractive against its peers due to its superior ROE, margins and balance sheet.
- Beneficiary of the on-going electronics supply chain disruption in China.
- Initiate coverage with a BUY rating and a target price of S\$17.68. Our valuation is based on a 14x PE multiple.

## **Company background**

Venture Corporation Limited (VMS) was founded in 1984 as a global electronics manufacturing services (EMS) provider. VMS capabilities expanded from assembly and manufacturing into research, design and development, product and process engineering, design for manufacturability, supply chain management, as well as product refurbishment and technical support across a widely diversified range of high-mix, high-value and complex products. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group comprises more than 30 companies with global clusters in Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia, America and Europe and employs over 12,000 people worldwide.

#### **Investment thesis**

- 1. VMS enjoys higher profit margins and is consistent in gaining profit pool. VMS higher margins are due to their investment and customer collaboration in research, design and development. A focus on high mix, low volume in niche segments allows VMS to enjoy a 5-fold higher net profit margin of 11% compared to a peer average of 2%. We believe VMS foray into life sciences and genomics has been the main driver of growth in recent years. The customer growth outlook remains intact and should help propel VMS' earnings. VMS share of industry net earnings has risen from 4% to 39% over 5 years.
- 2. Strong balance sheet with net cash position to support attractive dividends. As of 2H19, VMS net cash position is at \$\$760mn which is approximately 17% of its market cap. Although VMS does not have a formal dividend policy, it is highly committed to paying at least the same amount as the previous year. With a strong cash generation and robust balance sheet we can expect VMS to pay consistent dividends and possibly initiate share buybacks. We forecast VMS to pay \$\$202mn in dividends in FY19e, this equates to a pay-out ratio of 55% and a yield of 4.6% at current share price. DPS has risen 40% over the past three years.
- 3. Beneficiary of supply chain disruption. The on-going Sino-US trade war has been disrupting the supply chain in China. From our discussion with manufacturers and analysis of various announcements, there is an ongoing shift of the electronics supply chain from China into SEA. VMS has approximately 86% of its production in this region, much higher than its US peers. We were also able to observe that the investment approvals in Malaysia for electrical and electronic products has a massive spike recently. VMS is poised to benefit from this extensive relocation due to its existing presence in SEA.
- **4. Valuation is attractive.** VMS is currently trading at 13x PE. We consider it attractive because, over the last 10 years, VMS typically trades at a PE range of 16x. VMS also boast a superior return on equity, profit margin and debt to equity ratio relative to its US listed peers.

## Initiate coverage on VMS with a BUY rating TP of S\$17.68

Our valuation is based on a 14x PE multiple. Our valuation is conservative given VMS's superior return on equity, profit margin and balance sheet. We expect VMS dividend yield to be stable at 4.6%.



#### 30 September 2019

# **BUY (Initiation)**

CLOSING PRICE SGD 15.27 FORECAST DIV SGD 0.70 TARGET PRICE SGD 17.68 TOTAL RETURN 20.4%

#### **COMPANY DATA**

| BLOOM BERG CODE:              | VM S SP      |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| O/S SHARES (MN):              | 288          |
| MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn): | 3186 / 4404  |
| 52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :         | 19.56 / 13.2 |
| 3M Average Daily T/O (mn):    | 1.12         |
|                               |              |

#### **MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)**

| Wong Ngit Liong | 7.0% |
|-----------------|------|
| Schroders PLC   | 7.0% |
| BlackRock Inc   | 5.1% |

#### PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

|           | 1M TH | 3 M T H | 1Y R   |
|-----------|-------|---------|--------|
| COMPANY   | 5.2   | (3.5)   | (10.4) |
| STIRETURN | 2.0   | (4.0)   | 0.2    |

### PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

#### **KEY FINANCIALS**

| Y/E Mar, SGD mn | FY 17 | FY 18 | FY 19 e | FY20e |
|-----------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| Revenue         | 4,005 | 3,485 | 3,461   | 3,583 |
| EBITDA          | 476   | 465   | 456     | 473   |
| Net Profit      | 373   | 370   | 364     | 377   |
| Dividend Yield  | 3.9%  | 4.6%  | 4.6%    | 4.6%  |
| ROE (%)         | 17.2% | 15.7% | 14.5%   | 14.0% |
| ROA (%)         | 11.9% | 11.5% | 10.8%   | 10.6% |

Source: Company, PSR

#### VALUATION METHOD

14x PE Multiple

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#### Revenue

VMS generates revenue by providing technology services, products and solutions. We can essentially split VMS' revenue streams into two main segments.

