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Results Note

Hai-O Ent

RM5.69

BUY (maintain)

Target Price: RM6.00 (1)



Price Performance

	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	+12.0%	+22.1%	+69.3%
Rel to KLC	CI +8.9%	+8.7%	+42.8%

Stock Data

Issued shares (m)		83.2
Mkt cap (RMm)	4	173.6
Avg daily vol - 6mth (m)		0.08
52-wk range (RM)	5.74	-2.86
Est free float	4	7.7%
NTA per share (RM) (end-Jul (09)	2.2
P/NTA (x)		2.6
Net cash/debt (RMm) (end-Jul	09)	55.1
ROE (FY10F)		39.3
Derivatives		Nil

Key Shareholders

Tan Kai Hee	9.6%
Akintan Sdn Bhd	7.2%

Earnings & Valuation Revisions

	10E	11E	12E
Prev EPS (sen)	68.0	74.6	82.2
Curr EPS (sen)	84.7	95.3	105.1
Chg (%)	+24.5	+21.7	+27.9
Prev target price		5.20	
Curr target price	(RM)		6.00

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Earnings surprise once again

1QFY10 net profit above expectations

Hai-O reported 1QFY10 revenue of RM148.6m (+31.6% yoy, +11.8% qoq), bolstered mainly by stronger performances from the MLM and wholesale divisions. Contribution from the latter grew by +3.6% yoy while MLM sales surged +42.4% yoy, driven by enhanced marketing strategies, newly recruited distributors and higher distributor productivity. Net earnings were a pleasant surprise, with 1QFY10 net profit of RM18.5m (+35.7% yoy, +25.8% qoq) accounting for 32.2% and 34.6% of our and consensus expectations, respectively.

Strong MLM sales propels earnings

Sequentially, Hai-O's retail and manufacturing divisions saw revenue declines of -15.8% and -28.5%, respectively, reflecting cautious spending by consumers. However, Hai-O's growth story continues to defy the worst of the economic crisis. MLM sales increased +15.8% qoq, which more than offset the decline in the other divisions. Bottomline grew by +25.8% qoq.

On track to achieve earnings growth target

Hai-O is well on track to achieve and, we believe, surpass its internal target of 10% FY10 earnings growth. Taking into account the robust 1QFY10 results and better-than-expected MLM sales, we raise our FY10-12 earnings forecasts by 22-28%. Hai-O's attractiveness lies in its strong dividend payout policy of at least 50% of net earnings. Traditionally, the company has paid out above and beyond that amount, averaging at 65% over the past 5 financial years. We project GDPS for FY10 and FY11 at 54.5 sen (GDPS yield: 9.6%) and 57 sen (GDPS yield: 10%), respectively.

Maintain BUY, with new TP of RM6.00

Management had earlier guided that they were looking at plans to improve the trading liquidity of the stock (possibly in the form of bonus issue or share split.) As corporate exercise has yet to be undertaken, we continue to peg a 10% discount to our target price. Based on a DDM valuation, and assuming a beta of 1.0x, risk-free rate of 4.2%, market risk premium of 6.5% and terminal growth rate of less than 1%, our target price is raised to **RM6.00**, after our earnings upgrade. Maintain **BUY**. The company is unique given its growth exposure to all mainstream segments of Malaysia's population (retail: Chinese-based, MLM: mainly Malay based). Key risks to our positive stance are: (a) unexpected reduction in dividend payout ratio to below 50%; and (b) MLM division's revenue coming in below our expectations.

Earnings and Valuation Summary

FYE 30 April	2008	2009	2010F	2011F	2012F
Revenue (RMm)	373.8	435.2	543.2	601.8	659.1
EBITDA (RMm)	67.3	83.4	102.3	114.3	124.6
Pretax profit (RMm)	67.7	75.5	96.7	108.8	120.1
Net profit (RMm)	48.5	52.0	71.5	80.5	88.8
EPS (sen)	58.1	61.6	84.7	95.3	105.1
EPS growth (%)	123.3	6.1	37.4	12.5	10.3
PER (x)	9.8	9.2	6.7	6.0	5.4
Core net profit (RMm)	48.5	52.0	71.5	80.5	88.8
Core EPS (sen)	58.1	61.6	84.7	95.3	105.1
Core PER (x)	9.8	9.2	6.7	6.0	5.4
GDPS (sen)	40.0	42.0	54.5	57.0	60.0
Dividend Yield (%)	7.0	7.4	9.6	10.0	10.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.7	5.0	4.3	3.5	2.9
Consensus profit (RMm)			53.3	60.3	74.0
Affin/Consensus (x)			1.3	1.4	1.5

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FYE April (RMm)	1QFY09	4QFY09	1QFY10	QoQ % chg	YoY % chg	
Revenue	112.9	132.8	148.6	11.8		Driven by revenue growth of:
						i) +42.4% yoy in the MLM division
						ii) +3.6% yoy in the wholesale division
Op costs	(131.5)	(155.9)	(174.9)	12.2	33.0	
Exceptional gain/losses	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm	nm	
EBIT	18.6	23.0	26.3	14.3	41.5	
EBIT margin (%)	16.5	17.3	17.7	nm	nm	Above our forecast due to stronger than expected MLM sales
Int expense	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(1.0)	(0.5)	
Int and other inc	0.3	0.1	0.2	28.4	(47.7)	
Associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm	nm	
Pretax	18.7	23.0	26.3	14.5	40.4	
Tax	(5.1)	(8.2)	(7.8)	(5.5)	52.3	
Tax rate (%)	27.2	35.8	29.6	nm	nm	
M	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(6.7)	nm	
Net profit	13.6	14.7	18.5	25.8	35.7	Net profit accounts for 32.2% and 34.6% of our and consensus expectations
EPS (sen)	16.2	17.4	22.2	27.2	37.2	
Core net profit	13.6	14.7	18.5	25.8	35.7	

