



Volume driven revenue growth, cost controls and lower funding costs supported the increase in net income

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- Net profit growth (Y/Y) in dairy and juice segment is owed to higher sales and cost optimization. Improvement in profit (Y/Y) of bakery segment is due to better revenue mix. Poultry category on the other hand saw a decline in profits as compared to same period last year due to the ongoing pricing pressure, however impact was offset due to higher sales volume from first phase of capacity expansion.
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- Operating profit stood at SAR 757mn, a rise of 2.0% Y/Y (a decline of 6.9% Q/Q), operating margins declined to 13.6% in Q3-25 (-61bps Y/Y; -174bps Q/Q); 78bps lower than our estimate. Operating expenses as percentage of sales remained largely unchanged Y/Y at 17.8%, however on a Q/Q basis opex to sales increased by 80bps.

AJC view and valuation: Despite pressure from higher energy prices and drop in poultry prices, Almarai posted a strong set of results (net income up 7.5% Y/Y) on account of robust revenue growth (driven by volume increases), improvement in operating efficiencies and lower funding costs. We forecast 2025 revenue at SAR 21.8bn and net income at SAR 2.48bn, up 3.9/7.4% Y/Y respectively. In the long run, we estimate the company to post 2024-28E revenue CAGR of 7.1% (driven by the increase in fresh dairy sales and expansion in poultry segment) and net income CAGR of 10.4% (boosted by declining finance costs), the aforementioned growth would be driven by company's SAR 18bn mega investment plan. However, we believe positives are priced in, hence we maintain our "Neutral" recommendation on the stock, with a TP at SAR 57.5/share.

Results Summary

SAR mn	Q3-24	Q2-25	Q3-25	Change Y/Y	Change Q/Q	Deviation
Revenue	5,209	5,288	5,553	6.6%	5.0%	2.1%
Gross Profit	1,670	1,713	1,747	4.6%	2.0%	2.1%
Gross Margin	32.1%	32.4%	31.5%	-	-	-
EBIT	742	813	757	2.0%	-6.9%	-3.4%
Net Profit	570	647	613	7.5%	-5.2%	-0.5%
EPS	0.57	0.65	0.61	-	-	-

Source: Company Report, Aljazira Capital Research

Recommendation **Neutral**

Target Price (SAR) **57.5**

Upside / (Downside)* **12.4%**

Source: Tadawul *prices as of 2nd of October 2025

Key Financials

SARmn (unless specified)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E
Revenues	18,722	19,576	20,980	21,803
Growth %	18.1%	4.6%	7.2%	3.9%
Gross profit	5,624	6,051	6,664	6,884
EBIT	2,276	2,694	2,995	3,082
EBITDA	4,029	4,406	4,684	5,014
Net Income	1,760	2,052	2,314	2,486
Growth %	12.6%	16.6%	12.8%	7.4%
EPS	1.76	2.05	2.31	2.49
DPS	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital Research

Key Ratios

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E
Gross Margin	30.0%	30.9%	31.8%	31.6%
EBIT Margin	12.2%	13.8%	14.3%	14.1%
EBITDA Margin	21.5%	22.5%	22.3%	23.0%
Net Margin	9.4%	10.5%	11.0%	11.4%
P/E (x)	28.64	27.19	24.63	20.57
P/B (x)	3.02	3.14	3.03	2.65
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.24	13.98	13.19	12.15
Dividend Yield	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	2.0%

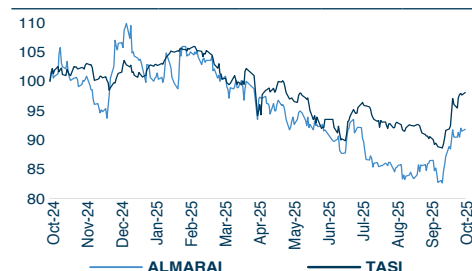
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Key Market Data

Market Cap(bn)	50.85
YTD%	-11.10%
52 week (High)/(Low)	61.5/45.7
Share Outstanding (mn)	1000.0

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital Research

Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg, AJC Research

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