- Portfolio 1: Comprises of Life Science, Genomics, Molecular Diagnostics and Related Materials Technology, Medical Devices and Equipment, Healthcare & Wellness Technology, Lifestyle Consumer Technology, Health Improvement Products and Others.
- Portfolio 2: Comprises of Instrument, Test & Measurement Technology, Networking & Communications, Security & Safety, Building Automation, Industrial IOT, Fintech, Advanced Payment Systems, Computing & Productivity Systems, Advanced Industrial Technology, Printing & Imaging, Related Components Technology and Others.

Figure 2: Group revenue by technology domain

| Revenue (S\$mn) | FY18      | Split | FY17      | Split |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Portfolio 1     | 1,499,492 | 43%   | 2,033,106 | 51%   |
| Portfolio 2     | 1,985,111 | 57%   | 1,971,433 | 49%   |
| Total           | 3,484,603 |       | 4,004,539 |       |

Source: Company, PSR

Design revenue accounts for more than 50% of total revenue. This is a rare feat in the contract manufacturing space. We believe VMS' ability to maintain a profit margin of 10.6% is due to its extensive capability in R&D which results in value creation and customer stickiness. VMS generally prices its services by internal benchmarks. VMS is also selective with its customers as it aims for quality growth. Among its peers, VMS is ranked 6 out of 7 in terms of revenue while it ranks first in terms of net profit. We believe portfolio 1 will provide growth for VMS as it shifts away from its legacy businesses (portfolio 2).

# **Key Customers – Positive outlook**

VMS serves more than 100 customers globally. Figure 3 shows the potential customers of VMS. We think Philip Moris, Illumina and Keysight are likely to be VMS's key customers.

Figure 3: List of potential customers

| Sector              | Listed Customers | Bloomberg code | Mkt Cap (US\$mn) | Classification               |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Aerospace/Defense   | Raytheon         | RTN US         | 55,512           | Defense Primes               |
| Agriculture         | Philip Morris    | PM US          | 111,569          | Cigarette                    |
| Biotechnology       | Illumina         | ILMN US        | 44,864           | Analytical Lab Equipment     |
| Computers           | HP               | HPQ US         | 27,786           | Personal Computers           |
| Computers           | IBM              | IBM US         | 126,654          | IT Services - Commercial     |
| Computers           | Lumentum         | LITE US        | 4,495            | Other Miscellaneous Hardware |
| Electronics         | Agilent          | A US           | 24,160           | Analytical Lab Equipment     |
| Electronics         | Fortive          | FTV US         | 23,081           | Measurement Instruments      |
| Electronics         | Honeywell        | HON US         | 119,992          | Comml & Res Bldg Equip & Sys |
| Electronics         | Keysight         | KEYS US        | 18,760           | Elec Measuring Instruments   |
| Electronics         | Trimble Inc      | TRMB US        | 9,727            | Measurement Instruments      |
| Electronics         | Waters           | WAT US         | 15,268           | Analytical Lab Equipment     |
| Healthcare-Products | Danahaer         | DHR US         | 104,556          | Life Science Equipment       |
| Healthcare-Products | Medtronic        | MDT US         | 148,939          | Cardiovascular Devices       |
| Healthcare-Products | Thermo Fischer   | TMO US         | 118,240          | Analytical Lab Equipment     |
| Semiconductors      | Broadcom         | AVGO US        | 115,288          | App Specific Communication   |
| Semiconductors      | Marvell          | MRVL US        | 17,082           | Semiconductor Devices        |
| Software            | Oracle           | ORCL US        | 175,498          | Cloud & Virtualization       |

Source: PSR

breakdown of revenue \$201 302 \$729,902 \$2,553,399 ■ Singapore ■ Asia - Pacific (Excl Singapore) ■ Others Source: Company, PSR

FY18



## **Philip Morris**

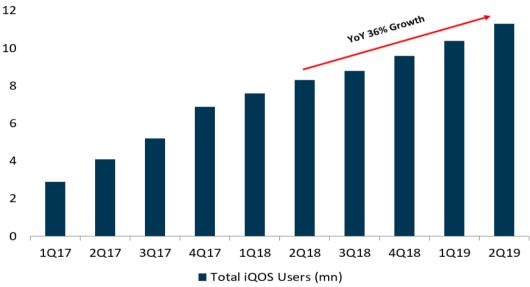
Philip Morris (PM) is an international tobacco company engaged in the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, smoke-free products and associated electronic devices and accessories.

VMS is one of the few manufacturers producing PM's I-Quit-Original-Smoking (IQOS) product. IQOS is a smoke-free product which heats tobacco units up to a temperature of 350 degrees without combustion. PM claims IQOS produces less harmful chemicals as compared to normal cigarettes.

