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Top Story

Market Strategy

Turning Adversity Into Opportunity Strategy

We remain cautious in our outlook for the Malaysian equity market in the coming quarters. Visibility on growth prospects for 2023 is clouded by macroeconomic worries and monetary policy messaging from a US Federal Reserve that seems determined to extend its hawkish monetary policy pivot, on top of geopolitics and COVID-19 restrictions in China. The imminent general election may be a near-term source of volatility. Investors should hold on to a yield-centric defensive posture, prioritising capital preservation and remaining alert for medium-term opportunities.

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Other Story

Power Root (PWRT MK, BUY, TP: MYR2.60)

On a Sustainable Earnings Upcycle; Keep BUY

Visit Note

Maintain BUY, with new TP of MYR2.60 from MYR2.38, 23% upside and c.5% FY23F (Mar) yield. Post plant visit, we are more optimistic of Power Root's earnings growth prospects. Management guided for stronger export recovery whilst its new brand has cemented a solid position in the markets. Margin outlook is benign in anticipation of more cost pass-through and the strengthening of the USD is earnings accretive. We also like the group for its efficiency-hungry management team, established brand equity, and generous dividend payout.

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Chart 1: FBM KLCI chart



		Chg
KLCI Futures Oct 2022	1,383.50	+12.0
KLCI Futures Nov 2022	1,382.50	+10.5
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	91.63	(2.9)
CPO Spot Price (MYR/Tonne)	3,631.50*	(2.0)
USD/EUR	0.97	(0.0)
JPY/USD	148.67	+1.5
USD/MYR	4.70	0.0
JPY/MYR	3.16	(0.0)
EUR/MYR	4.58	0.0

Note: *As at 13 Oct 2022 closing

Table 1: Regional markets (14 Oct 2022)

	Bloomberg Code	Index	Chg	YTD (%)
FTSE KLCI	: FBMKLCI	1,382.47	↑ +9.11	(11.8)
FTSE Emas	: FBMEMAS	9,858.32	↑ +59.80	(12.8)
FTSE 70	: FBM70	11,904.70	↑ +63.56	(16.2)
FTSE 100	: FBM100	9,607.46	↑ +60.48	(12.8)
Singapore	: FSSTI	3,039.61	↓ (0.84)	(2.7)
Thailand	: SET	1,560.78^	- -	(5.8)
Philippines	: PCOMP	5,904.75	↑ +9.11	(17.1)
Indonesia	: JCI	6,814.53	↓ (66.10)	+3.5
Hong Kong	: HSI	16,587.69	↑ +198.58	(29.1)
China, Shanghai	: SHCOMP	3,071.99	↑ +55.63	(15.6)
China, Shenzhen	: SZCOMP	1,984.33	↑ +50.06	(21.6)
Korea	: KOSPI	2,212.55	↑ +49.68	(25.7)
Taiwan	: TWSE	13,128.12	↑ +317.39	(27.9)
Japan	: NKY	27,090.76	↑ +853.34	(5.9)
Dow Jones	: INDU	29,634.83	↓ (403.89)	(18.4)
S&P 500	: SPX	3,583.07	↓ (86.84)	(24.8)
Nasdaq	: CCMP	10,321.39	↓ (327.76)	(34.0)

Note: ^As at 12 Oct 2022 closing

Bulletin

STOCK/SECTOR	NEWS	COMMENT	RATING
IHH Healthcare (IHH MK)	No appeal has been filed by Emqore Envesecure Private Capital Trust (Emqore) against a court decision to dismiss the US fund's lawsuit. The latter was seeking over USD6.5bn (MYR30.56bn) in damages from IHH Healthcare and others. (<i>The Edge</i>)	<p>We believe the news is positive for IHH, given that the 30-day window to file an appeal has lapsed following the US court granting of IHH's request to dismiss Emqore's lawsuit in early September. Recall: Emqore filed a suit against 28 defendants and 20 non-party defendants including IHH in early June. The defendants were alleged to have conspired – by way of driving down Fortis' share price – to frustrate a proposed share acquisition transaction between Fortis and Emqore, which resulted in the latter suffering losses.</p> <p>While there is limited disclosure from IHH at this point in time, the company is of the view that it has the justification to dismiss Emqore's claim on three principal grounds: i) Lack of personal jurisdiction, ii) <i>forum non conveniens</i>, and iii) failure to state a claim for relief to defend against its grounds. IHH guided that it will make further announcements as and when there are material developments pertaining to the abovementioned issue.</p> <p>We maintain our call and TP on IHH.</p>	BUY, TP: MYR7.42

