

RCE Capital Bhd (RCE MK)

Another record quarterly earnings

Maintain BUY call and MYR2.78 TP

3QFY3/21 earnings came in within our expectations. In fact, our records indicate that the 3QFY3/21 earnings are another record high. We maintain our earnings and dividend estimates. Our unchanged MYR2.78 TP is based on an undemanding 1.2x end-CY21E P/BV. Maintain BUY call. Potential re-rating catalysts are RCE obtaining Shariah status come Nov 2021 and raising its DPR policy from 20-40% currently (FY3/20A: 35%).

Earnings within our expectations

3QFY3/21 net profit of MYR34.8m (+12% YoY, +5% QoQ) brought 9MFY3/21 net profit to MYR90.6m (+10% YoY), which was within our expectations at 77% of our FY estimate. No dividends were declared in 3QFY3/21 but this was expected as RCE usually declares dividends in the 2Q and 4Q. Like 2QFY3/21, 3QFY3/21 net profit was buoyed by higher early settlement income arising from higher refinancing activities by customers.

Operating parameters even improving

3QFY3/21 gross financing and loans receivables grew 2% QoQ (2QFY3/21: +1% QoQ, 1QFY3/21: -2% QoQ). It appears to us that gross financing and loans receivables growth is accelerating, albeit, measuredly. 3QFY3/Y21 gross NPF ratio ticked down QoQ to 4.0%. 3QFY3/Y21 credit cost as a percentage of gross financing and loans receivables even plunged to 0.5% (MKE forecast: 1.5%).

Maintain earnings and dividends estimates

Going forward, we gather that 4QFY3/20 earnings maybe a tad weaker QoQ due to re-imposition of Movement Control Order (MCO) in all states save for Sarawak from 13 Jan 2021 onwards. Recall that the last MCO prevented most customers from refinancing and being charged early settlement income. Therefore, we maintain our earnings and dividend estimates for now.

FYE Mar (MYR m)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Operating income	200	221	238	246	256
Pre-provision profit	155	172	186	193	202
Core net profit	96	111	118	122	128
Core FDEPS (MYR)	0.28	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.36
Core FDEPS growth(%)	7.6	13.5	3.9	3.8	4.6
Net DPS (MYR)	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13
Core FD P/E (x)	5.8	4.7	7.6	7.3	7.0
P/BV (x)	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.0
Net dividend yield (%)	5.5	7.4	4.6	4.8	5.0
Book value (MYR)	1.71	1.92	2.14	2.37	2.61
ROAE (%)	17.3	17.6	16.6	15.5	14.7
ROAA (%)	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
Consensus net profit	-	-	114	121	126
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	3.5	1.4	1.2

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MYR 2.51 Share Price MYR 2.78 (+15%) 12m Price Target MYR 2.78 Previous Price Target

Company Description

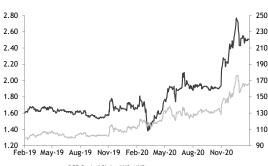
RCE Capital is principally involved in the provision of general financing services.

Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	2.77/1.38
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.3
Free float (%)	28.4
Issued shares (m)	381
Market capitalisation	MYR956.2M
	USD235M

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Price Performance



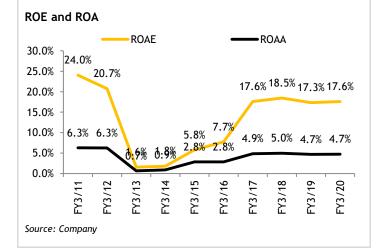
-RCE Capital Bhd - (LHS, MYR) -RCE Capital Bhd / Kuala Lumpur Composite Index - (RHS, %)

	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	3	30	51
Relative to index (%)	7	26	49

Source: FactSet

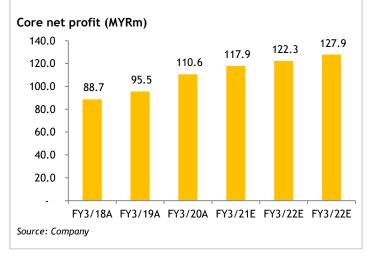
Value Proposition

- RCE Capital provides personal financing, the ultimate customers being civil servants.
- With a gross financing balance of just MYR1.8b, we estimate that its market share is only 2%.
- Non-performing financing kept in check thanks to nondiscretionary direct salary deductions.
- Competitive advantage lies in fast financing processing turnaround time of 48 hours.
- ROE generation surpasses that of the average for the overall banking industry.

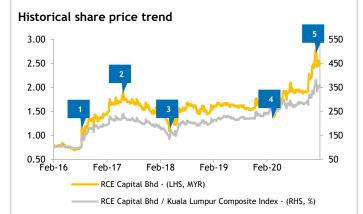


Financial Metrics

- Introduced a better credit scoring model in 2013. Forecast gross financing growth of 3% p.a. over the next three years.
- Average financing yields may be peaking at 14-15% but average cost of funds is falling.
- Asset quality better than before. New financing are smaller in size (<MYR20k) and their NPF ratios are low (<2%).
- Forecast stable three-year forward core net profit CAGR of 5% p.a.
- There is room for dividends to surprise to the upside as its DPR policy is only 20-40%.