Korea and Japan: Despite slight weakness in PM's sale of Reduced Risk Products (RRP) in Korea and Japan, we believe VMS' on-going introduction of IQOS products in new markets should offset some of the softness in Korea and Japan.

The United States: On 30 April 2019, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the sales of IQOS 2.4 in the United States. In recent news, lawmakers in the United States urged the FDA to immediately pull pod-based and cartridge-based e-cigarettes off the market due to an outbreak of lung disease. IQOS faces less regulatory scrutiny than e-cigarettes. This may have a net positive impact to PM's IQOS heat not-burn-product as consumers have fewer alternatives available.

Figure 5: Total iQOS users rising rapidly



Source: Company, PSR

Figure 4: PM's heated tobbaco product (IQOS)

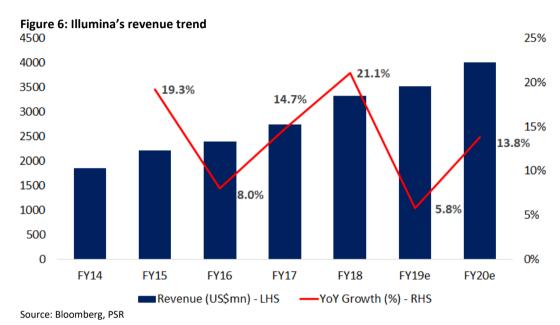


Source: Company



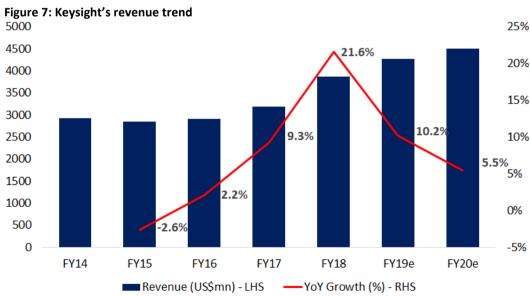
#### Illumina

Illumina provides sequencing and array-based solutions for genetic analysis. Its products are designed to accelerate and simplify genetic analysis. Illumina's products include integrated sequencing and microarray systems, consumables, and analytical tools. Over the last 5 years, Illumina enjoyed revenue CAGR of 12.4%. The outlook for Illumina is positive as it continues to gain market share in genomic sequencing. Illumina is also enjoying healthy growth in its NovaSeq portfolio of products.



#### Keysight

Keysight offers electronic measurement services using wireless, modular and software solutions. In FY18, Keysight achieved revenue growth of 21.6% YoY. As of 3Q19 results, Keysight raised its outlook for FY19 with expected revenue growth of 9% to 10% citing strong enterprise demand and 5G.



Source: Bloomberg, PSR



## **Expenses**

Majority of VMS' expense is made up of changes in finished goods, work in progress and raw materials used, making up 81% of FY18's total expenses (Figure 8).

Staff costs: VMS currently employs more than 12,000 workers globally, with staff costs accounting for 10% of FY18's total expenses. VMS margin expansion is in part the ability to keep employee expenses hovering at a steady rate of 10% of total annual expenses since FY15 despite expanding its operations.

Research and Development (R&D) costs: VMS is spending 1.72x more on R&D as compared to peers over the last 10 years (Figure 9). We believe this has allowed it to provide more value add to the customer, entrench the relationship and penetrate earlier into new projects. In FY18, VMS' R&D expenditure surged 66% to \$\$83mn while peers were relatively muted at an average of S\$23mn. We believe VMS' consistent R&D efforts will lead to more value creation to support its impressive profit margin.

We expect R&D expenses to decline from its peak in FY18 (Figure 10). Although R&D expense is commonly used to gauge future turnovers of EMS companies, we think for VMS, it may not hold true. The fluctuations in VMS' R&D expense may be due to timing differences as it is purely customer-driven. R&D expenses are recognised after reaching certain milestones this is done in different phases. The recognition of milestones is decided by customers and could range from 25% of a new product launch (NPI) to 100% of an NPI. Upon completing an NPI, customers may add or modify its products thereby delaying milestones and hence delaying the recognition of VMS' R&D expenses.

Figure 10: Research and development expense trend (S\$mn) 80% 80 60% 70 60 40% 50 20% 40 30 0% 20 -20% 10 -40% FY10 FY11 FY14 FY16 FY20e R&D Expense (S\$mn) - LHS -YoY Growth (%) - RHS

Tax expenses: VMS recently initiated a tax optimisation programme which centralised all of its taxes. As of 2Q19, the effective tax rate was brought down to 13.7% from 15% a year ago. We expect the steady-state of the effective tax rate to be in a range of 14% to 14.5% going forward. The initiative could potentially save VMS approximately \$\$2mn in tax expenditure annually.

