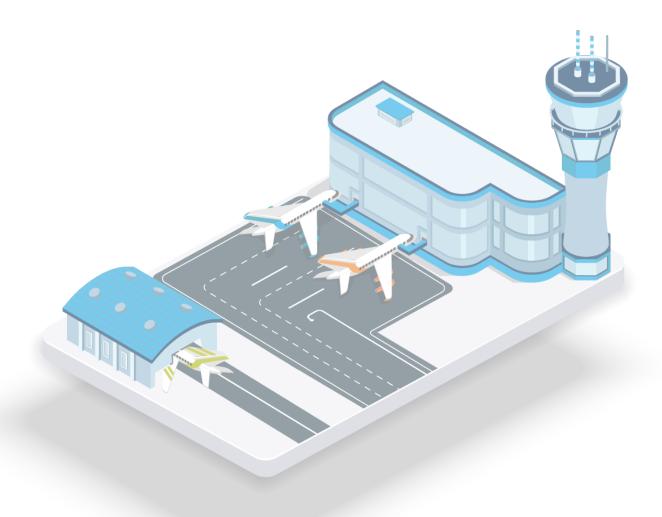


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Aviation Sector Report: Ready to take off after being grounded for two years





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Saudi Arabia's incentives for aviation and tourism support the positive outlook for the sectors over the medium to long term. Vision 2030's focus on increasing the contribution of the tourism sector to the GDP to more than 10% and a target of 100mn visitors by FY30 are expected to drive growth for tourism, aviation, and related businesses. Moreover, General Authority of Civil Aviation's (GACA) efforts under the country's aviation strategy to boost aviation infrastructure to handle higher number of passengers, flights and cargos would bolster the growth in the aviation sector. This year, the Kingdom is preparing to triple the number of foreign tourists (from 4mn in FY21 to 12mn in FY22) after the easing of Covid-19-related restrictions and the resumption of Hajj pilgrims and Umrah performers from abroad. Thus, the process of recovery will continue through FY22, and operating conditions are expected to reach pre-COVID level by H1-23. However, slower recovery in international travel amid global uncertainties and the impact inflation on consumer spending towards tourism are key headwinds for the aviation industry. In the aviation sector, we are "Overweight" on Saudi Airlines Catering Co. with a TP of SAR 91.0 per share and "Neutral" on Saudi Ground Services with a TP of SAR 28.6 per share.

National Aviation Strategy paves way for the future growth and opportunities

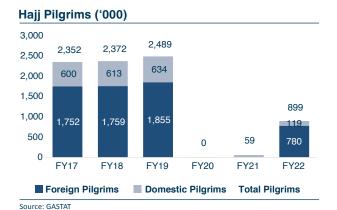
In May 2022, the Ministry of Transport and Logistics launched the National Aviation Strategy, which aims to connect 250 direct destinations (currently around 100) to and from the Kingdom's airports, and triple air traffic to 330mn passengers (less than 100mn in FY19), bringing the Kingdom to first place in the Middle East by 2030. Under the aviation strategy, the government seeks to boost investments of more than USD 100bn and transport 500mn passengers by the end of the current decade. We expect the National Aviation Strategy to be a key growth driver for the sector and open multiple opportunities to expand business.

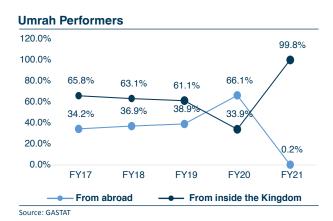
Increase in number of flights and seats by Saudi Airlines indicates rising demand

Saudi Airlines (Saudia) has planned to provide 6.5mn seats and 30 thousand flights in July and August, to meet the growing demand for air travel in summer season. The airline allocated 30% more seats at 765,600 per week as of June 30, 2022, compared to summer season of FY21. It also launched its operational plan for this year's Hajj season with 268 international and 32 domestic flights. Additionally, Saudia also announced an operational plan for the World Cup in Qatar, operating more than 40 flights per day between KSA and Qatar. Hence, higher number of flights and passengers are expected this year, which will reflect positively on companies operating in the Saudi aviation sector.

