

United International Transportation Co.



Earnings beat expectations on higher margins

29 Oct 2020

Budget reported relatively robust earnings (-10.6% Y-o-Y) thanks		
to the diversification of the use of its fleet; as the increased		
demand for used vehicles (following VAT hike) and relatively stable		
performance of long term lease partially offset the drop in short		
term lease segment. Increased demand for used vehicle sales, and		
consequently higher margins from the sale, aided in Budget's fast		
recovery during the quarter. We maintain our Neutral		
recommendation for Budget but raise our target price to		
SAR36.5/share.		

Budget reported revenues of SAR228mn (-10.9% Y-o-Y) due to the
continued pressure on short term lease business given continued travel
restrictions and umrah suspension during Q3 2020. The resilience of Budget's
long-term lease business and increased demand for used car sales helped
mitigate revenue drop during the quarter. The company witnessed a rebound
in revenues Q-o-Q by 21.3% thanks to the recovery in short term rental and
used car sales.

Short-term and long-term lease dropped by 37.7% and 3.6%, respectively, while vehicle sales increased by 3.6% Y-o-Y during Q3 2020 despite VAT hike during the quarter. In fact, VAT hike seem to represent a short-term opportunity for Budget as consumers are downtrading to used cars instead of new car purchases. Long term lease business is expected to continue to be relatively resilient, though weaker economic conditions should have some impact on revenue generation as demand from business slow down.

Budget reported gross profit of SAR65mn (-16.3% Y-o-Y) whereas gross profit margin contracted by only 1.8% Y-o-Y to 28.4%, which is quite resilient as used vehicle sales margins (unexpectedly) remained intact due to the increased demand. EBIT fell by 12.8% to SAR42mn yet EBIT margin lost only 0.4% during Q3 2020 as SG&A dropped by 17.4%. Net income fell by 10.6% Y-o-Y yet recovered by 79.1% Q-o-Q recording SAR40mn. Impressively, net margin widened 40 basis point compared to Q3 2019 to 17.8% during Q3 2020.

Budget reported a good set of results given the current circumstances, driven by its long-term lease and used vehicles sales which helped partially offset the significant drop-in short-term lease. Budget's earnings beat our expectations, mainly due to higher than expected demand and margins for used vehicles segment. The company declared a dividend of SAR0.5/share for H1 2020 despite 20% profit drop in H1. Budget is well positioned to survive a second wave of COVID-19 with its strong balance sheet, almost zero debt, and a resilient business model. The current situation in KSA is comforting, though, with daily cases falling below 400 which does not call for a curfew. We expect gradual Q-o-Q recovery for short term rental in Q4 2020, which should be supported by umrah resumption and less travel restrictions compared to Q3. Budget is currently trading at TTM P/E of 15.6x.

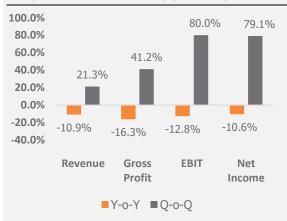
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Recommendation	Neutral
Previous Recommendation	Neutral
Current Price (28-10-2020)	SAR34.5
Target Price (52 Weeks)	SAR36.5
Upside/ (Downside)	6.0%
Shariah Compliance	Pass

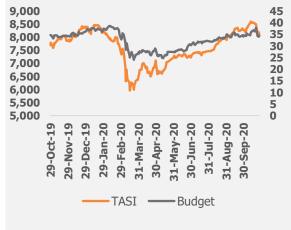
Key Financial Ratios

Ratio	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Gross Margin	28.4%	24.4%	30.2%
EBIT Margin	18.6%	12.6%	19.0%
Net Margin	17.8%	12.0%	17.7%

Key Financial Results (Q3 2020)



Share Price Performance



Guide to Ratings and Disclaimer

Guide to Ratings

Buy	An upside potential of more than 20% in 52-week period
Overweight	An upside Potential of more than 10% in 52-week period
Neutral	Will stay in the range of it value (up/down 10%) in a 52-week period
Underweight	A downside potential of more than 10% in 52-week period
Sell	A downside potential of more than 20% in 52-week period

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