Figure 8: FY18 expense breakdown 10.29 ■ CFG,WIP & Raw materials ■ Employee benefits expense Other operating expenses Research & development ■ Income tax expense Depn & Amort Finance costs Source: Company, PSR

on R&D VS peers X 1.72 times

Figure 9: VMS spends 1.72x more

■ Venture 10 year average R&D expense (US\$mn) Peer 10 year average R&D expense (US\$mn)

Source: Company, PSR

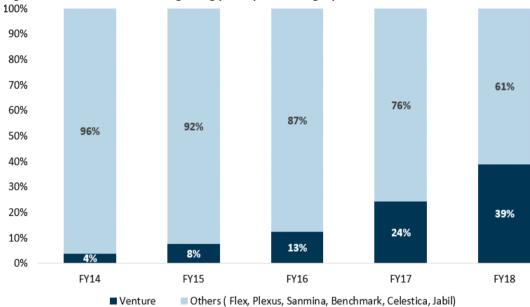
Source: Company, PSR



# **Gaining industry profit pool**

We combined the GAAP earnings of US-listed EMS peers to visualise the gain in profit share VMS accumulated throughout the years. VMS' profit pool grew from 4% of the industry to 39% in less than five years (Figure 11). We believe VMS's ability to gain profit share is attributable to its (i) Extensive R&D capabilities; (ii) Adoption of lean cost structure; (iii) Selective customer acquisition; and (iv) Focus on low volume, high mix projects.

Figure 11: VMS is consistent in gaining profit pool amongst peers



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

Peer average net profit margins are approximately 2% (inclusive of foreign & local peers) while VMS enjoys 10% (Figure 12).

Figure 12: Net income and profit margin trend



Source: Company, PSR

We forecast an EPS growth of -1.6%/3.4% YoY for FY19e/FY20e respectively. We expect net profit margin to remain stable at 10.5% for both years. NPI should offset any weakness from a slowdown in existing production.



# Robust balance sheet – Dividend support

Dividend visibility for VMS is backed by its strong balance sheet. As of 2H19, VMS has a net cash position of \$\$760mn which is approximately 17% of its market cap. Net cash to equity is at 32%. With a strong cash generation and a robust balance sheet we can expect consistency in dividend payments and potential share buybacks. We forecast VMS to pay \$\$202mn in dividends in FY19e, this equates to a pay-out ratio of 55% and a yield of 4.6% at current share price.

0.70 200 180 0.65 160 0.60 140 0.55 120 0.50 100 80 0.45 60 0.40 40 0.35 20 0.30 0 FY12 FY13 **FY15 FY17** FY19e FY20e

Pay-out Ratio (%) - RHS

Figure 13: VMS has expanded dividends 40% over the past 3 years

DPS (S\$) - LHS

Source: Company, PSR

## **Outlook**

VMS near term outlook is shrouded by escalating geopolitical tensions and the prolonged trade war. Its focus will be on selected domains that have growth and value creation opportunities. Strong initiatives are in place for building new differentiating capabilities to enhance the Group's competitiveness. With its strong balance sheet, VMS is well placed to capture growth opportunities as and when they arise.

#### Strong South East Asia presence

VMS will be a long-term beneficiary from the supply chain disruption in China due to the ongoing trade dispute with the United States. VMS' exposure in China only accounts for 5% of its total properties (Figure 16). Note that there is less than 2% of turnover directly impacted by the trade dispute.

Among its peers, VMS has the largest (86%) proportion of its production facility in SEA (Figure 16), namely in Malaysia (Figure 19). From our discussion with manufacturers and analysis of various announcements, there is an ongoing shift of the electronics supply chain from China into SEA (Figure 15). In addition, we have observed a surge in electrical and electronic investment approvals in Malaysia (Figure 17). VMS is poised to benefit due to its existing production capacity in SEA.



Figure 15: Relocation of electronics manufacturing from China to Malaysia is underway

## Date

Aug 19: Salutica Bhd wireless mouse customer is moving from Suzhou to Malaysia

Apple has asked its major suppliers to evaluate the cost of shifting 15% to 30% of their production capacity from China to SEA. The countries in SEA being considered for diversification include Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia

Konica Minolta will shift more multifunction printer production to Malaysia to reduce dependence on China

Jun 19: Sanmina will relocate Motorola production from Tianjin to Penang.

Google will shift production of Nest manufacturing from China to Taiwan and Malaysia.

Panasonic has relocated part of the production of its car stereos and other automobile equipment from China to factories in Thailand and Malaysia.

