

Company Report

Thursday, 26 August 2021

Qatar Navigation/Milaha (QNNS)

Recommendation	OUTPERFORM	Risk Rating	R-4
Share Price	QR7.520	Current Target Price	QR10.000
Implied Upside	33.0%	Old Target Price	QR10.500

Trimming Estimates & Target Price Post 2Q2021 Results; Outperform

Our investment thesis remains unchanged with Milaha offering compelling long-term upside. QNNS continues to post strong growth with net income up 46.0% YoY in 1H2021 to QR437.8mn with impairments dropping from QR324.7mn in 1H2020 to just QR12.2mn recorded in 1H2021 (2Q2021). However, 2Q2021 net income did miss our forecast; thus, we are lowering our estimates to account for this miss, along with reduced margin expectations specifically for the offshore and the maritime & logistics segments. We remain bullish on the QNNS growth story. The stock, over 2011-2021, has always traded at a significant discount to its sum-of the-parts, sometimes worth only the value of its investment stake in Nakilat and its equity/bond portfolio. This remains the case currently, with Milaha's "non-core" assets (Nakilat + Investment book), along with its net cash position, making up close to 100% of QNNS' market cap. This implies that investors get Milaha's "core" or operating businesses for almost free. However, what could be different this time around is that Milaha should enjoy several catalysts, which could help in its rerating. We note recovery in oil prices/sentiment, the recent lifting of Qatar's blockade, the upcoming FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and the massive North Field Expansion project, are all positive tailwinds. Growth snapback, as COVID-19 restrictions ease, should also contribute to easier comparisons going forward. Lack of large impairments in the future should also help QNNS' earnings trajectory and highlight its growth story to investors. We reiterate our Outperform rating but lower our price target from QR10.500 to QR10.000. Highlights

- Milaha recorded 2Q2021 earnings of QR140.5mn, up significantly YoY vs. QR16.7mn recorded in 2Q2020. Earnings, however, receded 52.7% QoQ from QR297.2mn in 1Q2021 and fell below our estimate of QR194.6mn. For more details, please see page 3.
- We lower our 2021-2023e earnings estimates by ~9%. This reduction comes despite an overall increase in top-line estimates by 11% driven by upside, seen thus far this year, in offshore (MO) and maritime & logistics (MM&L). We have also upped our costs forecasts/lowered our margin estimates given lower-than-expected profitability in MO (idle lift boat, dry-docking costs, COVID-19 expenses, etc.) and MM&L segments (growth in variable costs, along with lower-than-expected QTerminals' profitability) in 2Q2021. Our margin assumptions could well turn out to be low but we opt to take a conservative stance. We note QNNS is looking to convert its remaining tanker in its gas & petrochem segment (MG&P) to a FSO in 4Q2021 and put it on a LT contract removing spot market volatility. This could also lead to revenue/margin upside. For changes to our key forecasts. please see page 3.
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 Earnings should grow at a 7.4% CAGR (2020-2025e) excluding impairments/one-offs. 60% of this five-year growth in "clean" earnings should be driven by Milaha's operating businesses MO, MM&L, MG&P and Trading (MT) led by growth at MM&L and MO. QTerminals should show a 2.5% CAGR given volume uptick/phase II expansion at the Hamad Port. On the non-core front, Nakilat (8.6% CAGR) propels the remaining 40% of QNNS' 5-year growth despite a drop in Milaha Capital.
- Recovery in oil prices/sentiment, the recent lifting of the blockade, the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and the massive NFE project should provide growth tailwinds. MM&L (34% of 2020 net revenue) segment's container shipping business should benefit as Qatar-GCC trade picks up post the blockade, while industrial/project logistics should get a boost from WC 2022 in the near-to-medium-term and the NFE project, longer-term. QTerminals (49%-owned JV), also part of MM&L, should also see an uptick in its port management business as container flows pick up. MO (34%) went through a rough patch given lackluster oil prices (and impairments) but improvement in oil outlook, along with the NFE project, remain strong growth drivers. MG&P (13%), like the offshore segment, should benefit from higher oil prices leading to improved charter rates and utilization levels. Overall, all segments should benefit as COVID-19 restrictions ease going forward.

