

ALMARAI

RESULT ANALYSIS

Q3 2022

Q3 22 profits in-line with expectations

Almarai reported an in-line set of Q3 22 earnings, with net income increasing by 13.2% yoy (-11.0% qoq) to SAR463mn. This compares with the SNB Capital and consensus estimates of SAR465mn and SAR466mn, respectively. The yoy growth in earnings was supported by 1) strong growth in revenue and 2) positive impact of the review of existing zakat provisions. However, it was partially offset by 1) higher COGS due to the impact of global inflation, 2) one-off charge related to an overseas farming investment and 3) higher interest expense.

- Revenues increased by 21.0% yoy (+3.4% qoq) to SAR4.77bn and is higher than our estimates of SAR4.48bn. The growth was recorded across categories due to improved trading conditions after the ease of COVID-19 related restrictions, higher number of visitors in Saudi and the opening of educational institutions. Poultry revenue grew by 43.2% supported by volume growth and capacity addition, while the Bakery segment was up 31.8% yoy driven by single serve products mainly supported by schools opening. Dairy & Juice revenue grew 15.4% yoy driven by improved trading conditions and higher number of visitors in Saudi.
- Gross margins contracted by 115bps yoy (-66bps qoq) to 31.2%, but were higher than our estimates of 30.9%. The yoy decrease in gross margins is mainly due to the higher input costs (corn, soya, and dairy commodities) due to the ongoing cost inflation and higher transportation costs.
- Net operating expenses came in at SAR910mn, higher than our estimates of SAR794mn. Opex-to-sales stood at 19.1% vs our estimates of 17.7% and 17.9% in Q2 22. The increase in expenses was due a one-off charge related to an overseas farming investment, this was partially offset by stronger cost control measures by Almarai.
- In Q3 21, EBITDA increased 8.2% yoy to SAR951mn, while FCF increased 12.0% yoy to SAR931mn, driven by better operational performance, working capital management and higher inventory valuation due to costs inflation.
- Profits from the Dairy and Juices category increased due to an improved sales mix. This was partly offset by higher commodity costs. Poultry profits increased driven by revenue growth, operational efficiencies, and subsidy receipts in Q3 22. Bakery profits increased due to better economies of scale.

Outlook

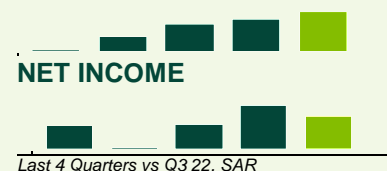
Based on our last update we are Neutral on Almarai, with at PT of SAR59.6. Despite the improved market trading conditions, we believe surging dairy and feed commodity costs inflation and a challenging supply chain remain the key risks. The stock trades at 2022f P/E of 24.6x, vs its 5-years historical average of 29.4x.

Q3 22 Results Summary (SAR mn)

	Q3 22	Q3 21	%yoy	Q3 22f	%Var [^]	Q2 22	% qoq
Revenues	4,769	3,942	21.0%	4,479	6.5%	4,610	3.4%
Gross income	1,489	1,276	16.7%	1,384	7.6%	1,470	1.3%
Gross margin (%)	31.2%	32.4%	(1.1)%	30.9%	0.3%	31.9%	(0.7)%
EBIT	579	519	11.6%	590	(1.9)%	646	(10.4)%
EBIT margin (%)	12.1%	13.2%	(1.0)%	13.2%	(1.0)%	14.0%	(1.9)%
Net income	463	409	13.2%	465	(0.4)%	520	(11.0)%
Net income margin (%)	9.7%	10.4%	(0.7)%	10.4%	-0.7%	11.3%	(1.6)%
EPS (SAR)	0.46	0.41	13.2%	0.47	(0.4)%	0.52	(11.0)%

Source: The company, SNB Capital Research, [^] % Var indicates variance from SNB Capital forecasts

REVENUE



NEUTRAL

Price target (SAR)	59.6
Current price (SAR)	55.4

PT last updated in June 2021

VALUATION MULTIPLES

	21	22f	23f
P/E (x)	35.4	24.6	21.1
P/B (x)	3.4	3.1	2.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.7	15.0	13.8
Div Yield (%)	1.8	1.7	1.9

Source: SNB Capital Research estimates

STOCK DETAILS

M52-week range H/L (SAR)	56/47
Market cap (US\$ mn)	14,773
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,000
Listed on exchanges	Saudi Exchange

Price perform (%)	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	8.4	7.6	(0.4)
Rel. to market	9.3	4.6	(1.8)

Avg daily turnover (mn)	SAR	US\$
3M	17.9	4.8
12M	25.1	6.7

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