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pilgrims from outside KSA had a larger share during the 2022 Hajj season

The Kingdom has announced its readiness to receive Hajj pilgrims from abroad after a two-season hiatus due to the pandemic, with the total number of pilgrims this year reaching 899,300 (~87% from abroad), the most since the start of the pandemic. In the 2019 Hajj season, a total of 2.49mn pilgrims (75% of them from abroad) increased by 33.6% during the hajj seasons from 2016 to 2019 (in 2016, the total number of pilgrims was 1.86mn). The pandemic also affected the number of Umrah performers. In FY21, with 12,600 (100% by airports) from abroad, compared to 3.8mn in FY20 (93% by airports). The number of foreign visitors is expected to be higher this year for Umrah as well. Thus, a marked improvement in the number of pilgrims from abroad is expected this year and provide some support to international air traffic.





We recommend "Overweight" rating on Saudi Airlines Catering Co. (Catering) with a TP of SAR 91/share and "Neutral" rating on Saudi Ground Services (SGS) with TP of SAR 28.6/share.

Price target and recommendation

Company Name	Recommendation	PT (SAR/share)	CMP (SAR/share)	Upside/(Downside)
Catering	Overweight	91.0	78.0	16.7%
SGS	Neutral	28.6	28.1	1.9%

Source: Bloomberg, Aljazira Capital Research; prices as of 02nd August 2022





Saudi Airlines Catering Co. (Catering): The recovery in travel and tourism, and in non-airlines segment to boost revenue; full recovery expected in FY23

The company's revenue is showing signs of recovery in line with the recovery in the sector. We believe that the gradual return to normality in air traffic volumes, as well as companies' growths in non-airlines revenues, would provide sustainable growth with more diversified revenues in the future. In the long term, growth is likely to be supported by the bright prospects of the Kingdom's tourism and aviation sector with the background Vision 2030 goals. However, slower than expected rate of recovery as well delay in implementation of Vision 2030 targets are key risks for the company. Based on the company's expected growth, we value the company at a target price of SAR 91.0 per share and recommend "Overweight" for the stock.

FY22 growth to be driven by higher number Hajj and Umrah visitors, increase in number flights: The Kingdom has lifted restrictions on travelling and targets to triple the number of foreign visitors to 12.0mn this year. We expect more pilgrimage inflows, the summer season, World Cup trips and the facilitation of e-visa procedures to encourage foreign visitors to the Kingdom to support growth in number of flights in FY22. We estimate the number of flights served to reach above 180mn in FY22 from ~140mn in FY21; however, the recovery has been slower in number of international flights operating and likely to delay complete recovery to mid of FY23. In Q1-22, the company recorded a revenue of SAR 394.6mn, a growth of 54.0% Y/Y, we expect the company to earn revenues of SAR 1,791.5mn (compared to SAR 1,212.5mn in FY21).

Existing long term contracts and signing of new contracts in non-airline space to ensure sustainable growth: Catering has a 10-year contract worth SAR 12.0bn with Saudia signed in FY20. Saudia has been major contributor to the company's revenue at more than 60%. Thus, the long term contract ensures consistent revenue. However, the company is also exploring to diversify its revenue streams by signing contract with a variety of customers across different sectors. Below are few contracts inked by the company in recent past, which will support the growth medium term:

Name of the company	Date of disclosure	Value (SAR mn)	Agreement tenure (Years)
Executive Office Co. (Altanfeethi)	3-Jun-22	85	3
Saudi Railways Co.	21-Apr-22	140	1.8
Saudi Ground Services	24-Nov-21	51	2
Maaden Co.	14-Oct-21	180	3
Saudi Railways Co.	19-Sep-21	75	3
Dakar rally 2021	4-Jan-21	17	0.5

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Margins likely to improve with increase in volume of operations; but high inflation may limit expansion: We expect Catering's GP margin to improve to 31.1% in FY22 from 27.4% in FY21, due to growth in volume of operations and revenue. The company's 65% of the contract are on cost plus basis, hence, providing partial hedge against rising cost amid high food inflation. However, remaining 35% contracts might exert slight pressure on GP margin.

AJC's view and valuation: We believe that the recovery in aviation and tourism sector and healthy long term prospects of these sectors would benefit Catering, helping it register strong growth in next few years. Additionally, the company's low debt balance sheet provides scope for future expansion to cater to higher demand. However, the recent increase in receivables in Q1-22 (81% from government and semi-government) is a concern for the company. We value Catering with 50% weightage to DCF, and 25% each to FY23E EV/EBITDA (12.2x) and P/E (15.5x) multiples to arrive at a TP of SAR 91/share, implying a 16.7% upside. We recommend a "Overweight" rating on the stock.