Top BUYs

	TP (MYR)	Upside (%)	Shariah	Catalysts
AMMB (AMM MK)	4.60	16.5	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeting ROE of 10% (FY22: 5%) on above-industry average loan growth of 7%, stable to higher NIM, and lower credit cost of 35-40bps (FY22: 64bps) With LLC for oil & gas exposures raised to >80%, there is no further need of future overlays Dividend payout to normalise to 35-40% from FY23 (FY22: 11%) with good progress on capital rebuild
CIMB (CIMB MK)	6.50	22.6	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing traction in ROE recovery, with FY22F target at 8-9% (FY21: 8.1%) Asset quality issues mostly addressed, credit cost to decline to 50-60bps (FY21: 73bps) Loan portfolio reshaping and cost take-outs bearing fruit
CTOS Digital (CTOS MK)	2.22	68.2	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique leading position and growth proposition (3-year CAGR of 34%) in secular digitalisation trends such as e-KYC and credit rating-related solutions Synergy from new acquisitions to accelerate growth avenue via its various digital solutions, analytical insights, and exposure to fintechs on the back of the growing digital economy
Guan Chong (GUAN MK)	4.15	102.4	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undemanding valuation of c.10x FY23F P/E vs its consumer peers and international peers for Asia's largest cocoa grinder with a consistent earnings base secured by its forward-selling mechanism and unique exposure to growing global demand for chocolate Various expansions-driven growth and via its venture into Ivory Coast and Europe, which is likely to contribute significantly from FY23 onwards Inflection point for cocoa butter ratio amid strong demand, lower inventory levels, and normalised freight costs
Heineken Malaysia (HEIM MK)	29.20	24.1	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proxy for consumption recovery thanks to its established brand equity and products portfolio The reopening of international borders and more entertainment outlets (nightclubs) should further boost consumption Earnings growth should also be aided by the ASP increases to mitigate cost inflation
Kerjaya Prospek (KPG MK)	1.42	19.3	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPG's construction orderbook stands at MYR4.3bn, which translates to an orderbook/revenue cover ratio of c.3.8x Further opportunities in infrastructure contracts under Seri Tanjung Pinang Phase 2 or STP2, which amount to c.MYR2bn in the next 5-7 years More job wins are achievable, given KPG's net cash pile of MYR214.6m as at 30 Jun 2022

Mr DIY (MRDIY MK)	2.90	48.0	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gravity-defying growth underpinned by strong brand equity and efficient business model Robust outlet expansion plans across brands to support longer-term growth Valuation should play catch-up to consumer large-cap peers
Malaysian Pacific Industries (MPI MK)	36.20	40.3	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilient pipeline and earnings visibility with additional capacity coming on-stream and China's localisation efforts Sustained growth in the automotive and industrial segment, which will better insulate from any prolonged slowdown Structural growth trend in the advance packaging technology that involves silicon carbide or SiC and gallium nitride or GaN
Matrix Concepts (MCH MK)	2.75	93.7	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilient sales from existing township developments should ensure sustainable earnings growth and dividend payouts The 1,382 acres of new land in Seremban will underpin the long-term growth of the company The upcoming completion and potential en-bloc sale of Menara Shariah twin towers in Jakarta may suggest possible upside to FY23 dividend
SKP Resources (SKP MK)	2.22	38.8	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earnings should pick up strongly in upcoming quarters considering the peak seasonality – driven by the year-end festive season and arrival of new labour supply Largely insulated from the rising costs environment given its cost-plus model Putting behind the labour-related ESG issues with the positive audit results – supportive of the share price and valuation recoveries
TASCO (TASCO MK)	2.03	149.1	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TASCO has a pandemic-resistant business. It is also leveraged to post-COVID-19-recovery tailwinds, which translate into a 3-year core earnings CAGR of c.26%, subsequent to FY21's 400% YoY growth Multi-pronged expansion plan backed by the integrated logistics services tax incentive scheme that should also take place in subsequent quarters – this could potentially lead to better profitability going forward The stock's current below peers' valuation provides investors with good opportunities to ride on a renowned logistics player with strong earnings growth momentum
Telekom Malaysia (T MK)	7.40	39.9	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural growth in fibre broadband demand (still modest fibre broadband penetration), enterprise digitalisation, and wholesale services Wholesale business to benefit from 5G backhaul fiberisation contract with Digital Nasional or DNB and the high-speed broadband access or HSBA Strong 1H22 EBIT growth suggests that management's guidance remains conservative, supported by good cost rationalisation
Yinson (YNS MK)	2.91	35.3	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yinson currently interested in four projects, including three in Angola and one in Suriname. It highlighted that ENI's Agogo project, with an estimated capex of >USD1bn, could be awarded in 2022 with the rest in 2023 We also expect strong earnings growth of 45-83% in FY24-25 once it achieves final acceptance of the three new projects Yinson has been aggressive in expanding its renewables and green technologies division – it has a target to secure a 3GW pipeline by end 2022 – and expand the operating portfolio of 5-10GW by 2028 in 5-7 markets

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