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US\$21.0bn Market Cap. 24.2% Free Float US\$16.1mn Avg. Daily Value traded

## **Overweight**

Price Target (SAR): 267.0

Current: 225.2

Upside/Downside: 18.6% above current

Valuation Multiples	23E	24E	25E
P/E (x)	37.7	37.0	30.0
P/B (x)	12.3	11.3	10.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	30.7	27.3	22.7

### Major Shareholders

% Ownership

Al Habib Sulaiman Abdulaziz 40.03 Mohammed Abdulaziz Al Habib & Sons. 33.75

Price Performance	1M	3M	YTD
Absolute	-3.3%	-24.7%	2.1%
Relative to TASI	1.4%	-12.1%	2.7%

## **Earnings**

(SARmn)	FY2022E	FY2023E	FY2024E
Revenue	8,311	9,706	12,736
Revenue growth	14.6%	16.8%	31.2%
Gross profit	2,748	3,319	4,124
Gross margin	33.1%	34.2%	32.4%
Operating profit	1,700	2,164	2,366
Op. margin	20.5%	22.3%	18.6%
Net profit	1,651	2,093	2,132
Net margin	19.9%	21.6%	16.7%
EPS	4.7	6.0	6.1
DPS	3.5	4.4	4.5
Payout ratio	73.8%	73.8%	73.8%
P/E	47.7x	37.7x	37.0x
EV/EBITDA	39.5x	30.7x	27.3x
RoE	29.4%	34.0%	31.8%

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

# Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Services Group

# Very solid results, upgrade to Overweight

Despite seasonality, another quarter of strong results is encouraging. These results give us confidence that the company can ramp up the new hospitals in a much quicker time than anticipated and the growth in topline should offset the cost pressure (related to the opening of the hospitals). The company will open four large hospitals in 2024 (assuming North Riyadh opening gets delayed to Q1 2024) and in total there will be an addition of 1500 beds. On optimum utilization of these beds, there is a potential of revenues doubling in the next 3-4 years. For the first time, Habib or any other hospital operator will be adding this level of supply in the market in a single year, thus we are bit cautious on the margin fronts in the next 2-3 years. However, given the strong brand value and the rising penetration of insurance among the local population, we do not see major risks in terms of ramping up the facilities. Post two strong consecutive quarters of earnings, we raise our 2023 estimates as well as factor in the possibility of strong topline in the near future to curtail the pressure on the costs. We estimate the EPS to grow at almost 16% CAGR for the next 5 years and in our relative valuation methodology we assign a forward P/E multiple of 45x. Post the ramp up of all the facilities, which is expected to happen by 2028 and result in EPS doubling by then, the implied P/E on our target price is 23x. Our target price of SAR 267/share is derived through a blended approach that consists of DCF and P/E. The upside potential based on our target price is 18.6%, thus we upgrade the stock to Overweight from neutral.

Figure 1 Earnings Summary Q3 2023

3Q23 Results	Q3 2023	Q3 2022	у-о-у	Q2 2023	q-o-q	ARC	vs ARC
Revenue	2,443	2,052	19%	2,272	8%	2,298	6%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	843	682	24%	775	9%	758	11%
G. margin	35%	33%		34%		33%	
Op. profit	552	436	27%	499	11%	483	14%
Op. margin	23%	21%		22%		21%	
Net profit	545	421	30%	487	12%	470	16%
Net margin	22%	20%		21%		20%	

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

**3Q23** Results: Habib's 3Q23 revenues (+19% y-o-y and +8% q-o-q) were 6% ahead of ours as well as consensus expectations. Despite the slowdown in the sector, the growth in the last two quarters can be attributed to the continued market share gains in both Riyadh as well as Khobar. This growth was fuelled by a rise in the patient count and increased inpatient occupancy. Notably, this surge in patient numbers exhibited a favourable correlation with the uptick in pharmacy segment sales when compared to the same quarter in the previous year. Gross profits grew at 24% y-o-y and 9% q-o-q, gross margins saw a modest improvement sequentially. Compared to our estimates, gross profit came in 11% above expectations. Operating margins also saw improvement, coming to 22.6% vs 22.0% in 2Q23 and higher than our expectations of 21.0%. Higher top line coupled with improved margins passed through to the bottom-line (+30% y-o-y, +12% q-o-q), which came 16% higher than our estimates and 11% higher than consensus.