Catalysts

 Growth beyond our modeled expectations: Milaha has generally maintained low leverage levels (2020 net debt-to-equity: 12.7%) and could potentially ramp up spending/seek acquisition opportunities. Given supportive market fundamentals, purchases of FSOs/FPSOs (MG&P segment) and acquisition of logistics (MM&L) businesses, among others, could act as potential catalysts.

Recommendation, Valuation and Risks

- Recommendation & valuation: We remain Outperform on QNNS. We value Milaha using a SOTP methodology, which comprises of these major parts: 1) Separate DCF-based values for the core businesses (MO, MM&L, MG&P and MT); 2) A DCF-based value for QNNS' 36.3% stake in Nakilat (QGTS: Outperform/QR3.500 TP); 3) A P/E-based value for Milaha's 49.0%-owned JV QTerminals; 4) Investment (stocks & bonds) portfolio at a 20% haircut to 2Q2021 FV; and 5) Real estate investment properties at a 40% discount to 2020 FV. We also apply a 30% conglomerate discount.
- Risks: Milaha stock remains in a "show-me" mode always optically undervalued relative to
 its SOTP, it has often struggled to receive much credit beyond its stake in Nakilat and its
 investment/real estate portfolio. For the stock to rerate, investors need to see earnings/EBITDA
 growth acceleration without significant impairments muddling up the story. Other risks remain,
 including: (1) Weakness/volatility in oil prices; (2) Execution/integration issues with major fleet
 additions/acquisitions; (3) Fall in local equity/RE prices; (3) A slowdown in Qatar's economy and (4)
 Geopolitical crisis in the MENA region.

Key Financial Data and Estimates

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	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e
EPS (Excluding Impairments & One-Offs)	0.75	0.67	0.81	0.87
EPS Growth (%)	4.3	(11.0)	21.3	6.9
P/E (x)	10.0	11.3	9.3	8.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.9	19.6	15.8	14.2
FCF Yield (%)	10.0	7.3	8.4	9.4
DPS (QR)	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
RoE (%)	6.0	5.5	6.4	6.6

Source: Company data, QNBFS estimates

Key Data

Current Market Price (QR)	7.520
Dividend Yield (%)	4.0
Bloomberg Ticker	QNNS QD
ADR/GDR Ticker	N/A
Reuters Ticker	QNNC.QA
ISIN	QA0007227695
Sector*	Transportation
52wk High/52wk Low (QR)	8.230/5.801
3-m Average Volume ('000)	617.6
Mkt. Cap. (\$ bn/QR bn)	2.3/8.5
Enterprise Value (\$ bn/QR bn)	2.8/10.1
Shares Outstanding (mn)	1,136.2
FO Limit** (%)	49.0
Current FO** (%)	8.6
1-Year Total Return (%)	32.8
Fiscal Year End	December 31

Source: Bloomberg (as of August 26, 2021), *Qatar Exchange (as of August 25, 2021); **Note: FO is foreign ownership and Milaha's Board has already approved increasing FOL to 100%.

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Valuation

Our target price of QR10.000/share implies an upside of 33.0% from the current market price. We value Milaha using a SOTP methodology, which comprises of these major parts:

- 1) Separate DCF-based values for the core businesses (MO, MM&L, MG&P and MT);
- 2) A DCF-based value for QNNS' 36.25% stake in Nakilat (QGTS: Outperform/QR3.500 Target Price);
- 3) A P/E-based value for Milaha's 49.00%-owned JV called QTerminals;
- 4) Investment (stocks & bonds) portfolio at a 20% discount to 2Q2021 FV; and
- 5) Real estate investment properties at a 40% discount to 2020 FV.

We also apply a conglomerate discount of 30%.