Overweight	
Target Price (SAR)	91.0
Upside / (Downside)*	16.7%

Source: Tadawul *prices as of 02nd of August 2022

Key Financials

SARmn (unless specified)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	926.6	1,212.5	1,791.5	2,213.1
Growth %	-57.0%	30.9%	47.8%	23.5%
Gross Profit	42.2	331.8	556.7	743.9
Net Profit	-334.7	14.1	275.7	402.1
Growth %	NM	NM	NM	45.8%
EPS	-4.08	0.17	3.36	4.90

Source: Aljazira Capital, Company reports

No. of flights and Y/Y growth



Source: Aljazira Capital, Company reports

Key Ratios

	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
GP Margin	4.6%	27.4%	31.1%	33.6%
Net Margin	-36.1%	1.2%	15.4%	18.2%
P/E (x)	NEG	HIGH	23.2	15.9
P/B (x)	7.4	7.3	6.7	6.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	NEG	29.2	14.5	10.6

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Key Market Data

Market Cap (bn)	6.3
YTD %	0.13%
52 Week High/ Low	97.2/67.7
Shares Outstanding (mn)	82.0

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Price Performance



Source: Tadawul, Aljazira Capital

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Amount in SAR mn, unless otherwise specified	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
ncome statement						
Gross Revenue	2,156	927	1,213	1,792	2,213	2,417
Y/Y	5.9%	-57.0%	30.9%	47.8%	23.5%	9.2%
Cost of Revenue	(1,369)	(884)	(881)	(1,235)	(1,469)	(1,601)
Gross Profit	787	42	332	557	744	816
General & Administrative Expense	(246)	(256)	(236)	(239)	(295)	(323)
Operating Income	539	(271)	60	324	460	506
Y/Y	6.7%	NM	NM	437.0%	41.8%	10.0%
Finance costs	(34)	(34)	(27)	(27)	(24)	(23)
Income before Zakat	503	(316)	34	298	436	483
Zakat	(39)	(19)	(20)	(22)	(34)	(37)
Net income	464	(335)	14	276	402	445
Y/Y	1.0%	NM	NM	NM	45.8%	10.7%
EPS	5.66	(4.08)	0.17	3.36	4.90	5.43
Balance sheet	3.00	(4.00)	0.17	3.30	4.50	3.43
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents and Short term Investment	189	257	176	129	205	230
Other current assets	1,143	1,022	885	1,039	1,016	1,105
Fotal current assets	1,332	1,279	1,062	1,168	1,221	1,335
Property Plant and equipment	560	456	408	399	416	431
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Right of use assets	82	63	417	395	38	374
Other non-current assets						
Total assets Liabilities	2,504	2,307	1,931	2,001	2,057	2,177
Total current liabilities	605	869	572	581	552	575
otal non-current liabilities	593	578	487	464	469	476
Total liabilities	1,199	1,447	1,058	1,046	1,022	1,052
Shareholders' Equity	,	,	,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	•	,
Share capital	820	820	820	820	820	820
Statutory reserve	354	354	246	246	246	246
Retained earnings	132	(314)	(193)	(111)	(30)	59
Fotal shareholders' equity	1,306	860	873	955	1,036	1,125
Fotal liabilities and shareholders' equity	2,504	2,307	1,931	2,001	2,057	2,177
Cashflow statement	2,304	2,307	1,551	2,001	2,037	2,177
Operating activities	744	(35)	373	306	572	535
nvesting activities	(61)	(46)	(36)	(104)	(166)	(157)
Financing activities	(641)	149	(419)	(250)	(330)	(354)
Change in cash	42	69	(81)	(48)	76	24
Ending cash balance	189	257	176	129	205	230
Key fundamental ratios	103	437	1/0	123	203	230
iquidity ratios						
	2.2	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3
Current ratio (x)	1.7	1.5	1.5	2.0 1.6	1.8	2.3 1.9
Quick ratio (x)	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.8	1.9
Profitability ratios	26 50/	4.60/	27.40/	24.40/	22.60/	22.00/
GP Margin	36.5%	4.6%	27.4%	31.1%	33.6%	33.8%
Operating Margins	25.0%	-29.2%	5.0%	18.1%	20.8%	20.9%
EBITDA Margin	32.4%	-9.6%	18.8%	25.6%	28.0%	0.0%
Net Margins	21.5%	-36.1%	1.2%	15.4%	18.2%	18.4%
ROE	35.6%	-30.9%	1.6%	30.2%	40.4%	41.2%
ROA	20.2%	-13.9%	0.7%	14.0%	19.8%	21.0%

