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Wilmar International (WIL SP)

Buy (Maintained)

9M22 Surpasses All Historical Full Year Earnings

Target Price (Return):	SGD5.40 (+39%)
Price (Market Cap):	SGD3.88 (USD17,145m)
ESG score:	3.11 (out of 4)
Avg Daily Turnover (SGD/USD)	26.1m/18.1m

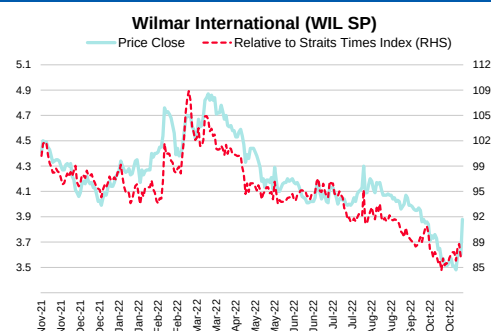
- **Still BUY, with new SGD5.40 TP from SGD4.95, 39% upside and c.5% FY23F yield.** 9M22 earnings surpassed expectations, at 102-104% of forecasts. Wilmar International remains severely undervalued – trading at 7.9x 2023F P/E, especially as its combined stake in Yihai-Kerry and Adani Wilmar is almost double the value of its own market capitalisation.
- **Beat expectations.** 9M22 earnings exceeded both our and consensus expectations, coming in at 102-104% of FY22F projections. If we were to exclude the gain on the sale of Adani Wilmar of USD175.6m, 9M22 earnings would have been at 93-95% of our and consensus earnings. The main discrepancy came from significant QoQ improvements in sales volumes of food products, and feed and industrial products in 3Q22 as well as better trading profit.
- **In 3Q22, food product sales volume grew 3.2% YoY and 11.4% QoQ,** bringing 9M22 sales volume to 21.5m tonnes (+3.6% YoY), despite COVID-19 restrictions in China. Management noted that while total consumer expenditure on basic food products has not declined in China, downtrading activities have begun, resulting in higher volume of lower margin products being sold. Nevertheless, revenue and profit for this division still rose QoQ in 3Q22, on the back of higher ASPs as well as lower raw material prices. Going forward, margins should remain relatively robust as the full impact of WIL's ASP increases will only be felt in 4Q22, while commodity prices remain lower in 4Q22 vis-à-vis 2021.
- **Feed and industrial division saw YoY volume declining 0.6% in 9M22,** although on a QoQ basis, volume rose by 14.2%, driven by the tropical oils and sugar segments. Volume growth for these segments were likely driven by stronger sales from Indonesia (post-lifting of the export ban) as well as buoyant demand from India. However, we understand that the China crushing business returned to the red in 3Q22 (after one quarter of profitability in 2Q22), due to negative farming margins. However, pork prices have since risen, which, together with WIL's adequate supply of soymeal purchased from government reserves, could translate to positive crushing margin in 4Q22.
- **Improved FFB output** likely helped to mitigate lower sugar milling volume and lower CPO prices in 3Q22. Going forward, margins may continue to be affected by lower CPO prices, although this should be offset somewhat by higher FY22F FFB output of 9-10% YoY in Indonesia. Management expects CPO prices to remain rangebound at +/-USD100/tonne.
- **We raise our FY22F-24F by 8-14%** after raising sales volumes for food products as well as for the feed and industrial division, while reducing our crushing margin slightly for FY22F.
- **Still BUY, with a higher SOP-based TP of SGD5.40,** which includes a 2% ESG premium, based on an ESG score of 3.1. We continue to believe WIL is undervalued, as its combined stakes in Yihai-Kerry and Adani Wilmar are almost double its current market cap.

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Share Performance (%)

	YTD	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(6.3)	1.0	(3.5)	(12.6)	(10.2)
Relative	(4.2)	3.3	1.3	(3.7)	(5.8)
52-wk Price low/high (SGD)				3.48 – 4.87	



Source: Bloomberg

Overall ESG Score: 3.11 (out of 4)

E: GOOD

Wilmar had a GHG emissions intensity of 0.66 CO₂e/tonne on its CPO in 2021, as compared to 0.72 CO₂e/tonne in 2018. This was achieved by building 25 methane capture facilities at its CPO mills, avoiding 598,435 tCO₂e of GHG/year. It also has 78% RSPQ certification at its estates and 79% at its mills, and targets to hit the 100% mark by 2025.

S: GOOD

It has policies guided by international standards as set out in the United Nations (UN) Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, UN Global Compact, International Labour Organisation conventions, the UK Modern Slavery Act and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its covenants. It is working with other plantation players to find a solution under the Decent Rural Living initiative, convened by Forum for the Future.

G: EXCELLENT

53% of Board members are independent directors, with full disclosure on director remuneration including salaries and bonuses. Only two out of 15 directors are women. Wilmar has an in-house investor relations team and holds investor meetings regularly, embodying good transparency and disclosure practices.