Valuation Summary

SOTP	Methodology	Equity Value (QR mn)	EV/Share	% of Total
Milaha Offshore	DCF	1,977	1.74	12.2%
Milaha Maritime & Logistics	DCF	770	0.68	4.8%
Milaha Gas & Petrochem	DCF	139	0.12	0.9%
Milaha Trading	DCF	(94)	(80.0)	-0.6%
Milaha Core	DCF	2,793	2.46	17.3%
Investments	2Q2021 Fair Value (@20% Discount)	3,014	2.65	18.6%
Real Estate - Investment Properties	2020 Fair Value (@40% Discount)	1,159	1.02	7.2%
Associates - Nakilat (36.3% Stake)	QNBFS Price Target of QR3.500	7,027	6.19	43.5%
Associates - Other	2Q2021 Book Value (Estimated)	247	0.22	1.5%
JVs - QTerminals (49.0% Stake)	P/E (@20% Discount to 2022 Peers P/E of 12x)	1,649	1.45	10.2%
JVs - Gulf LPG	2Q2021 Book Value (Estimated)	153	0.13	0.9%
Loans to LNG Companies	2Q2021 Book Value	122	0.11	0.8%
Equity Value		16,165	14.23	100.0%
Conglomerate Discount (30%)		4,850	(4.27)	
Net Fair Value		11,316	10.000	
Current Price			7.520	

Upside/(Downside)
Source: QNBFS estimates

Relative Multiples

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Valuation Multiples	2018	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e
P/E (x)	16.5	15.6	144.6	11.4	9.3	8.7
P/E Excluding Impairments & One-Offs (x)	11.2	10.4	10.0	11.3	9.3	8.7
P/B (x)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.0	16.0	15.9	19.6	15.8	14.2
Dividend Yield (%)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
FCFF Yield (%)	8.6	10.5	10.0	7.3	8.4	9.4

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Estimate Changes

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Change in Estimates

		Current	Previous		Current	Previous		Current	Previous	
In QR mn	2020	20	21e	A	20	22e	A	20	23e	A
Revenue	2,267	2,572	2,331	10%	2,668	2,398	11%	2,732	2,446	12%
COGS	(1,036)	(1,445)	(1,141)	27%	(1,431)	(1,112)	29%	(1,444)	(1,123)	29%
Gross Profit	1,232	1,127	1,190	(5%)	1,237	1,286	(4%)	1,288	1,323	(3%)
SG&A	(586)	(613)	(601)	2%	(617)	(605)	2%	(625)	(613)	2%
EBITDA	646	514	589	(13%)	620	680	(9%)	663	710	(7%)
Depreciation & Amortization	(367)	(364)	(364)	(0%)	(364)	(364)	(0%)	(373)	(373)	(0%)
EBIT	279	150	224	(33%)	257	317	(19%)	290	337	(14%)
Net Interest Income (Expense)	(63)	(47)	(44)	6%	(37)	(34)	8%	(32)	(29)	10%
Share of Results From JVs	85	195	216	(10%)	204	225	(9%)	208	229	(9%)
Share of Results From Associates	418	470	469	0%	503	503	(0%)	524	526	(0%)
Impairments & Others	(655)	(17)								
Net Profit Before Taxes & Minority Interest	64	752	865	(13%)	927	1,011	(8%)	990	1,064	(7%)
Taxes	(5)	(4)	(4)	(12%)	(4)	(5)	(7%)	(5)	(5)	(6%)
Net Profit Before Minority Interest	59	748	861	(13%)	922	1,006	(8%)	986	1,059	(7%)
Minority Interest	(0)	(1)	(1)	%	(1)	(1)	%	(1)	(1)	%
Net Profit	59	747	859	(13%)	921	1,005	(8%)	985	1,058	(7%)
Net Profit Excluding Impairments & One-Offs	853	759	859	(12%)	921	1,005	(8%)	985	1,058	(7%)

