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SEG International

2Q14 Below Expectations

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Period

2Q14/1H14

Actual vs. **Expectations**

The reported 1H14 PAT of RM13.9m is below expectations, accounting for only 40.4% and 40.6% of our and consensus full-year estimates, respectively. On our side, the key culprit was mainly higher-thanexpected operating costs.

Dividends

An interim single tier dividend of 5.0 sen was declared during the quarter, accounting for 53.7% of our full year forecast.

Key Results Highlights

- YoY, SEG's 1H14 revenue of RM123.3m rose 8.4% due to the better student enrolments recorded and low base effect. Core net profit registered an increase of 375.8% to RM13.8m YoY after stripping-off the one-off RM15.8m gains from the disposal of a piece of land at Kota Damansara in 2Q13.
- QoQ, 2Q14 PBT was slightly down by 5.8% to RM7.6m. The decrease was mainly driven by higher operating cost as a result of new programs expansion and workforce.

Outlook

- We believe that SEG's business would be back on a steady track moving forward as we believe it has been liberalised from the EMGS ruling which had earlier hampered the Group's effort to bring in foreign students.
- The Group is working on expanding its higher-margin programmes, particularly their new online programs segment. Besides, SEG is also increasing its presence in overseas market by working with several education agencies to increase its foreign student's intake.

Change to **Forecasts**

We have lowered our FY14 and FY15 net profit forecasts to RM30.9m (-10.4%) and RM41.5 (-8.2%), respectively, after imputing higher operating cost assumption.

Rating

Maintain UNDERPERFORM

Valuation

We have lowered our SEG TP to RM1.21 from RM1.29 previously, based on an unchanged FY15 PER target of 22.0x. This is in line with its peer HELP International's forward PER of 21.7x based on its privatization exercise.

Risks to Our Call

- Better-than-expected student enrolment.
- Higher operating cost implied.

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Price:

RM1.43

Target Price: RM1.21



| KLCI | 1858.04 |
|---------------------|---------|
| YTD KLCI chg | -0.5% |
| YTD stock price chg | -4.7% |

Stock Information

| Bloomberg Ticker | SYS MK Equity |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Market Cap (RM m) | 920.4 |
| Issued shares | 643.7 |
| 52-week range (H) | 1.59 |
| 52-week range (L) | 1.42 |
| 3-mth avg daily vol: | 101,367 |
| Free Float | 21% |
| Beta | 0.4 |

Major Shareholders

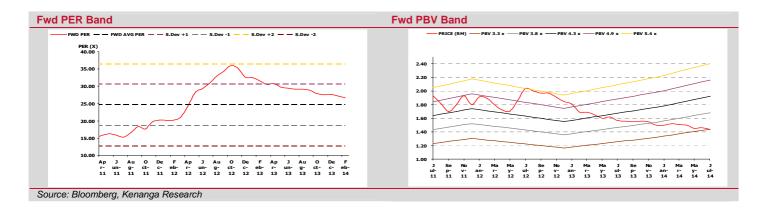
| PINNACLE HERITAGE SO | 41.7% |
|----------------------|-------|
| CHII KOK HII | 32.3% |
| REXTER CAPITAL SDN B | 5.2% |

Summary Earnings Table

| FY Dec (RM'm) | 2013A | 2014E | 2015E |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Turnover | 236.8 | 262.3 | 276.5 |
| EBIT | 33.8 | 37.9 | 47.1 |
| PBT | 31.7 | 35.9 | 46.1 |
| Net Profit (NP) | 32.4 | 30.9 | 41.5 |
| Core Net Profit | 16.6 | 30.9 | 41.5 |
| Consensus (NP) | | 34.0 | 39.1 |
| Earnings Revision (%) | | -10.4 | -8.2 |
| EPS (sen) | 4.6 | 4.2 | 5.5 |
| EPS growth (%) | -49.6 | -8.5 | 31.1 |
| DPS (sen) | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| BVPS RM) | 35.8 | 39.4 | 39.4 |
| PER (x) | 31.3 | 34.2 | 26.1 |
| PBV (x) | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| P/NTA (x) | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Net Gearing (x) | N.Cash | N.Cash | N.Cash |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 3.24 | 1.80 | 2.35 |

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| | 2Q | 1Q | QoQ | 2Q | YoY | 6M | 6M | YoY |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Y/E : Dec (RM'm) | FY14 | FY14 | Chg | FY13 | Chg | FY14 | FY13 | Chg |
| Turnover | 61.8 | 61.5 | 0% | 57.9 | 6.7% | 123.3 | 113.7 | 8.4% |
| EBIT | 8.1 | 8.6 | -5% | 17.9 | -54.7% | 16.7 | 19.2 | -12.9% |
| PBT | 7.6 | 8.1 | -6% | 17.9 | -57.4% | 15.7 | 19.1 | -17.9% |
| Tax | (0.9) | (0.9) | -3% | (8.0) | 13.3% | (1.8) | (1.1) | 62.0% |
| Net Profit (NP) | 6.7 | 7.1 | -6% | 17.5 | -61.4% | 14.0 | 18.5 | -24.5% |
| FD EPS (sen) | 1.0 | 1.0 | -7% | 2.5 | -61.5% | 2.0 | 2.6 | -24.2% |
| EBIT margin | 13.1% | 14.0% | | 30.9% | | 13.6% | 16.9% | |
| PBT margin | 12.3% | 13.1% | | 30.9% | | 12.7% | 16.8% | |
| NP margin | 10.9% | 11.6% | | 30.2% | | 11.3% | 16.2% | |
| Effective tax rate | -11.9% | -11.5% | | -4.5% | | -11.7% | -5.9% | |



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Stock Ratings are defined as follows:

Stock Recommendations

OUTPERFORM : A particular stock's Expected Total Return is MORE than 10% (an approximation to the

5-year annualised Total Return of FBMKLCI of 10.2%).

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Sector Recommendations***

OVERWEIGHT : A particular sector's Expected Total Return is MORE than 10% (an approximation to the

5-year annualised Total Return of FBMKLCI of 10.2%).

NEUTRAL : A particular sector's Expected Total Return is WITHIN the range of 3% to 10%.
UNDERWEIGHT : A particular sector's Expected Total Return is LESS than 3% (an approximation to the

12-month Fixed Deposit Rate of 3.15% as a proxy to Risk-Free Rate).

***Sector recommendations are defined based on market capitalisation weighted average expected total return for stocks under our coverage.

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