

Budget reported a strong set of Q4-18 earnings, significantly above AJC estimates and consensus. Net income came at SAR 46.5mn (SAR 0.65 EPS) against our estimates and consensus of SAR 39.1mn and SAR 40.9mn respectively. Improved operational efficiency and cost optimization plans, leading to a higher GP margins. We note that upcoming FY19 earnings are expected to exhibit similar margin expansion to FY18 earnings, resulting from an improved utilization rate. Continued decline from rental revenue is a source of concern. We update our recommendation to “**Overweight**” on the company with a revised TP of SAR 32.5 per share.

- Budget in Q4-18 reported net income of SAR46.5mn (SAR0.65 EPS) compared to SAR21.6mn for the same quarter last year (115.3%Y/Y, 7.9%Q/Q). It is worth mentioning that 4Q17 included an impairment of associate of SAR14.9mn, lowering the comparison base (as normalized earnings was at SAR36.5mn. Higher earnings was supported by improved business efficiency resulting from improved fleet utilization rate. Earnings for FY19 are estimated to slightly increase by 4.5%Y/Y on the back of higher utilization rate resulting from stronger demand attributed to expansion in untapped regions (northern and southern regions).
- Revenue for the quarter stood at SAR258.1mn compared to SAR309.8mn for the same quarter last year (16.7%Y/Y and 1.5%Q/Q decline), indicating a continued decline from rental and lease revenue which remains a concern for the company. Revised FY19 revenue are estimated to at SAR1,093.0mn (5.0%Y/Y increase).
- COGS stood at SAR182.8mn compared to SAR242.0mn (24.5%Y/Y decrease), indicating cost optimization plans which led to margin expansions. Gross profit increased 11.1%Y/Y to SAR75.3mn. Gross margins stood at 29.2% up from 27.2% from previous quarter and 21.9% for the same quarter last year. OPEX stood at SAR28.2mn compared to SAR26.2mn. FY19, gross margin is estimated to stand at 26.0%.

AJC View: Lease revenue is expected to partly offset the downfall in rental revenue. However, expansions in untapped regions (Northern and southern regions) on the back of a higher utilization rate is the key catalyst going forward. According to budget, the impact of Saudi women driving would revive the market and boost the demand for rental services in the long term. Revised FY19 EPS is estimated to stand at SAR2.50 per share at an estimated forward PE and PB multiples of 11.2x and 1.8x respectively. We update our recommendation to “**Overweight**” with a revised TP of **SAR32.5 per share**.

Results Summary

SARmn (unless specified)	Q4-17	Q3-18	Q4-18	Change Y/Y	Change Q/Q	Deviation from AJC Estimates
Revenue	309.8	262.0	258.1	-16.7%	-1.5%	-18.3%
Gross Profit	67.8	71.2	75.3	11.1%	5.7%	3.6%
<i>Gross Margin</i>	21.9%	27.2%	29.2%	-	-	-
EBIT	50.2	46.5	50.8	1.2%	9.2%	10.4%
Net Profit	21.6	43.1	46.5	115.3%	7.9%	18.9%
EPS	0.30	0.61	0.65	116.7%	6.6%	18.2%

Source: Company Reports, Aljazira Capital *NM: Not meaningful

Overweight

Target Price (SAR) **32.5**

Upside / (Downside)* **15.6%**

Source: Tadawul *prices as of 31st of January 2019

Key Financials

SARmn (unless specified)	FY17	FY18	FY19E
Revenue	1,173.2	1,041.0	1,093.0
Gross Profit	262.6	275.1	284.2
Net Profit	149.5	170.0	177.7
EPS	2.10	2.39	2.50

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Key Ratios

SARmn (unless specified)	FY17	FY18	FY19E
Gross Margin	22.4%	26.4%	26.0%
Net Margin	12.9%	16.3%	16.2%
P/E	13.0x	11.0x	11.2x
P/B	1.8x	1.7x	1.8x
Dividend Yield	5.5%	5.7%	5.3%

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Key Market Data

Market Cap (mn)	2,085.3
YTD %	6.64%
Shares Outstanding (mn)	71.17
52 Week High/ Low	40.3/24.5

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital

Price Performance



Source: Tadawul, Aljazira Capital

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