

Tuesday, 14 June 2005

**Results**

**Berjaya Sports Toto Bhd (RM4.08)**

**4QFY05 results: Within expectation.** 4QFY05 turnover increased 7.7%qoq and 13.9%yoy to RM723.4m. Year-on-year, earnings returned to the black posting a net profit of RM79.3m although this was still some 14.8% lower quarter-on-quarter. For the full year, turnover rose 7.8% to RM2,670.2m while net profit surged 142.7% to RM335.1m. No final dividend was declared although total gross dividend per share for the year amounted to 45sen.

**Berjaya Toto: 4Q05 results**

FYE Jan (RM m)	QoQ			YoY		Cumulative		
	Jan 05	Oct 04	% chg	Jan 04	% chg	FY05	FY04	% chg
Turnover	723.4	671.6	7.7%	634.9	13.9%	2,670.2	2,477.3	7.8%
Pre-tax profit	114.2	133.4	-14.4%	100.3	13.9%	488.4	438.0	11.5%
Net profit	79.3	93.1	-14.8%	(95.5)	183.1%	335.1	138.0	142.7%
EPS (sen)	6.7	9.6	-30.2%	(10.2)	-166.1%	30.3	14.2	112.5%
Pre-tax margin	15.8%	19.9%	-20.5%	15.8%	-0.1%	18.3%	17.7%	3.5%

**Comments:**

- **4QFY05 results: Within expectation.** Full year net profit came in 3.6% above our forecast of RM323.3m.
- **Full year core gaming revenue growth of 8% came on the back of four additional draws in FY05 and stronger 4-Digit game sales.**
- **Full year double digit pre-tax profit growth attributed partly to lower prize payout ratio.**
- **Possible boost from launch of I-Perm, however we have not included this into our projections due to uncertainties.**
- **Maintaining fair value of RM4.12 and HOLD call on the stock.**

**Quarter-on-quarter:** The increase in group revenue of 7.7% was due mainly to higher gaming sales by its principal subsidiary, Sports Toto while group pre-tax profit declined 14.4% due mainly to impairment of goodwill of an offshore subsidiary and the provision of diminution in value of long term investments made during the current quarter. Meanwhile, the principal gaming subsidiary, Sports Toto recorded revenue and pre-tax profit growth of 8.1% and 8.3% respectively attributable principally to two extra draws in 4QFY05 as well as traditionally higher sales from the Chinese New Year festive season which fell in February 2005.

**Year-on-year:** 4QFY05's core gaming revenue and pre-tax profits (under Sports Toto) posted strong growth of 13.4% and 20.2% respectively. The commendable growth can be attributed to three additional draws in the current quarter as well as the timing of the Chinese New Year which fell in February (4Q) this current financial year as compared to January (3Q) last year. Management has attributed the improving profit margins to a better sales mix during the quarter.

Previous trading day market performance

Indices	Close	+ / -	1-d%	1-m%	vtd %	Most Actives (Main Board)	Close	Change	1-d%	Volume (m)
KL Composite	894.68	4.66	0.5	0.4	-1.4	TIME ENGINEERING	0.51	0.15	39.7	24.76 KLCI Current PER
KL Emas	206.15	1.54	0.8	0.2	-3.8	TIME DOTCOM	0.60	0.27	81.8	22.15 1 Day ago
KL Second Board	91.23	2.12	2.4	-1.9	-17.7	FOUNTAIN VIEW	0.62	0.01	1.7	20.73 1-month ago
Dow Jones	10,522.56	9.93	0.1	3.8	-2.4	LEADER UNIVERSAL	0.41	0.04	9.5	12.73
Nasdaq	2,068.96	5.96	0.3	4.7	-4.9	HO WAH GENTING	0.31	0.03	10.7	12.43
Nikkei	11311.51	7.28051	0.1	2.4	-1.5	PJI HOLDINGS	0.25	0.045	22.0	11.79
Hang Seng	13952.02	17.2602	0.1	0.6	-2.0	MALAYSIAN RE	0.615	0.095	18.3	9.56
Straits Times	2218.86	-1.5699	-0.1	2.2	7.4	IDAMAN UNGGUL	0.335	0.025	8.1	9.35

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For the full year, Sports Toto registered revenue growth of 8% on the back of four additional draws in FY05 and stronger 4-Digit game sales. However, after taking into consideration the additional draws, NFO sales per draw actually grew by a more modest 5.6%. Meanwhile, pre-tax profit for the year rose by 13.8% due partly to a lower prize payout ratio estimated at around 65% as compared to last year's 66.2%.