Fig 1: Quarterly results comparison

Fig 2: Segmental revenue breakdown

										QoQ	YoY
FY April (RMm)	1QFY08	2QFY08	3QFY08	4QFY08	1QFY09	2QFY09	3QFY09	4QFY09	1QFY10	% chg	% chg
Wholesale	25.5	31.6	57.8	53.1	44.7	32.8	54.3	48.0	46.3	(3.6)	3.6
MLM	40.0	59.5	74.7	107.3	91.5	65.9	78.9	112.5	130.3	15.8	42.4
Retail	7.9	10.0	10.5	11.0	8.0	10.0	11.8	9.4	7.9	(15.8)	(0.8)
Manufacturing	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.2	(28.5)	(0.5)
Others	(15.3)	(21.4)	(43.4)	(39.1)	(32.5)	(22.6)	(44.2)	(38.8)	(37.1)	(4.2)	14.3
Total	59.3	80.5	100.5	133.5	112.9	87.3	102.1	132.8	148.6	11.8	31.6
Qoq (%)	4.5	35.8	24.8	32.9	(15.5)	(22.7)	17.0	30.1	11.8		
Yoy (%)	50.6	92.3	95.5	135.5	90.5	8.4	1.6	(0.5)	31.6		
Contribution (%)											
Wholesale	43.0	39.3	57.6	39.8	39.6	37.6	53.2	36.2	31.1		
MLM	67.6	73.9	74.4	80.3	81.1	75.5	77.3	84.7	87.7		
Retail	13.3	12.5	10.5	8.3	7.1	11.5	11.5	7.1	5.3		
Manufacturing	2.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.8		
Others	(25.9)	(26.5)	(43.2)	(29.2)	(28.8)	(25.9)	(43.3)	(29.2)	(25.0)		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		

Fig 3: Segmental EBIT breakdown

FY April (RMm)	1QFY08	2QFY08	3QFY08	4QFY08	1QFY09	2QFY09	3QFY09	4QFY09	1QFY10	QoQ % chg	YoY % chg
Wholesale	3.2	2.1	7.4	24.4	3.6	3.9	2.9	(0.4)	4.1	1,126.9	14.5
MLM	5.7	9.1	10.8	21.2	14.2	10.1	13.8	20.8	21.2	1.9	48.9
Retailing	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.3	(53.9)	10.5
Manufacturing	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	(38.2)	(21.7)
Others	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	(0.1)	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.3	(42.4)	290.6
Elimination	(0.1)	0.3	(0.4)	(20.4)	0.3	(0.3)	(0.0)	1.2	0.2	(82.4)	(33.7)
Total	9.8	12.9	18.4	26.2	18.6	15.5	18.6	23.0	26.3	14.3	41.5
Contribution (%)											
Wholesale	33.0%	16.1%	40.2%	93.3%	13.8%	30.3%	22.8%	(1.5%)	15.8%		
MLM	58.0%	70.6%	58.7%	81.1%	54.4%	78.6%	107.2%	79.5%	81.0%		
Retailing	1.6%	8.3%	0.9%	2.3%	1.1%	6.2%	8.7%	2.5%	1.2%		
Manufacturing	1.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%	1.0%	0.6%	1.4%	1.3%	0.8%		
Others	7.1%	2.6%	1.9%	0.7%	(0.5%)	7.4%	4.6%	1.8%	1.0%		
Elimination	(1.4%)	2.0%	(2.1%)	(78.1%)	1.2%	(2.6%)	(0.1%)	4.4%	0.8%		
Margin (%)											
Wholesale	12.7%	6.6%	12.8%	46.0%	8.1%	11.9%	5.4%	(0.8%)	8.9%		
MLM	14.2%	15.3%	14.4%	19.8%	15.6%	15.4%	17.5%	18.5%	16.3%		
Retailing	2.0%	10.7%	1.6%	5.4%	3.5%	8.0%	9.5%	7.0%	3.9%		
Manufacturing	14.0%	7.8%	10.5%	13.5%	22.2%	6.9%	13.6%	20.2%	17.5%		
Others	40.2%	14.6%	13.6%	8.6%	(7.7%)	43.4%	19.4%	16.3%	9.8%		
Elimination	0.8%	(1.1%)	0.9%	49.5%	(0.9%)	1.4%	0.1%	(1.4%)	(0.5%)		



Equity Rating Structure and Definitions

BUY	Total return is expected to exceed +15% over a 12-month period
TRADING BUY (TR BUY)	Total return is expected to exceed +15% over a 3-month period due to short-term positive development, but fundamentals are not strong enough to warrant a Buy call. This is to cater to investors who are willing to take on higher risks
ADD	Total return is expected to be between 0% to +15% over a 12-month period
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