Current	Previous	
Cum	ulative	▲
7,972	7,175	11%
(4,320)	(3,376)	28%
3,652	3,799	(4%)
(1,855)	(1,820)	2%
1,797	1,979	(9%)
(1,101)	(1,101)	(0%)
696	878	(21%)
(115)	(106)	8%
608	670	(9%)
1,497	1,499	(0%)
(16.84)	-	
2,669	2,940	(9%)
(13)	(14)	(8%)
2,656	2,926	(9%)
(3)	(3)	%
2,652	2,922	(9%)
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Source: Company data, QNB FS estimates

2Q2021 Review: Earnings Misses but LT Story Intact

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Milaha Offshore and Maritime & Logistics drive overall growth in revenue but higher expenses crimp profitability. MO posted hefty 45.6% YoY and 48.4% QoQ increases in top-line driven by offshore services given addition of diving-related projects; vessel-chartering revenue also grew due to improving utilization. However, net income performance was softer-than-expected given higher-than-estimated operating supplies & expenses with EBITDA margin dropping to 20.3% in 2Q2021 vs. 43.4% in 2Q2020 and 32.3% in 1Q2021. MM&L witnessed 36.1% YoY and 9.1% QoQ increases in its top-line. In 1H2021, a 5% volume increase, along with higher shipping rates helped container-shipping revenue, while logistics benefitted from higher volumes and a general uptick in business. However, higher-than-expected operating supplies & expenses and salaries, wages & other benefits influenced results, especially QoQ. Segment EBITDA margin came in at -1.3% in 2Q2021, an improvement from 2Q2020's -12.6% but below 1Q2021's 2.5%. Other segments, generally, were in-line to modestly below our estimates.

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Key Ratios

Key Ratios	2018	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e
Growth (%)						
Revenue	(2.86)	0.20	(6.49)	13.43	3.75	2.39
Gross Profit	(3.48)	(5.60)	(0.66)	(8.48)	9.75	4.10
EBITDA	(4.61)	(12.35)	0.20	(20.35)	20.59	6.87
EBIT	(10.55)	(29.50)	(1.35)	(46.22)	71.14	12.87
Net Profit	9.90	5.89	(89.19)	1,163.77	23.28	6.93
Net Profit (Excluding Impairments & One-Offs)	0.88	7.73	4.27	(11.04)	21.29	6.93
Profitability (%)						
Gross Margin	54.27	51.13	54.32	43.83	46.36	47.14
EBITDA Margin	30.38	26.58	28.48	20.00	23.24	24.26
EBIT Margin	16.57	11.66	12.30	5.83	9.62	10.60
Net Margin	21.34	22.55	2.61	29.04	34.51	36.04
RoE	3.67	3.75	0.42	5.37	6.40	6.56
RoE (Excluding Impairments & One-Offs)	5.40	5.62	6.04	5.46	6.40	6.56
RoAA	2.82	3.08	0.34	4.37	5.32	5.55
BEP	2.19	1.59	1.61	0.88	1.48	1.63
RoAIC	2.39	1.77	1.81	0.98	1.67	1.84
RoACE	2.29	1.68	1.72	0.94	1.60	1.75
Efficiency						
Fixed Asset Turnover	0.59	0.60	0.62	0.80	0.85	0.89
Total Asset Turnover	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.15
Sales-to-Net Working Capital	6.52	12.60	29.91	52.38	32.94	28.69
Receivables-to-Payables	1.49	1.18	1.00	1.08	1.13	1.14
Capex-to-Sales (%)	15.35	5.75	9.77	7.74	7.47	7.41
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Liquidity (x) Current Ratio	2.20	1.26	1.16	1.01	1.30	1.60
Quick Ratio	2.20	1.36 1.27	1.16	1.21 1.15	1.30	1.68 1.61
Cash Ratio	0.90	0.38	0.25	0.19	0.21	0.50
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Leverage Ratios						
Net Debt/Equity (%)	11.78	12.11	12.73	11.04	8.68	5.67
Net Debt-to-Capital (%)	10.26	11.05	11.34	10.21	8.30	5.53
Net Debt-to-EBITDA	2.34	2.73	2.70	3.03	2.06	1.31
Interest Coverage Ratio (x)	2.72	2.75	3.33	1.90	3.62	4.33