Forecasts and Valuation	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Total turnover (USDm)	50,527	65,794	75,260	69,326	70,663
Recurring net profit (USDm)	1,485	1,842	2,191	2,197	2,300
Recurring net profit growth (%)	18.2	24.0	18.9	0.3	4.7
Recurring P/E (x)	11.68	9.39	7.93	7.91	7.56
P/B (x)	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
P/CF (x)	26.16	na	11.06	3.41	4.74
Dividend Yield (%)	3.4	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.23	10.09	9.42	8.27	7.66
Return on average equity (%)	8.6	9.7	10.6	10.0	9.8
Net debt to equity (%)	80.5	100.8	99.9	88.0	82.2

Source: Company data, RHB

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Financial Exhibits

Asia	Financial summary (USD)	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Singapore	Recurring EPS	0.24	0.29	0.35	0.35	0.36
Agriculture	DPS	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13
Wilmar International	BVPS	2.95	3.11	3.33	3.55	3.77
WIL SP	Return on average equity (%)	8.6	9.7	10.6	10.0	9.8
Buy						
	Valuation metrics	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Valuation basis	Recurring P/E (x)	11.68	9.39	7.93	7.91	7.56
SOP	P/B (x)	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
	FCF Yield (%)	(7.6)	(14.6)	(4.7)	15.5	7.2
Key drivers	Dividend Yield (%)	3.4	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.8
i. CPO prices and FFB production output;	EV/EBITDA (x)	10.23	10.09	9.42	8.27	7.66
ii. Soybean crush margins;	EV/EBIT (x)	14.64	14.07	12.41	11.01	10.34
iii. Improved profitability of rice and flour business;						
iv. Favourable tax regime.						
	Income statement (USDm)	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
Key risks	Total turnover	50,527	65,794	75,260	69,326	70,663
i. Volatilities in oilseeds earnings;	Gross profit	5,598	7,191	7,902	7,279	7,420
ii. Slower-than-expected recovery in vegetable oil demand	EBITDA	3,274	3,851	4,270	4,660	4,989
	Depreciation and amortisation	(986)	(1,088)	(1,030)	(1,161)	(1,293)
	Operating profit	2,289	2,763	3,241	3,499	3,697
Company Profile	Net interest	(232)	(253)	(372)	(604)	(604)
Wilmar International is an agribusiness company. It has over 500 manufacturing plants and an extensive distribution network covering China, India, Indonesia and some 50 other countries. The company is involved in three main commodities which are palm oil, soybean and sugar.	Pre-tax profit	2,310	2,766	3,121	3,170	3,395
	Taxation	(620)	(700)	(687)	(729)	(781)
	Reported net profit	1,533	1,890	2,191	2,197	2,300
	Recurring net profit	1,485	1,842	2,191	2,197	2,300
	Cash flow (USDm)	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
	Change in working capital	(2,443)	(3,100)	(1,492)	1,764	51
	Cash flow from operations	663	(4)	1,571	5,101	3,669
	Capex	(1,980)	(2,519)	(2,396)	(2,410)	(2,410)
	Cash flow from investing activities	(1,807)	(2,356)	(2,259)	(2,600)	(2,600)
	Dividends paid	(619)	(968)	(795)	(803)	(851)
	Cash flow from financing activities	1,789	2,405	(138)	(976)	(948)
	Cash at beginning of period	2,113	2,706	2,693	1,867	3,392
	Net change in cash	645	45	(826)	1,525	121
	Ending balance cash	2,648	2,710	1,867	3,392	3,513
	Balance sheet (USDm)	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
	Total cash and equivalents	5,928	6,342	3,867	5,392	5,513
	Tangible fixed assets	13,472	14,869	16,328	17,670	18,881
	Total investments	3,350	3,507	3,848	4,214	4,606
	Total assets	51,020	58,718	59,415	60,644	62,404
	Short-term debt	17,146	22,292	22,000	22,000	22,000
	Total long-term debt	6,004	6,823	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Total liabilities	29,637	36,116	35,261	34,942	35,054
	Total equity	21,383	22,602	24,154	25,702	27,349
	Total liabilities & equity	51,020	58,718	59,415	60,644	62,404
	Key metrics	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22F	Dec-23F	Dec-24F
	Revenue growth (%)	18.5	30.2	14.4	(7.9)	1.9
	Recurrent EPS growth (%)	18.7	24.4	18.3	0.3	4.7
	Gross margin (%)	11.1	10.9	10.5	10.5	10.5
	Operating EBITDA margin (%)	6.5	5.9	5.7	6.7	7.1
	Net profit margin (%)	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.3
	Dividend payout ratio (%)	39.4	38.9	36.3	36.6	37.0
	Capex/sales (%)	3.9	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.4
	Interest cover (x)	3.51	4.70	4.63	4.46	4.71