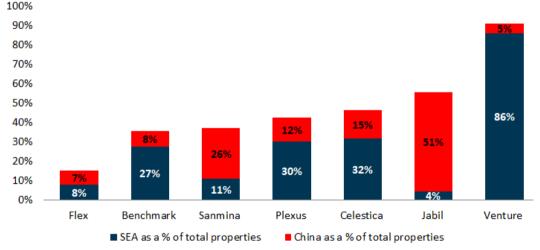
iRobot Corp which markes all of its products in China, said it would start a new Roomba Apr 19: production line in Malaysia this year.

VS Industry Bhd announced a three-year master supply agreement with Bissell (a

Mar 19: leading home appliance company in the US) to manufacture its home care products on a box-build assembly basis.

Source: Nikkei Asian Review, The Edge, NST, Bloomberg, WSJ

Figure 16: VMS has the largest facilities in SEA and is least exposed to China



Source: Company, PSR



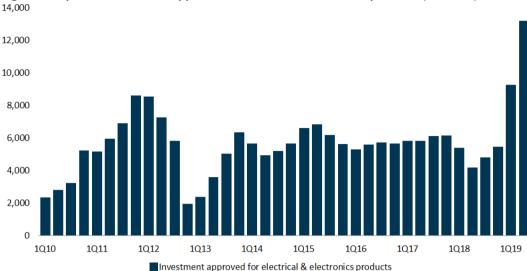


Figure 17: Spike in investment approved in electrical & electronics products (MYR mn)

Source: CEIC, PSR

# **Risk factors**

Increased competition. Competitors could ramp up their R&D efforts to mimic VMS' success and possibly win over VMS' clientele. This will erode the premium margins that VMS commands. This scenario is rather unlikely because the cost for VMS' customers to switch may outweigh the benefits, switching entails a long design and development process.

Escalation in the trade war. Increased trade tension could weaken customer sentiment and hence, delay new product launches and tapering down of inventory. Escalation could also further weaken global economies therefore negatively affecting end-user demand.

Stringent regulation. Increased regulation on PM's IQOS product is likely to hurt turnover.





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# **Valuation**

We initiate VMS with a target price of \$\$17.68. Our valuation is based on a 14x PE multiple this is in line with peer valuations. Our valuation is conservative given VMS's superior return on equity, profit margin and balance sheet. VMS also boasts a dividend yield of 4.6% which we expect to be stable (Figure 13).

Figure 18: US-listed peer valuations

| Company               | 1 Mth | 3 Mth | YTD    | Share PX | Mkt Cap  | 1 YR FWD | P/BV | Dividend  | ROE  | Profit    | Debt to      |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|--------|----------|----------|----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|--------------|
|                       | Perf. | Perf. | Perf.  | (US\$)   | (US\$mn) | PE       |      | Yield (%) | (%)  | Margin (% | ) Equity (%) |
| Plexus Corp           | 13.5% | 14.5% | 24.3%  | 63.5     | 1,859    | 18.9     | 2.2  | N.A.      | 16.6 | 0.5       | 20.5         |
| Sanmina Corp          | 14.7% | 11.8% | 35.9%  | 32.7     | 2,276    | 9.7      | 1.4  | N.A.      | 7.9  | -1.3      | 41.3         |
| Benchmark Electronics | 13.4% | 23.3% | 41.4%  | 29.6     | 1,114    | 21.1     | 1.1  | 2.0       | 5.1  | 0.9       | 13.6         |
| Celestica Inc         | 11.8% | 10.2% | -16.5% | 7.3      | 943      | 14.4     | 0.7  | N.A.      | 11.5 | 1.5       | 56.9         |
| Flex Ltd              | 8.3%  | 13.0% | 38.2%  | 10.5     | 5,415    | 8.6      | 1.8  | N.A.      | 0.7  | 0.4       | 102.8        |
| Jabil Inc             | 32.9% | 16.3% | 44.2%  | 35.4     | 5,418    | 10.3     | 2.9  | 0.9       | 15.0 | 1.1       | 131.3        |
| Simple Average        | 15.8% | 14.8% | 27.9%  | 29.8     | 2837.5   | 13.9     | 1.7  | 1.5       | 9.5  | 0.5       | 61.1         |
| Venture Corp          | 2.3%  | -6.9% | 13.2%  | 11.1     | 3,190    | 12.1     | 1.8  | 4.0       | 16.1 | 10.6      | 0.1          |