Source: Company Reports, AJC Research

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Saudi Ground Services Co. (SGS): To benefit from rising air traffic after delayed recovery due to prolonged impact of COVID-19; may have to wait for full recovery

SGS being completely dependent on functioning of airlines and air travel was severely impacted by travel restrictions. Now, with easing restrictions, start of Hajj and Umrah season, and rising number of flights as well as passengers' volumes of operation are expected to improve for SGS. Moreover, the company, a leader in ground handling services in the Kingdom, is placed well to benefit in the long term from the Saudi government's efforts to boost number of foreign visitors, establish a cargo hub, increase flights and develop airports to handle more passengers. We recommend "Neutral" rating with a TP of SAR 28.6 per share.

Soon to be in the black with improving air traffic: There has been significant improvements in air traffic in the past few months after the Kingdom lifted restrictions imposed during the pandemic. As per SGS management the company's operating flight rate improved from 63% at the beginning of FY22 to 73% in March for international flights, while it increased from 80% to 90% during the same period for domestic flights. With an operating rate around 85% being the expected break-even further improvements would bring the company back into profits. Saudia, the largest contributor to SGS' topline (signed a contract worth SAR 5.9bn for five years in FY21), saw a 75% Y/Y jump in number passengers served and 77% Y/Y surge in flight hours in Q1-22. This is clearly indicative of an ongoing recovery in the sector and further improvement can be expected during anticipated higher pilgrimage inflows, as well as summer travelling season. However, it should be noted that recovery in international travel has been slower; and the impact of inflation on consumer spending and concerns of global economic slowdown continue to be key headwinds to the recovery. Thus, we expect it will take time for SGS to reach its pre-Covid earnings and estimate net loss of SAR 39.7mn in FY22 and net profit of SAR 269.7mn in FY23.

Ramp up activities expected to have mixed impact on margins: The increase revenue driven by rise in operating volumes is likely to support improvement in margins. However, we believe in initial phases expansion of margins will be limited by ramp up activities that will require reversing of some of the cost control measures implemented during the pandemic. Further with the withdrawal of SANED benefits and current requirement of increasing the staff, personnel expenses are expected rise. We expect gross margin of 16.8% in FY22 and 24.9% in FY23.

Delay in recovery may cause liquidity concerns leading to further increase in debt: SGS raised debt to combat the cash burn during the pandemic. In FY20, the company signed loan facilities worth SAR 2.0bn, out of which it has drawn total of SAR 1.3bn as of March 2022. As the repayment period has already started for some of these facilities the company would need to generate sufficient operating cash to repay loans. We believe SGS may require drawing some more amount from available credit facilities or restructure existing loans to delay the payment period. Subsequently, higher debt and rising interest rates would lead to higher finance expenses. However, sale of its equity holding at net profit of SAR 23.7mn by SGS in Q1-22 will provide some liquidity support in the short run.

AJC's view and valuation: The improving operating environment for SGS is expected to help the company to attain profitability in coming quarters. However, with certain challenges in international air traffic recovery, complete recovery is expected to be delayed for the company. Moreover, managing liquidity and increased debt level will be key challenges for SGS. We value Catering with 100% weightage to DCF (risk free rate = 3.5%, WACC = 7.9%, terminal growth = 2.5%) to arrive at a TP of SAR 28.6/share, implying an upside of 1.9%. We recommend a "Neutral" rating on the stock.

Neutral	
Target Price (SAR)	28.6
Upside / (Downside)*	1.9%

Source: Tadawul *prices as of 02nd of August 2022

Key Financials

SARmn (unless specified)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	1,252	1,608	1,897	2,238
Growth %	-50.7%	28.4%	17.9%	18.0%
Gross Profit	-21	195	318	556
Net Profit	-454	-254	-40	270
Growth %	NM	NM	NM	NM
EPS	-2.42	-1.35	-0.21	1.43

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Revenue and GP margin (SARmn)



Source: Aljazira Capital, Company reports

Key Ratios

	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
GP Margin	-1.7%	12.1%	16.8%	24.9%
Net Margin	-36.3%	-15.8%	-2.1%	12.0%
P/E (x)	NEG	NEG	NEG	19.6
P/B (x)	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	NEG	NEG	28.7	11.8