Source: Company data, RHB

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Figure 1: WIL's results review

FYE Dec (USD)	3Q21	2Q22	3Q22	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	9M21	9M22	YoY (%)	Comments
Revenue	17,135	18,558	18,877	(1.7)	10.2	46,669	55,011	17.9	Better performance in feed and industrial products, supported by higher volumes in plantation, oilseeds and grains and sugar milling segments.
EBITDA	1,140	1,242	1,292	(3.8)	13.3	3,024	3,641	20.4	Higher due to increased ASP for consumer products and lower raw material costs
<i>EBITDA margin (%)</i>	6.7	6.7	6.8			6.5	6.6		
Net profit	569	635	766	(17.2)	34.7	1,320	1,931	46.3	Higher than all its previous full-year results since listing.
<i>Net margin (%)</i>									
Core profit	576	652	797	(18.2)	38.2	1,309	1,952	49.2	
<i>Core net margin (%)</i>	3.4	3.5	4.2			2.8	3.5		

Source: Company data, RHB

Figure 2: Operational statistics

FYE Dec ('000 tonnes)	3Q21	2Q22	3Q22	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	9M21	9M22	YoY (%)
Food products	7,468	6,920	7,706	11.4	3.2	20,784	21,531	3.6
- Consumer products	2,231	1,941	2,169	11.7	(2.8)	6,334	6,440	1.7
- Medium pack and bulk	5,237	4,979	5,537	11.2	5.7	14,450	15,091	4.4
Feed & industrial products	13,581	12,900	14,731	14.2	8.5	39,757	39,505	(0.6)
- Tropical oils	5,875	4,890	6,061	23.9	3.2	16,844	16,009	(5.0)
- Oilseeds and grains	4,992	5,519	5,628	2.0	12.7	14,066	15,245	8.4
- Sugar	2,714	2,491	3,042	22.1	12.1	8,847	8,251	(6.7)

Source: Company data, RHB

Figure 3: SOP valuation

	Value (USDm)	Valuation basis
SOP valuation		
Plantation and sugar milling business	3,333	10x FY23F P/E
Consumer products	15,181	13x blended FY23F P/E
Feed and industrial products	7,106	10x blended FY23F P/E
Others	269	DCF: Ce 7.7%, Rf 4%, Beta 1.0, Rm 7.7%, TG 0%
JV & associates	2,107	0.5x P/BV
SOP value	27,997	
Value per share (USD)	4.42	
Exchange rate	1.41	
Conglomerate discount	-15%	
ESG premium/(discount)	2.00%	
SOP	5.41	

Source: RHB

Recommendation Chart

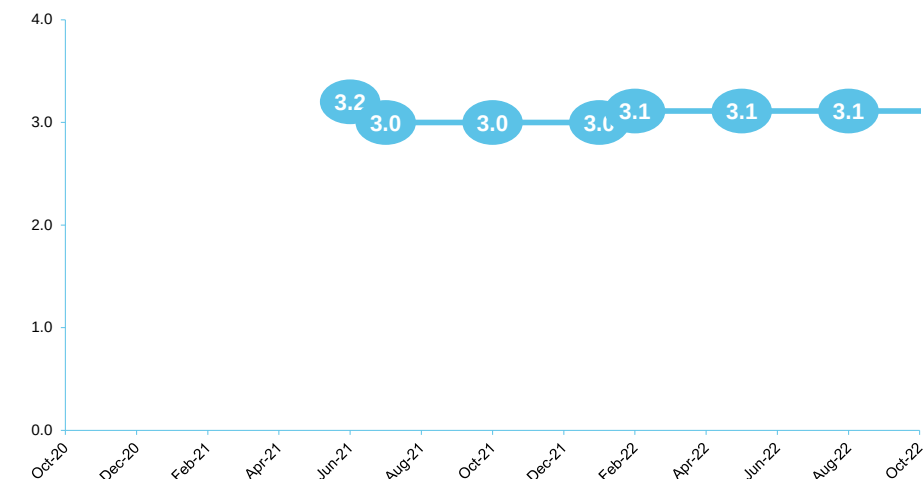


Source: RHB, Bloomberg

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2022-08-10	Buy	4.95	4.15
2022-08-08	Buy	5.05	4.09
2022-05-04	Buy	5.10	4.41
2022-02-23	Buy	5.30	4.56
2021-12-12	Buy	5.05	4.18
2021-11-01	Buy	5.60	4.41
2021-08-12	Buy	5.45	4.51
2021-07-29	Buy	5.75	4.38
2021-04-21	Buy	6.45	5.38
2021-02-22	Buy	6.30	5.51
2021-01-06	Buy	6.00	4.95
2020-11-02	Buy	5.85	4.25
2020-11-01	Buy	5.60	4.04
2020-08-13	Buy	5.45	4.87
2020-08-07	Buy	5.45	4.80

Source: RHB, Bloomberg

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Source: RHB

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