Source: Bloomberg, PSR

Figure 19: VMS trading at -1SD



Source: Bloomberg, PSR



Figure 20: List of properties

| No. | Location                                                                                                       | Address                                                                                                                      | Area (Sqm) | Tenure                       | Usage                    |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | Geran 459975 Lot 44895 (formerly known as HS(D) 270912<br>PTD 68794) Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia | 2 (PLO 121), Jalan Firma 1/3<br>Kawasan Perindustrian Tebrau 1<br>81100 Johor Bahru Johor, Malaysia                          | 15,443     | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2054) | Office and<br>Industrial |
| 2   | HS(D) 333450 PTD 97125, Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor,<br>Malaysia                                           | 1, Jalan Firma 1 Kawasan<br>Perindustrian Tebrau 1 81100<br>Johor Bahru Johor, Malaysia                                      | 44,470     | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2052) | Industrial               |
| 3   | HS(D) 45801 PTD 8824, Mukim Senai Kulaijaya, Johor,<br>Malaysia                                                | PLO 49, Jalan Perindustrian 4<br>Kawasan Perindustrian 2 81400<br>Senai Johor, Malaysia                                      | 4,978      | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2052) | Industrial               |
| 4   | Lot 12368 Mukim 12, Daerah Barat Daya Penang, Malaysia                                                         | Plot 26, Hilir Sungai Kluang 3 Phase<br>4 11900 Bayan Lepas Penang,<br>Malaysia                                              | 8,981      | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2051) | Office and<br>Industrial |
| 5   | HS(D) 445334 PTD 100821, Mukim Senai-Kulai Johor Bahru,<br>Johor, Malaysia                                     | PLO 34 & 35, Fasa 2 Kawasan<br>Perindustrian Senai 81400 Senai<br>Johor, Malaysia                                            | 24,581     | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2049) | Office and<br>Industrial |
| 6   | HS(D) 270914 PTD 68796, Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor,<br>Malaysia                                           | 4 & 4a (PLO 117), Jalan Firma 1<br>Kawasan Perindustrian Tebrau 1<br>81100 Johor Bahru Johor, Malaysia                       | 16,187     | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2025) | Office and<br>Industrial |
| 7   | HS(D) 237904-237908 PTD 67770-67774, Mukim Tebrau Johor<br>Bahru, Johor, Malaysia                              | 2, 4, 6 & 8 Jalan Kempas 5/2<br>Tampoi<br>81200 Johor Bahru<br>Johor, Malaysia                                               | 29,029     | Freehold                     | Industrial               |
| 8   | HS(D) 218290 PTD 64850, Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor,<br>Malaysia                                           | 5 (PLO 5), Jalan Firma 1<br>Kawasan Perindustrian Tebrau 1<br>81100 Johor Bahru<br>Johor, Malaysia                           | 18,763     | Freehold                     | Industrial               |
| 9   | HS(D) 468918 PTD 152116, Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia                                             | 47 Jalan Riang<br>21 Taman Gembira<br>81200 Johor Bahru<br>Johor, Malaysia                                                   | 4,730      | Freehold                     | Industrial               |
| 10  | HS(D) 6220 LOT 4020 Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor,<br>Malaysia                                               | 49 Jalan Riang<br>21 Taman Gembira<br>81200 Johor Bahru<br>Johor, Malaysia                                                   | 3,476      | Freehold                     | Industrial               |
| 11  | HS(D) 6221 LOT 4021 Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor,<br>Malaysia                                               | 51 Jalan Riang<br>21 Taman Gembira<br>81200 Johor Bahru<br>Johor, Malaysia                                                   | 3,195      | Freehold                     | Industrial               |
| 12  | HS(D) 6222 LOT 4022 Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor,<br>Malaysia                                               | 53 Jalan Riang<br>21 Taman Gembira<br>81200 Johor Bahru<br>Johor, Malaysia                                                   | 3,111      | Freehold                     | Industrial               |
| 13  | HS(D) 6223 LOT 4023 Mukim Tebrau Johor Bahru, Johor,<br>Malaysia                                               | 55 Jalan Riang<br>21 Taman Gembira<br>81200 Johor Bahru<br>Johor, Malaysia                                                   | 3,093      | Freehold                     | Industrial               |
| 14  | HS(D) 8712 PTD 3217, Bayan Lepas Penang, Malaysia                                                              | Plot 44, Bayan Lepas Industrial<br>Park IV<br>11900 Bayan Lepas<br>Penang, Malaysia                                          | 39,522     | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2055) | Industrial               |
| 15  | HSD 46117 PT 5272, Daerah Seberang Perai Selatan Penang,<br>Malaysia                                           | Plot 318, Batu Kawan Industrial<br>Park<br>Penang, Malaysia                                                                  | 123,706    | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2074) | Industrial               |
| 16  | MK 18, Lot No. 17946P Singapore                                                                                | 5006 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 5<br>TECHplace II, Singapore 569873                                                                   | 8,219      | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2052) | Office and<br>Industrial |
| 17  | MK 13, Lot No. 2361 Singapore                                                                                  | 28 Marsiling Lane<br>Singapore 739152                                                                                        | 10,550     | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2022) | Office and<br>Industrial |
| 18  | Shanghai, People's Republic of China                                                                           | 668 Li Shi Zhen Road<br>Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park<br>Pudong Shanghai 201203<br>People's Republic of China                      | 20,000     | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2050) | Office and<br>Industrial |
| 19  | Shanghai, People's Republic of China                                                                           | 69 Huang Yang Road<br>Tower 2, 6/F, Unit D, Xin He Gardens<br>Jin Qiao, Pudong Shanghai 201206<br>People's Republic of China | 156        | Leasehold<br>(Expiring 2063) | Residentia               |
| 20  | A.P.N.: 086-03-081                                                                                             | 1621 Barber Lane<br>(also known as 481 Cottonwood<br>Drive)<br>Milpitas, CA 95035<br>United States of America                | 39,012     | Freehold                     | Office and<br>Industrial |

