

Net income of SAR 2.22bn came in in line with AJC estimate of SAR 2.16bn, depicting a deviation of 2.6%. Net financing and investment income led the charge as it grew by 12.1% YoY. On the other hand, 13.7% YoY fall in other operating income¹ diluted total operating income growth to 4.3%. Fall of 2.7% in operating expenses partially offset the fall in other operating income.

- Q1-2017 net income at SAR2.22bn showed a jump of 10.1% YoY and 8.5% QoQ. Gross financing and investments income at SAR 3.02bn marked a growth of 12.0% YoY, driven by a 6% YoY rise in financing activity to SAR 229.4bn. Effective quarterly financing rate translated into 1.32% (7 bps¹ above Q1-2016 effective quarterly rate of 1.25%).
- Total operating income for Al Rajhi stood at SAR 3.85bn depicting a jump of 4.3%YoY and 1.08% QoQ. Dilution in YoY growth was a result of 13.7%YoY fall in other operating income which stood at SAR 967mn in Q1-2017, as compared to 1,121mn in Q1-2016. However, Operating expenses at SAR 1.63bn for Q1-2017 were 2.7% below SAR 1.68bn operating expenses realized in Q1-2016.
- Al Rajhi's deposit base grew 1.83% YoY and fell short 0.48% QoQ to SAR 271.3bn. Financing activity remained strong as loan book grew to SAR 229.4bn depicting a rise of 6.0% YoY and 2.0% QoQ. ADR² improved in Q1-2017 to 84.6% as compared to 82.5% in Q4-2016 and 81.7% in Q1-2017.

Our estimates: Al Rajhi results came in line with our estimates for Q1-2017, largely supported by strong income from financing and investments. However, income from other operating activities is a cause of concern, which we believe resulted from weak income from banking fees and services, as well as income from foreign exchange. For the year 2017, we expect Al Rajhi to post earnings of SAR 8.5bn depicting a jump of 4.2%. On a forward PE basis, the company is trading at 12.1x compared to current PE at 12.3x. We maintain our price target of SAR 70.3, However we update our recommendation to **"Neutral"** based on the current market price.

Results Summary

SARmn (unless specified)	Q1- 2016	Q4- 2016	Q1- 2017	Change YoY	Change QoQ	Deviation from AJC Estimates
Net financing and investments income	2,574	2,921	2,886	12.1%	-1.2%	-0.9%
Net Financing Margins	95.3%	94.7%	95.4%			
Total operating income	3,695	3,812	3,853	4.3%	1.1%	-4.4%
Net Profit	2,017	2,047	2,221	10.1%	8.5%	2.6%
EPS	1.24	1.26	1.37			

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Recommendation	'Neutral'
Current Price* (SAR)	64.46
Target Price (SAR)	70.30
Upside / (Downside)	9.08%

*prices as of 16 of April 2017

Key Financials

SARmn (unless specified)	FY15	FY16	FY17E
Net financing and investments income	9,959	11,165	12,020
Growth %	1.4%	12.1%	7.7%
Net Income	7,130.1	8,126.0	8,467.8
Growth %	4.3%	14.0%	4.2%
EPS	4.39	5.00	5.21

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Key Market Data

Market Cap (mn)	102,521
YTD %	2.7%
Shares Outstanding (mn)	1625.00
52 Week (High)	67.50
52 Week (Low)	48.60

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Key Ratios

SARmn (unless specified)	FY15	FY16	FY17E
NIMS	1.74%	1.99%	1.78%
Operating Margins	73.10%	68.70%	68.70%
Net Margins	73.10%	68.70%	68.70%
PE (x)	11.9	12.6	12.1
PB (x)	1.8	2.0	1.9
Dividend Yield	2.9%	3.3%	2.4%
ROA	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%
ROE	15.3%	15.6%	15.9%
Gross Loans growth	2.6%	6.9%	2.1%

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg, Aljazira Capital

¹ Basis Points

² Advance to Deposit Ratio

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