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Key Market Data

Market Cap (bn)	5.4
YTD %	-3.05%
52 Week High/ Low	39.7/25.5
Shares Outstanding (mn)	188.0

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Price Performance



Source: Tadawul, Aliazira Capital

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Key Financial Data Amount in SAR mn, unless otherwise specified	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
ncome statement	1113	1120	1121	TTZZL	TIZJL	11241
Gross Revenue	2,540	1,252	1,608	1,897	2,238	2,402
Y/Y	-0.6%	-50.7%	28.4%	17.9%	18.0%	7.3%
Cost of Revenue	(1,853)	(1,273)	(1,413)	(1,579)	(1,682)	(1,768
Gross Profit	687	(21)	195	318	556	634
General & Administrative Expense	(239)	(257)	(296)	(282)	(288)	(310)
Other Income	0	2	10	7	9	9
Operating Income	416	(403)	(170)	3	277	334
Y/Y	12.1%	NM (55)	NM (0.5)	NM	NM	20.7%
Share in net income of equity accounted investee	12	(22)	(35)	5	6	6
Financial Income	35	14	21	27	32	32
Financial Charges Income before Zakat	(9) 454	(16)	(30)	(33) 3	(25) 289	(21) 351
Zakat	(31)	(427) (27)	(214) (40)	(42)	(19)	(23)
Net income	423	(454)	(254)	(40)	270	328
Y/Y	14.9%	NM	NM	NM	NM	21.5%
EPS	2.25	(2.42)	(1.35)	(0.21)	1.43	1.74
Balance sheet		(=: :=)	(2.00)	(0.22)		
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	120	96	255	247	28	90
Short term Bank Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-
nvestment Held for Trading	944	977	1,391	900	900	900
Trade Receivables, net	872	1,148	1,067	981	1,042	1,044
nventories, net	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prepayment & Other receivables	461	531	614	569	671	721
Other current assets	2,277	2,656	3,073	2,451	2,614	2,665
Fotal Current Assets	2,397	2,751 99	3,328	2,698	2,642	2,755
nvestment accounted under equity method	142 593	526	52 528	57 505	63 491	69 476
Property & Equipment Intangbile assets	885	849	813	776	740	704
Prepayment & Other receivables	124	61	4	5	6	6
Other non-current assets	1,333	1,140	991	953	914	882
Total non-current assets	1,926	1,666	1,519	1,458	1,405	1,358
Total Assets	4,323	4,417	4,847	4,155	4,046	4,112
LIABILITIES	,			•	•	
Frade Payables	21	96	69	87	92	97
Accrued Zakat	107	126	159	192	200	211
Accrued Expenses & other Liabilities	543	522	475	502	492	519
Current- Lease Liabilities	45	42	36	14	12	15
Total current liabilities	716	786	1,451	1,078	969	971
Employees end of services benefits	531	558	581	521	512	540
Non -Current- Lease Liabilities	130	80	79	120	148	180
Total non-current liabilities	661	1,132	1,131	828	774	806
Fourty	1,377	1,918	2,582	1,906	1,744	1,777
EQUITY Share Capital	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880
Statutory Reserve	499	499	499	499	499	499
Retained Earnings	567	120	(114)	(130)	(76)	(43)
Fotal Shareholder's Equity	2,946	2,499	2,265	2,249	2,303	2,336
Fotal Liabilities & Equity	4,323	4,417	4,847	4,155	4,046	4,112
Cashflow statement						
Operating activities	966	(419)	(10)	293	291	529
nvesting activities	(734)	(40)	(475)	388	(111)	(100)
inancing activities	(422)	436	644	(689)	(399)	(368)
Change in cash	(190)	(24)	159	(8)	(219)	62
inding cash balance	120	96	255	247	28	90
Key fundamental ratios						
iquidity ratios	2.7	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.4
Current ratio (x)	2.7	2.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
Quick ratio (x)	2.7	2.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
Profitability ratios GP Margin	27.0%	-1.7%	12.1%	16.8%	24.9%	26.4%
Operating Margins	16.4%	-1.7% -32.2%	-10.6%	0.2%	12.4%	13.9%
EBITDA Margin	24.5%	-16.5%	0.0%	9.9%	20.9%	21.5%
Net Margins	16.7%	-36.3%	-15.8%	-2.1%	12.0%	13.6%
ROF	14.5%	-16.7%	-10.7%	-1.8%	11.8%	14.1%

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Source: Company Reports, AJC Research

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