Price Drivers



Source: Company, Maybank Kim Eng

- 1. 1QFY17 net profit surged 86% YoY as FY17 revenue grew 39% YoY.
- FY17 net profit surged 98% YoY as FY17 revenue grew 38% YoY
- 3. Concerns arise that the government may reduce the size of the civil service.
- 4. Movement Control Order lengthened time to process new customers, resulting in less financing disbursed.
- 2QFY21 net profit grew 22% YoY to a record high of MYR33m.

Swing Factors

Upside

- Easing competition competitors have been reducing their exposure to personal financing.
- Lower cost of funds we estimate that every 25bps reduction in cost of funds will accrete 3% to earnings.
- Access to CCRIS if RCE Capital gains access to CCRIS, it can better assess customers' total indebtedness.

Downside

- High household debt Household debt to GDP is elevated at >80% and may crimp customers' repayment ability.
- Need to leverage RCE Capital cannot take deposits and thus, has to assume debt to finance its financing.
- Asset-liability duration mismatch customers' repayment may not match RCE Capital's debt repayment.

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Figure 1: Summary Results Table

FY Mar (MYRm)	3QFY3/21	3QFY3/20	% YoY	2QFY3/21	% QoQ	9MFY3/21	9MFY3/20	% YoY
Interest/profit income	71.6	65.2	9.8	70.2	2.0	203.2	190.0	7.0
Other revenue	6.2	7.3	(14.1)	5.7	8.8	15.3	19.7	(22.3)
Revenue	77.9	72.5	7.4	75.9	2.5	218.5	209.6	4.2
Other income	4.3	5.2	(15.7)	4.8	(9.7)	14.8	15.2	(2.6)
Interest/profit expense applicable to revenue	-19.9	-20.3	(2.2)	-19.6	1.4	-60.5	-60.9	(0.7)
Directors' remuneration and staff costs	-8.4	-5.4	55.6	-5.3	59.3	-19.3	-18.5	4.4
Allowances for impairment loss on receivables, net	-2.1	-4.7	(55.8)	-5.7	(63.6)	-14.9	-14.9	0.5
Depreciation of plant and equipment and right-of-use asset	-0.8	-0.5	50.9	-0.8	(1.4)	-2.4	-1.4	71.2
Other expenses	-4.3	-5.7	(24.5)	-5.1	(15.9)	-14.5	-18.0	(19.3)
Finance costs	-0.1	-0.0	212.5	-0.1	5.6	-0.2	-0.0	346.9
Profit before tax	46.7	41.0	13.9	44.2	5.7	121.4	111.1	9.3
Taxation	-11.9	-10.0	19.3	-11.2	6.8	-30.9	-28.8	7.1
Net profit	34.8	31.0	12.2	33.0	5.3	90.6	82.3	10.1
FD EPS (sen)	9.7	8.8	10.0	9.3	5.1	25.5	23.7	7.9
Net DPS (sen)	-	-	N/M	6.0	(100.0)	6.0	5.0	20.0
Financing & loans receivables, gross	1,832.8	1,807.4	1.4	1,802.2	1.7	1,832.8	1,807.4	1.4
(Allowance for impairment)	-128.1	-129.9	(1.4)	-131.4	(2.5)	- 128.1	-129.9	(1.4)
Financing & loans receivables, net	1,704.7	1,677.5	1.6	1,670.7	2.0	1,704.7	1,677.5	1.6
	3QFY3/21	3QFY3/20	+/- ppt	2QFY3/21	+/- ppt	9MFY3/21	9MFY3/20	+/- ppt
Tax rate (%)	25.5		1.1	25.3	0.3	25.4		(0.5)
Gross NPF ratio (%)	4.0	4.3	(0.3)	4.2	(0.2)	4.0	4.3	(0.3)
Financing & loans loss coverage ratio (%)	173.7	167.4	6.2	174.6	(0.9)	173.7	167.4	6.2
Net gearing (%)	153.6	177.1	(23.6)	148.4	5.2	153.6	177.1	(23.6)

Source: Company

Results analysis

3QFY3/21 net profit grew 12% YoY, driven by:-

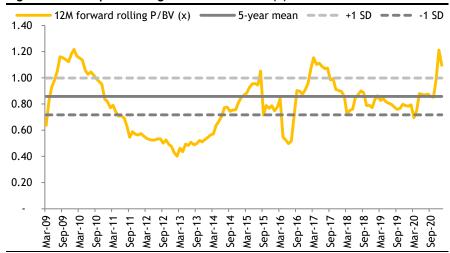
- (i) loans growth of 1% YoY;
- (ii) higher early settlement income due to more customers refinancing; and
- (iii) credit cost falling 56% YoY.

