

RCE Capital Bhd (RCE MK)

Decline in bond yields to lower COF, U/G to BUY

Upgrade to BUY

RCE's 1QFY20 results were in line and our forecasts are maintained. Positively, the decline in bond yields should aid in improving the group's overall margins, with the prospect of further OPR cuts overshadowing our previous concerns over Malaysia's possible removal from FTSE Russell's World Government Bond Index. We upgrade RCE to BUY with an unchanged TP of MYR1.80 on a CY20E PBV peg of 1.1x. Valuations are undemanding with the stock trading at a FY20E PER of just 5.5x, and PBV of 1.0x for ROEs of >17%. Yields of >5% provide support.

Within expectations

RCE reported a 1QFY20 net profit of MYR24m (+4% YoY, +2% QoQ) - this was in line at 24% of our full-year forecast. Loan growth was a decent 6% on an annualized basis and is slightly faster than our 5% growth estimate for FY20. Positively, the group's net gearing ratio improved to 1.8x end-Jun 2019 from 2.1x end-Jun 2018.

Asset quality stable

RCE's gross NPL ratio was stable at 4.41% end-Jun 2019 versus 4.38% end-Mar 2019, though up marginally from 4.06% end-Mar 2018. Credit cost was lower at 1.04% in 1QFY20 vs 1.41% in FY19 and loan loss coverage was healthy at 168%.

To benefit from decline in bond yields

Bond yields have been declining and this is overall positive for RCE. For instance, it recently issued a 2nd tranche of its Zamarad ABS Sukuk (up to MYR2b programme), priced at 4.54% which was 38bps below the 1st tranche of 4.92% and significantly below the average 5.51% for its previous MYR900m Al Dzahab Sukuk. While we think that Malaysia's possible removal from FTSE Russell's World Government Bond Index (decision in Sep 2019) could lead to short-term volatility in the bond market, the trend in bond yields and the prospect of further OPR cuts bode well for lowering RCE's cost of funds (COF) and thus improving margins.

FYE Mar (MYR m)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Operating income	188	200	209	219	231
Pre-provision profit	147	155	161	169	179
Core net profit	89	96	101	106	112
Core EPS (MYR)	0.26	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.31
Core EPS growth (%)	8.8	7.6	3.7	3.7	4.4
Net DPS (MYR)	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
Core P/E (x)	4.7	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.1
P/BV (x)	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Net dividend yield (%)	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6
Book value (MYR)	1.46	1.62	1.55	1.72	1.91
ROAE (%)	18.5	17.3	17.6	17.6	16.6
ROAA (%)	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5
Consensus net profit	-	-	100	106	112
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	1.2	(0.1)	(0.0)

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BUY

Previous Price Target

Company Description

[Prior:HOLD]

MYR 1.80

Share Price MYR 1.60 12m Price Target MYR 1.80 (+13%)

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

Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	1.68/1.44
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.1
Free float (%)	28.3
Issued shares (m)	369
Market capitalisation	MYR590.1N
	USD141M

Major shareholders:
Cempaka Empayar Sdn. Bhd. 56.8%
RCE Capital Bhd. 5.5%
Employees Provident Fund 2.7%

Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	1	(1)	(2)
Relative to index (%)	5	(1)	10

Source: FactSet

Results summary

		(Quarterly			C	Cumulative	
Year end: Mar (MYR'm)	1Q20	1Q19	% YoY	4Q19	% QoQ	3MFY20	3MFY19	% YoY
Revenue	66.9	63.2	5.9	67.4	(0.7)	66.9	63.2	5.9
Other income	4.8	3.6	32.5	3.9	25.1	4.8	3.6	32.5
Interest expense	(20.4)	(18.5)	9.9	(20.1)	1.4	(20.4)	(18.5)	9.9
Personnel costs	(7.5)	(5.0)	49.2	(5.0)	50.9	(7.5)	(5.0)	49.2
Depreciation	(0.4)	(0.7)	(43.2)	(0.5)	(12.2)	(0.4)	(0.7)	(43.2)
Other expenses	(10.2)	(11.5)	(11.2)	(12.5)	(18.4)	(10.2)	(11.5)	(11.2)
Finance costs	(0.0)	(0.0)	(7.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(7.1)
Pretax profit	33.3	31.1	7.0	33.2	0.1	33.3	31.1	7.0
Tax	(9.2)	(7.9)	15.9	(9.5)	(3.7)	(9.2)	(7.9)	15.9
Net profit	24.1	23.2	4.0	23.7	1.7	24.1	23.2	4.0
Core net profit	24.1	23.2	4.0	23.7	1.7	24.1	23.2	4.0
Tax rate	28%	25%		29%		28%	25%	
Basic EPS (sen)	7.0	6.8	3.2	6.9	1.3	7.0	6.8	3.2
Net DPS (sen)	-	-	nm	5.0	nm	-	-	nm
Net loans & receivables	1,622.5	1,536.0	5.6	1,598.7	1.5	1,622.5	1,536.0	5.6
Total borrowings	1,464.7	1,413.6	3.6	1,605.9	(8.8)	1,464.7	1,413.6	3.6
Net gearing (x)	1.8	2.1		1.9		1.8	2.1	

Source: Company

Risk statement

There are several risk factors for our earnings estimates, price target, and rating for RCE. Lending solely to Government civil servants, any move by the current Government to curb/reduce the size of the civil service would curtail RCE's business. RCE does not have access to CCRIS just yet and thus would not be able to comprehensively assess a borrower's outstanding debt position with domestic commercial banks.