**Prospects and valuation:** We are maintaining our FY06 sales per draw growth of 6%, slightly above FY05 as we expect discretionary spending to remain firm this year as well as a return of foreign workers into the country. There may even be a sales boost coming from the launch of I-Perm, BToto's version of Tanjong's highly successful IBox which is pending Government approval. We have not however included the possible revenue and earnings enhancement of the I-Perm on BToto's projected sales due to uncertainties. We are therefore **maintaining** our fair value of RM4.12 and **HOLD** call on the stock. **(52w Hi-Low: RM4.36-RM3.32, FV: RM4.12)**

## In the news

### Khazanah Nasional Bhd

**Khazanah in bid for Indonesia's Bank Lippo.** According to a report in the Asian Wall Street Journal yesterday, Khazanah Nasional Bhd has emerged as a main contender to acquire a controlling 52.1% stake in Indonesia's PT Bank Lippo. *(Source: AWSJ)*

#### Comments:

- **Strategy in line with Khazanah's regional diversification plan**
- **Khazanah's second bid for an Indonesian bank**
- **Maybank has denied involvement, but CAHB could be a possible partner.**
- **Pending details, our initial view is positive for Khazanah and possibly offers opportunities for the larger domestic banks**

**Increasing Khazanah's regional exposure.** Of late, Khazanah has been actively looking at deals within the region as part of its strategy to diversify its investments. A second motivation is the need to increase its investment holdings in the financial services sector, which currently accounts for only 14% of its total portfolio (as at end-May). In addition, Indonesia's financial sector offers attractive acquisition opportunities as foreigners are allowed to gain management control of a bank.

Khazanah already has exposure to the Indonesia banking sector through its 26% shareholding in Commerce Asset-Holding Bhd (CAHB), which owns 62% of PT Bank Niaga. Since CAHB's acquisition of the stake, Bank Niaga has seen an almost fivefold increase in its net earnings from Rp141b in 2002 to Rp660b in 2004 with ROE of above 40%.

Bank Lippo is Indonesia's eighth largest bank while Bank Niaga is the seventh largest in terms of asset size. Bank Lippo however has a broader distribution network of almost 400 branches compared to Niaga's 209 branches.

**Second bid after failed attempt for Bank Permata.** The bid for Bank Lippo is the second attempt by Khazanah to directly acquire a controlling stake in an Indonesian Bank after the failed bid for a 51% stake in PT Bank Permata last October. Khazanah had teamed up with Maybank to form a consortium for that bid.

**Will Khazanah go in alone?** Despite being willing to be a co-investor with Maybank in the Permata deal, it remains to be known whether Khazanah will be interested to involve any of the local banking institutions in its bid for Lippo. Last month, Maybank denied news reports that it was bidding for a stake in Bank Lippo. Another possible partner that Khazanah may consider is CAHB, given that the latter already has significant presence in Indonesia as well as following on from plans to transform CAHB into a regional financial group.

At present, the 52% stake in Bank Lippo is held by a consortium led by Swiss financial group Swissfirst AG which acquired the stake in February 2004 and retained the bank's previous management team. The Swiss group had paid USD142m for the stake compared to the current value between USD285m - USD335m)

## Telekom Malaysia Bhd (RM10.50)

### Proposal to acquire Idea Cellular has lapsed.

- The proposed acquisition by TM International (as part of a consortium with ST Telemedia) of 47.7% of the enlarged equity interest in Idea Cellular has lapsed.
- Approvals from the Department of Telecommunications and the Foreign Investment Promotion Board were not obtained.
- Telekom is currently reviewing all its available options in respect of its investment strategy in India and the region.

**Comments:** Recall that in December 2004, Telekom and ST Telemedia have entered into definitive agreements to acquire a 47.7% stake in Idea Cellular for USD390m or RM1.48bn. Upon completion of this transaction, the consortium would have become the single largest shareholder in Idea Cellular.

Idea Cellular has a subscriber base of 5.36m subscribers (as at May 2005) and a wireless market share of 12.37% in India. It has operations in eight circles in India including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh (West), Haryana and Kerala. Besides Idea, there are eight other cellular operators in the country (refer table), which Telekom could have the opportunity to invest in.

We maintain our current forecast on Telekom pending further M&A exercise. The stock is trading at PER05 of 15.5X, based on our forecast EPS05 of 67.7sen. Maintain **BUY (52w Hi-Low: RM12.70-RM9.20, FV: RM12.20)**

### India's GSM subscriber base (as at May 2005)

Company	No. of subs. (m)	Market share (%)	Service areas
Bharti Cellular Ltd	11.80	27.23	23
Sharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL)	9.88	22.79	21
Hutch Group	8.19	18.89	13
Idea Cellular Ltd	5.36	12.37	8
BPL Cellular Ltd	2.59	5.99	4
Aircel Ltd	1.79	4.12	2
Spice Communications Ltd	1.47	3.38	2
Reliance Telecom Ltd	1.23	2.83	7
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam (MTNL)	1.04	2.39	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.35</b>	<b>100</b>	

Source: Cellular Operators Association of India

## Other news

**Economics:** Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, Datuk Shafie Apdal Monday said that the government will look into the possibility of abolishing the subsidy for diesel in stages within the next two to three years. This would be following the steps taken by other countries in the region. Shafie said the market would lose its competitiveness if the industry continued to depend on the subsidy. However, the removal of diesel subsidy would have to be done in stages, particularly for the transportation and fisheries industries both of which were using the bulk of the subsidised diesel. (Source: *Bernama*)