Source: Company, PSR





# **Financials**

| Income Statement            |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Y/E Dec, SGD '000           | FY16      | FY17      | FY18      | FY19e     | FY20e     |
| Revenue                     | 2,874,219 | 4,004,539 | 3,484,603 | 3,460,967 | 3,583,371 |
| Gross profit                | 704,800   | 979,030   | 955,307   | 921,700   | 955,111   |
| EBITDA                      | 261,869   | 475,815   | 464,676   | 456,011   | 473,239   |
| Depreciation & Amortisation | -45,111   | -31,056   | -30,726   | -32,194   | -34,959   |
| EBIT                        | 216,758   | 444,759   | 433,950   | 423,816   | 438,280   |
| Net Finance Inc/(Exp)       | -895      | -1,012    | -982      | -260      | -322      |
| Profit before tax           | 215,863   | 443,747   | 432,968   | 423,557   | 437,958   |
| Taxation                    | -35,173   | -71,048   | -62,885   | -59,298   | -61,314   |
| Net profit, reported        | 180,690   | 372,699   | 370,083   | 364,259   | 376,644   |

| Per share data (SGD Cer | ıts) |  |
|-------------------------|------|--|
|-------------------------|------|--|

| Y/E Dec       | FY16 | FY17  | FY18  | FY19e | FY20e |
|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS, reported | 62.7 | 129.3 | 128.3 | 126.3 | 130.6 |
| DPS           | 50.0 | 60.0  | 70.0  | 70.0  | 70.0  |
| BVPS          | 6.8  | 7.5   | 8.1   | 8.7   | 9.3   |

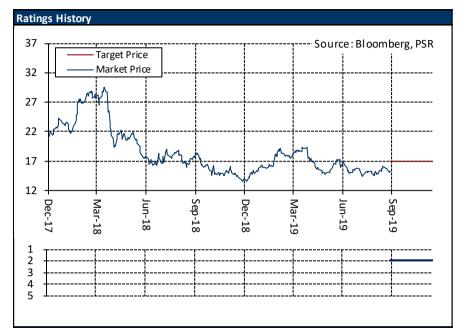
| Cash Flow                 |          |          |          |          |           |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Y/E Dec, SGD '000         | FY16     | FY17     | FY18     | FY19e    | FY20e     |
| <u>CFO</u>                |          |          |          |          |           |
| Profit before tax         | 215,863  | 443,747  | 432,968  | 423,557  | 437,958   |
| Adjustments               | 57,973   | 42,311   | 25,920   | 27,524   | 29,953    |
| WC changes                | -8,161   | 13,798   | -147,351 | 19,041   | -19,820   |
| Cash generated from ops   | 265,675  | 499,856  | 311,537  | 470,122  | 448,091   |
| Tax paid                  | -33,468  | -50,316  | -56,331  | -59,298  | -61,314   |
| Others                    | -895     | -1,012   | -982     | -260     | -322      |
| Cashflow from ops         | 231,312  | 448,528  | 254,224  | 410,564  | 386,455   |
| <u>CFI</u>                |          |          |          |          |           |
| CAPEX, net                | -33,506  | -36,966  | -58,480  | -40,000  | -40,000   |
| Others                    | 3,107    | 22,988   | 9,924    | 4,802    | 5,266     |
| Cashflow from investments | -30,399  | -13,978  | -48,556  | -35,198  | -34,734   |
| <u>CFF</u>                |          |          |          |          |           |
| Share issuance, net       | 18,171   | 46,211   | 40,555   | 0        | 0         |
| Loans, net of repayments  | -54,997  | -139,695 | -39,988  | -8,500   | -5,689    |
| Dividends                 | -138,403 | -140,728 | -230,021 | -201,857 | -201,857  |
| Others                    | 12,562   | 107,895  | -7,286   | 8,000    | 6,000     |
| Cashflow from financing   | -162,667 | -126,317 | -236,740 | -202,357 | -201,546  |
| Net change in cash        | 38,246   | 308,233  | -31,072  | 173,010  | 150,175   |
| CCE, end                  | 474,728  | 752,447  | 712,826  | 885,836  | 1,036,011 |