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Valuations: We value the company based on a blended approach with equal weight to the two stage DCF methodology and relative valuation approach. Our fair value based on DCF is SAR 261/share. We believe FCF to grow at a CAGR of 27% between 2022-2030e during our explicit forecast period. In the transition phase, we believe FCF growth of 10% CAGR (2030e - 2035e) can be maintained supported by efficient utilization of the capacity and modest price hikes. Our assumption for WACC is 8.4%, cost of equity is 10.2%, terminal growth is 3.5%. Our fair value through relative valuation methodology is SAR 274/share, valued at a 45x P/E on our 2024e EPS of SAR 6.1/share. Our blended average fair value is SAR 267/share, which implies 18.6% upside from the current level, implying an overweight rating on the stock.

Figure 2 Relative Valuation & DCF estimates

Relative Valuation	Multiples/Values	DCF Estimates	Multiples/Values
Target 1 year forward P/E	45.0x	WACC	8.4%
2024E EPS	6.1	Cost of Equity	10.2%
PV of share	274	Terminal Growth rate	3.5%
CMP	225	FCF CAGR: High growth phase (2022-2030E)	26.7%
Price return	21.7%	FCF CAGR: Transistion (2030E-2035E)	10.0%
Div. yield (2023E)	1.9%		
Total returns	23.7%		

Source: Al Rajhi Capital estimates

Figure 3 Valuation table

Valuation methodology	Fair Value	Weight	Value/Sh.
DCF	261	50%	130
Relative valuation	274	50%	137
Value per share			267
CMP			225
Price return			18.6%
Div. yield (2023E)			1.9%
Total returns			20.5%

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

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## **Financials**

Figure 4 Income Statement

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Income Statement (SAR mn)	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	9,706	12,736	15,788
y-o-y growth	16.8%	31.2%	24.0%
Cost of Sales	(6,387)	(8,612)	(10,639)
y-o-y growth	14.8%	34.8%	23.5%
Gross Income	3,319	4,124	5,149
y-o-y growth	20.8%	24.3%	24.9%
margins	34.2%	32.4%	32.6%
Employee costs	(505)	(739)	(900)
Selling and distribution expenses	(272)	(446)	(568)
Administrative expenses	(379)	(573)	(710)
Operating Income	2,164	2,366	2,970
y-o-y growth	27.2%	9.4%	25.5%
margins	22.3%	18.6%	18.8%
Investments and other	139	145	153
Financing Expense	(115)	(283)	(202)
Income from Affiliate	20	20	21
Net income before tax	2,207	2,249	2,942
Zakat & Tax	(155)	(180)	(235)
tax rate	7.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Net Profit Before Minority Interest	2,053	2,069	2,706
Minority Interest (loss)/profit	(40)	(64)	76
Net Income	2,093	2,132	2,630
y-o-y growth	26.8%	1.9%	23.4%
margins	21.6%	16.7%	16.7%
EPS	6.0	6.1	7.5
DPS	4.4	4.5	5.5

Source: Al Rajhi Capital estimates

Figure 6 Cash Flow Statement

Cash flow statement (SAR mn)	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net cash flows from Operating Activities	2,388	2,704	3,316
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(2,991)	(480)	(295)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(311)	(1,841)	(2,742)
Net change cash & cash equivalents	(914)	383	279

Source: Al Rajhi Capital estimates

Figure 5 Balance sheet

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Balance Sheet (SAR mn)	2023E	2024E	2025E
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,833	2,216	2,495
Receivables, Net	958	1,257	1,559
Prepaid expenses and other assets	176	176	176
Inventory	449	515	695
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	3,421	4,169	4,929
Property and equipment	10,455	10,348	10,107
Investment from associates	187	187	187
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	10,942	10,835	10,594
Total Assets	14,362	15,004	15,524
Liabilities and Equity			
Short-term Debt & Leases	486	679	771
Trade payable	883	1,014	1,367
Advance from customers	36	36	36
Accrued expenses and other liab.	1,206	1,206	1,206
Zakat payable	170	170	170
Total Current Liabilities	2,781	3,104	3,550
Long-Term Debt & Leases	4,389	4,212	3,520
Govt. grant	60	60	60
Employees' end of service benefits	518	518	518
Total Non-current Liabilities	4,967	4,790	4,099
Total Liabilites	7,748	7,895	7,649
Total Equity	6,427	6,986	7,676
Minority Interest	187	123	199
Total Owners Equity	6,614	7,109	7,875
Total liabilites and equity	14,362	15,004	15,524

Source: Al Rajhi Capital estimates

Figure 7 Key Ratios

	2023E	2024E	2025E
ROCE	20%	18%	22%
ROA	16%	16%	19%
ROE	34%	32%	36%
Asset turnover	25%	28%	34%
P/E	37.7x	37.0x	30.0x
EV/EBITDA	30.7x	27.2x	22.7x
P/BV	12.3x	11.3x	10.3x
Dividend yield	2.0%	2.0%	2.5%

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