Source: Company data, QNB FS estimates

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Financial Statements

Income Statement

In QR mn	2018	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e
Revenue	2,420	2,425	2,267	2,572	2,668	2,732
COGS	(1,107)	(1,185)	(1,036)	(1,445)	(1,431)	(1,444)
Gross Profit	1,313	1,240	1,232	1,127	1,237	1,288
SG&A	(578)	(595)	(586)	(613)	(617)	(625)
EBITDA	735	644	646	514	620	663
Depreciation & Amortization	(334)	(362)	(367)	(364)	(364)	(373)
EBIT	401	283	279	150	257	290
Net Interest Income (Expense)	(85)	(79)	(63)	(47)	(37)	(32)
Share of Results From JVs	165	239	85	195	204	208
Share of Results From Associates	273	361	418	470	503	524
Impairments & Others	(242)	(256)	(655)	(17)		
Net Profit Before Taxes & Minority Interest	512	547	64	752	927	990
Taxes	0	(1)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(5)
Net Profit Before Minority Interest	512	546	59	748	922	986
Minority Interest	5	1	(0)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Net Profit	516	547	59	747	921	985
Net Profit Excluding Impairments & One-Offs	760	819	853	759	921	985

Source: Company data, QNB FS estimates

Balance Sheet

In QR mn	2018	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e
Current Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	705	346	377	259	271	609
Loan to a Related Party			393	393	393	393
Equity Investments at FVTPL	139	56	117	119	123	125
Trade & Other Receivables	760	741	764	775	804	823
Inventories	122	81	78	83	82	83
Total Current Assets	1,726	1,224	1,728	1,629	1,673	2,033
Non-Current Assets						
Other Assets	175	308	376	318	269	219
Investment Securities at FVOCI	4,101	4,099	3,741	3,854	3,970	4,049
Investment In Associates	5,365	5,914	6,002	6,249	6,509	6,769
Investments in JVs	950	1,090	964	1,003	1,044	1,086
Intangible Assets	160	149	152	141	131	122
Investment Property	1,299	823	799	780	760	741
Property, Vessels & Equipment	4,031	4,063	3,250	3,184	3,109	3,029
Total Non-Current Assets	16,082	16,447	15,284	15,529	15,792	16,015
Total Assets	17,808	17,671	17,012	17,158	17,466	18,048
Current Liabilities						
Trade & Other Payables	511	576	675	718	714	720
Loans, Borrowings & Lease Liabilities	274	324	809	632	568	493
Total Current Liabilities	785	900	1,484	1,350	1,282	1,213
Non-Current Liabilities						
Loans & Borrowings	2,149	1,837	1,403	1,276	1,070	1,076
Others	236	336	367	367	367	367
Total Non-Current Liabilities	2,385	2,173	1,770	1,643	1,436	1,443
Total Liabilities	3,170	3,073	3,254	2,993	2,719	2,656
Minority Interest	56	55	55	56	58	58
Shareholders' Equity	14,582	14,543	13,703	14,109	14,689	15,333
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Source: Company data, QNB FS estimates

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Recommendations

Based on the range for the upside / downside offered by the 12month target price of a stock versus the current market price

OUTPERFORM	Greater than +20%
ACCUMULATE	Between +10% to +20%
MARKET PERFORM	Between -10% to +10%
REDUCE	Between -10% to -20%
UNDERPERFORM	Lower than -20%

Risk Ratings

Reflecting historic and expected price volatility versus the local market average and qualitative risk analysis of fundamentals

R-1	Significantly lower than average
R-2	Lower than average
R-3	Medium / In-line with the average
R-4	Above average
R-5	Significantly above average

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