Source: Company, Maybank KE

RCE: One-year forward rolling P/BV



Source: Company, Maybank KE

FYE 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Key Metrics					
Core P/E (x)	4.7	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.1
Core FD P/E (x)	4.7	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.1
P/BV (x)	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
P/NTA (x)	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Net dividend yield (%)	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Interest income	213.5	234.3	249.3	265.1	281.2
Interest expense	(69.3)	(78.0)	(88.0)	(96.1)	(103.5)
Net interest income	144.2	156.2	161.3	168.9	177.7
Islamic banking income	na	na	na	na	na
Total non-interest income	44.1	43.8	47.6	50.4	53.2
Operating income	188.3	200.0	208.9	219.3	230.9
Staff costs	(22.4)	(21.4)	(22.2)	(23.1)	(24.0)
Other operating expenses	(18.9)	(23.9)	(25.6)	(26.8)	(28.0)
Operating expenses	(41.3)	(45.2)	(47.9)	(50.0)	(52.0)
Pre-provision profit	147.0	154.8	161.0	169.3	178.9
Loan impairment allowances	(29.6)	(23.7)	(26.6)	(27.9)	(29.2)
Pretax profit	117.4	131.1	134.4	141.4	149.7
Income tax	(28.7)	(35.6)	(33.6)	(35.4)	(37.4)
Reported net profit	88.7	95.5	100.8	106.1	112.3
Core net profit	88.7	95.5	100.8	106.1	112.3
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & deposits with banks	197.2	492.4	434.6	506.3	584.1
Available-for-sale securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loans & advances	1,524.7	1,598.7	1,676.5	1,756.5	1,822.8
Fixed assets	6.2	4.5	3.5	2.5	1.5
Intangible assets	47.3	47.3	47.3	47.3	47.3
Other assets	83.3	83.2	92.6	98.1	103.9
Total assets	1,858.8	2,226.1	2,254.5	2,410.7	2,559.6
Other liabilities	1,339.5	1,642.6	1,689.5	1,772.5	1,842.4
Total liabilities	1,339.5	1,642.6	1,689.5	1,772.5	1,842.4
Share capital	44.7	154.5	36.6	37.1	37.6
Reserves	474.6	429.1	528.4	601.1	679.6
Shareholders' funds	519.3	583.5	565.0	638.2	717.2
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	519.3	583.5	565.0	638.2	717.2
Total liabilities & equity	1,858.8	2,226.1	2,254.5	2,410.7	2,559.6

FYE 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Key Ratios					
Growth (%)					
Net interest income	12.2	8.3	3.2	4.7	5.2
Non-interest income	15.6	(0.7)	8.6	5.8	5.7
Operating expenses	(4.0)	9.4	5.8	4.4	4.2
Pre-provision profit	18.9	5.3	4.0	5.2	5.6
Core net profit	20.4	7.7	5.5	5.2	5.9
Gross loans	8.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.0
Customer deposits	na	na	na	na	na
Total assets	9.2	19.8	1.3	6.9	6.2
Profitability (%)					
Non-int. income/Total income	23.4	21.9	22.8	23.0	23.1
Cost/income	22.0	22.6	22.9	22.8	22.5
Liquidity (%)					
Loans/customer deposits	na	na	na	na	na
Asset quality (%)					
Gross NPL	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.9
Loan loss coverage	178.0	172.1	170.2	167.2	164.5
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	18.5	17.3	17.6	17.6	16.6
ROAA	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5
Shareholders equity/assets	27.9	26.2	25.1	26.5	28.0

Source: Company; Maybank

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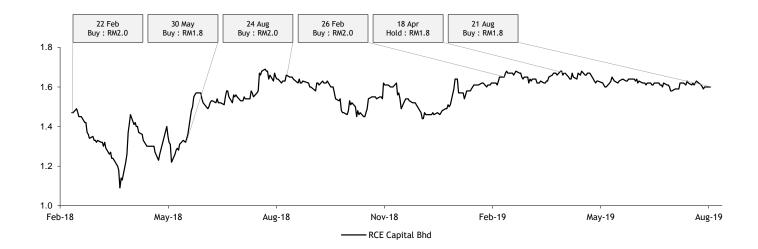
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