**DRB-Hicom:** DRB-Hicom Bhd and the government have agreed to appoint an arbitrator to resolve the dispute on the variance order claims for the Ipoh-Rawang electrified double tracking rail project. An independent claims consultant who is acceptable to both parties will be appointed. DRB was the main contractor of the RM2.6b project until last month when it had mutually terminated the contract with the government on grounds of the huge debt owing, including allegedly some RM700m for additional works. UEM Builders Bhd has been appointed by the Transport Ministry to take over and lead the project for an interim period. (Source: *theedgedaily*)

**AirAsia pays USD750m for aircraft engines.** AirAsia said it will buy 120 engines and nine spare ones for USD750m for the company's firm order for 60 aircraft. AirAsia also signed an agreement for the rights to buy an additional 80 engines and six spares for a further 40 aircraft. The engines are manufactured by CFM International, a company that is controlled by two major aircraft engine manufacturers - Snecma Moteurs of France and General Electric Co. in the U.S. The Airbus A320-200 aircraft, complete with the installed engines, are scheduled to be delivered over a period of up to six years with the first two aircraft scheduled for delivery in December 2005. Further, AirAsia said it is considering various sources of funding, including but not limited to export credit guaranteed borrowings, commercial bank borrowings and sale and leaseback transactions. On 9 May 2005, AirAsia was reported to be in talks with five international lenders to finance its RM14.4b purchase of 60 new Airbus A320 aircraft. (Source: *Bloomberg*)

**MISC to merge petroleum tanker business.** MISC plans to integrate its petroleum tanker business with that of its wholly-owned unit AET Inc Ltd, a move aimed at consolidating MISC's petroleum operations under one group. The proposed corporate integration will facilitate the establishment of effective control and management by a single corporate group structure, and therefore, enhance the management and operational efficiency of the MISC group's petroleum business. (Source: *BTimes, Bursa Malaysia*)

**Kian Joo secures contract worth RM90m.** Kian Joo Can Factory has secured more than 300m two-piece aluminium cans for export, valued at about RM90m, a record export volume for the company. It said a similar volume was expected in 2006. The cans in sizes of 250ml, 190ml and 330ml are produced at the plants of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Kian Joo Packaging Sdn Bhd and KJM Aluminium Can Sdn Bhd. The biggest order came from Saudi Arabia and the UAE, while customers from India, Bangladesh, Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan and Australia placed regular orders. (Source: *Bernama*)

**Government looking to abolish diesel subsidy.** Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, Datuk Shafie Apdal Monday said that the government will look into the possibility of abolishing the subsidy for diesel in stages within the next two to three years. Shafie said the market would lose its competitiveness if the industry continued to depend on the subsidy. Thailand and Indonesia have already stopped subsidising diesel. However, the removal of diesel subsidy would have to be done in stages, particularly for the transportation and fisheries industries both of which were using the bulk of the subsidised diesel. The government spent around RM2.3b in oil subsidy for the manufacturing and vehicle sector in 2004. (Source: *Bernama*)

**Sumatec to buy vessel for RM36.86m.** Sumatec Resources Bhd said its wholly-owned subsidiary Semua Shipping Sdn Bhd has agreed to buy a vessel from Kuma Shipping Corp Panama for RM36.86m. The purchase, which will be funded by borrowings, is in line with its plan to expand its marine transportation services business. It said it has received a letter of intent from a Malaysian oil major for chartering the vessel for 7 years. (Source: *Bursa Malaysia*)

**Revamp in the air for domestic routes.** While a concept paper to restructure the domestic air services sector in Malaysia is being pieced together for presentation to the Government in two to three weeks time, AirAsia Bhd is quick to say that it is ready to take on new frequencies anywhere in the country so long as a B737 aircraft could be used for that. However, contrary to market perception that MAS is unwilling to give up its domestic routes, where sources said it is keen to keep only the key routes. For financial year ended 31 March 2004, PMB incurred RM270m in losses for domestic air services, which is a big jump from the RM150mil incurred a year earlier. According to sources, MAS in its proposal said it wants key routes such as Penang, Langkawi, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching. Last year it carried 8m domestic passengers of whom 20% were international travellers. Keeping the routes would act as a feeder service for its international operations. (Source: *Starbiz*)

## Analyst Briefing

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PEG = PE ratio to growth	NAV = net asset value	qoq = quarter-on-quarter
FV = fair value	EBIT = Earnings before interest, tax	ytd = year-to-date
BV = book value	EBITDA = EBIT, depreciation and amortisation	FY/FYE = financial year/ financial year end
EV = enterprise		value CY = calendar year
DCF = discounted cashflow	ROE = return on equity	capex = capital expenditure
FCF = free cashflow	ROA = return on asset	adex = advertising expenditure
CAGR = compounded annual growth rate	ROS = return on shareholders' funds	p.a = per annum
WACC = weighted average cost of capital	EPS = earnings per share	
	DPS = dividend per share	



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