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

| Balance Sheet                 |           |           |           |           |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Y/E Dec, SGD '000             | FY16      | FY17      | FY18      | FY19e     | FY20e     |
| ASSETS                        |           |           |           |           |           |
| PPE                           | 203,152   | 197,860   | 230,686   | 238,456   | 243,427   |
| Others                        | 681,377   | 670,189   | 667,755   | 667,919   | 668,050   |
| Total non-current assets      | 884,529   | 868,049   | 898,441   | 906,374   | 911,477   |
| Receivables                   | 751,264   | 794,986   | 765,940   | 787,949   | 814,755   |
| Cash                          | 499,736   | 752,447   | 712,826   | 885,836   | 1,036,011 |
| Inventories                   | 622,988   | 699,630   | 808,166   | 757,952   | 784,758   |
| Others                        | 5         | 29,093    | 19,224    | 19,224    | 19,224    |
| Total current assets          | 1,873,993 | 2,276,156 | 2,306,156 | 2,450,961 | 2,654,749 |
| Total Assets                  | 2,758,522 | 3,144,205 | 3,204,597 | 3,357,335 | 3,566,226 |
|                               |           |           |           |           |           |
| LIABILITIES                   |           |           |           |           |           |
| Accounts payables             | 683,312   | 841,679   | 734,239   | 725,075   | 758,867   |
| Tax payable                   | 18,234    | 34,043    | 40,374    | 40,374    | 40,374    |
| Bank Ioan                     | 92,641    | 30,828    | 1,798     | 1,298     | 1,609     |
| Others                        | 0         | 67,873    | 74,029    | 74,029    | 74,029    |
| Total current liabilities     | 794,187   | 974,423   | 850,440   | 840,776   | 874,879   |
| Deferred tax liabilites       | 1,801     | 1,718     | 2,058     | 2,058     | 2,058     |
| Total non-current liabilities | 1,801     | 1,718     | 2,058     | 2,058     | 2,058     |
| Total Liabilities             | 795,988   | 976,141   | 852,498   | 842,834   | 876,937   |
|                               |           |           |           |           |           |
| EQUITY                        |           |           |           |           |           |
| Non-controlling Interests     | 2,419     | 2,314     | 2,233     | 2,255     | 2,278     |
| Shareholder's Equity          | 1,960,115 | 2,165,750 | 2,349,866 | 2,512,246 | 2,687,011 |

| Valuation Ratios |        |        |        |       |       |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Y/E Dec          | FY16   | FY17   | FY18   | FY19e | FY20e |
| P/E (X)          | 24.4   | 11.8   | 11.9   | 12.1  | 11.7  |
| P/B (X)          | 2.2    | 2.0    | 1.9    | 1.8   | 1.6   |
| EV/EBITDA (X)    | 15.3   | 7.7    | 7.9    | 7.7   | 7.1   |
| Growth & Margins |        |        |        |       |       |
| Growth           |        |        |        |       |       |
| Revenue          | 8.2%   | 39.3%  | -13.0% | -0.7% | 3.5%  |
| EBITDA           | 16.0%  | 81.7%  | -2.3%  | -1.9% | 3.8%  |
| EBIT             | 18.7%  | 105.2% | -2.4%  | -2.3% | 3.4%  |
| Net profit, adj. | 17.27% | 106.3% | -0.7%  | -1.6% | 3.4%  |
| <u>Margins</u>   |        |        |        |       |       |
| Gross margin     | 24.5%  | 24.4%  | 27.4%  | 26.6% | 26.7% |
| EBITDA margin    | 9.1%   | 11.9%  | 13.3%  | 13.2% | 13.2% |
| EBIT margin      | 7.5%   | 11.1%  | 12.5%  | 12.2% | 12.2% |





| <b>PSR Rating System</b> | m              |        |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Total Returns            | Recommendation | Rating |
| > +20%                   | Buy            | 1      |
| +5% to +20%              | Accumulate     | 2      |
| -5% to +5%               | Neutral        | 3      |
| -5% to -20%              | Reduce         | 4      |
| < -20%                   | Sell           | 5      |

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