3QFY3/21 net profit grew 5% QoQ, driven by:-

- (i) loans growth of 2% QoQ; and
- (ii) credit cost falling 64% QoQ.

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Figure 2: RCE Capital rolling 12M forward P/BV (x)



Source: Company, Maybank Kim Eng, Bloomberg

FYE 31 Mar	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Key Metrics					
Core P/E (x)	5.8	4.7	7.5	7.2	6.9
Core FD P/E (x)	5.8	4.7	7.6	7.3	7.0
P/BV (x)	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.0
P/NTA (x)	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.0
Net dividend yield (%)	5.5	7.4	4.6	4.8	5.0
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Islamic banking income	164.2	187.0	202.0	209.2	218.1
Other income	35.8	34.2	35.5	36.6	37.7
Total non-interest income	200.0	221.2	237.6	245.8	255.8
Operating income	200.0	221.2	237.6	245.8	255.8
Staff costs	(21.4)	(24.2)	(25.2)	(25.9)	(26.7)
Other operating expenses	(23.8)	(25.0)	(25.9)	(26.7)	(27.4)
Operating expenses	(45.2)	(49.2)	(51.1)	(52.6)	(54.1)
Pre-provision profit	154.8	172.0	186.4	193.3	201.7
Other allowances	(23.7)	(23.1)	(27.7)	(28.5)	(29.4)
Associates & JV income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	131.1	148.9	158.7	164.7	172.3
Income tax	(35.6)	(38.3)	(40.8)	(42.4)	(44.3)
Reported net profit	95.5	110.6	117.9	122.3	127.9
Core net profit	95.5	110.6	117.9	122.3	127.9
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & deposits with banks	492.4	620.2	699.4	780.2	863.3
Sec. under resale agreements	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Derivatives financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dealing securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Available-for-sale securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing and advances	1,602.4	1,692.9	1,740.6	1,790.9	1,844.5
Fixed assets	4.5	7.3	8.7	10.1	11.4
Intangible assets	47.3	47.3	47.3	47.3	47.3
Other assets	79.5	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3
Total assets	2,226.1	2,431.0	2,559.3	2,691.7	2,829.9
Derivatives financial instruments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subordinated debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other securities in issue	1,005.2	1,059.1	1,060.0	1,060.0	1,060.0
Other borrowings	280.8	429.1	478.5	530.5	584.2
Other liabilities	356.6	269.5	269.8	270.0	270.3
Total liabilities	1,642.6	1,757.7	1,808.3	1,860.5	1,914.5
Share capital	154.5	172.2	172.2	172.2	172.2
Reserves	429.1	501.1	578.7	659.0	743.2
Shareholders' funds	583.5	673.4	751.0	831.3	915.4
Preference shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total equity	583.5	673.4	751.0	831.3	915.4
Total liabilities & equity	2,226.1	2,431.0	2,559.3	2,691.7	2,829.9

FYE 31 Mar	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Key Ratios					
Growth (%)					
Net interest income	na	na	na	na	na
Non-interest income	6.2	10.6	7.4	3.5	4.0
Operating expenses	9.4	8.9	3.9	2.9	2.9
Pre-provision profit	5.3	11.1	8.4	3.7	4.3
Core net profit	7.7	15.8	6.6	3.8	4.6
Gross loans	5.2	5.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
Customer deposits	na	na	na	na	na
Total assets	19.8	9.2	5.3	5.2	5.1
Profitability (%)					
Non-int. income/Total income	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost/income	22.6	22.2	21.5	21.4	21.1
Liquidity (%)					
Loans/customer deposits	na	na	na	na	na
Asset quality (%)					
Gross NPF	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.4
Capital adequacy (%)					
CET1	na	na	na	na	na
Tier 1 capital	na	na	na	na	na
Risk-weighted capital	na	na	na	na	na
Returns (%)					
ROAE	17.3	17.6	16.6	15.5	14.7
ROAA	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
Shareholders equity/assets	26.2	27.7	29.3	30.9	32.3

Source: Company; Maybank

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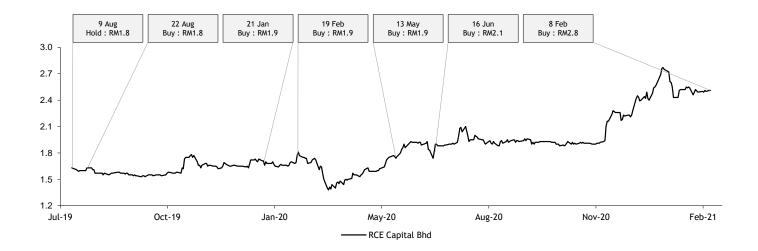
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