

BRC Asia Ltd

Top-line headwinds but recovery in sight

SINGAPORE | INDUSTRIAL | FY24 RESULTS

- FY24 revenue was below expectations, 90% of our FY24e estimates. An estimated 10% fall in steel prices and engineering delays, has caused slower progress in project completion. Order book increased 8% YoY to S\$1.4bn (4Q24: \$1.3bn), one of the highest recorded by the group.
- FY24 PATMI/adjusted PATMI is within expectations, 99%/98% of our FY24e estimates. PATMI experienced a 24% YoY increase due to a one-off gain of \$\$16.5mn from the disposal of an associate in the previous quarter. Adjusted PATMI is almost flat YoY.
- Maintain ACCUMULATE with a higher TP of S\$2.80 (prev. S\$2.27). The higher fair value is due to a lower net debt from lower inventory costs and cash from disposal of associate. We lowered FY25e revenue and PATMI forecast by 4%. The strong order book from the expansion of the two integrated resorts and the commencement of Changi Airport Terminal 5 next year should boost revenue. Still, we expect it to be offset by project delays. Stock is currently trading at 8x PE FY25e.

Results at a glance

FY 30 Sep (S\$mn)	FY24	FY23	YoY	Comments
Revenue	1481.4	1627.0	-9.0%	Lower steel prices, supply chain delays
Gross profit	173.0	157.5	9.9%	Higher margin steel fabrication segment
Gross margins	11.7%	9.7%	2.0%	
PATMI	93.5	75.7	23.5%	Includes S\$16.5mn disposal gain.
Adj. PATMI	76.6	76.7	0.0%	
Adj. Net margin	5.2%	4.7%	0.5%	
Net Debt	-54.4	-196.1	72.3%	lower inventory costs from lower steel prices, and \$\$18.9mn cash from disposal of associate
Orderbook (S\$bn)	1.40	1.30	7.7%	
DPS - FY (cents)	20.0	16.0	25.0%	

Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

- + Strong order book, with visibility for up to five years. BRC Asia's order book is at S\$1.4bn, one of the highest amounts recorded by the group. The average order book for every quarter since 1Q22 is S\$1.3bn, and the last time order book exceeded S\$1.4bn was in 2Q23. We believe orders will get a boost in FY25e from the expansion of the two integrated resorts and the commencement of Changi Airport Terminal 5 next year.
- + Higher dividends and payout ratio. BRC Asia declared a final dividend of \$\$0.08 per share. Including special and interim dividends, the total dividend for FY24 is \$\$0.20 per share, an increase of 25% YoY compared to FY23's dividend of \$\$0.16 per share. Its normalised dividend payout ratio increased by 15% YoY, from 57% in FY23 to 72% in FY24.

The Negative

- Revenue headwinds. BRC Asia's revenue is closely correlated to steel rebar prices, which have declined by an estimated c.10% YoY from FY23 to FY24. We believe steel rebar prices can continue to fall c.10% in FY25 due to weak demand from China's construction sector. In the near term, engineering drawing delays resulting from construction incidents, such as two weeks of Safety Time-Out (STO) in November 2024, could also cause revenue growth to slow.



27 November 2024

ACCUMULATE (Maintained)

LAST CLOSE PRICE SGD 2.550
FORECAST DIV SGD 0.180
TARGET PRICE SGD 2.800
TOTAL RETURN 16.9%

COMPANY DATA

BLOOMBERG CODE:	BRC SP
O/S SHARES (MN):	274
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn):	505/680
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	2.55/1.64
3M Average Daily T/O (mn):	0.05

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

Esteel Enterprise Pte Ltd	61.2%
Hong Leong Asia	20.0%

TOTAL PERFORMANCE (%)

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COMPANY	2.1	12.5	56.7
STTF RETURN	4.0	11.5	21.0

PRICE VS. STTF



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E Sep (S\$ mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
Revenue	1,627	1,481	1,610	1,606
Gross Profit	157	173	177	177
EBIT	113	107	115	113
NPAT	77	77	90	90
P/NAV (x)	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
Adj. P/E (x)	9.1	9.1	7.8	7.8
Dividend yield	6.3%	7.8%	7.1%	7.1%
ROE	18.6%	17.0%	18.1%	16.8%

Source: Company, PSR

VALUATION METHOD

DCF (WACC: 12.6%; Terminal g: 2.5%)

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Outlook

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Financials

Income Statement					
Y/E Sep, (S\$'mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
Revenue	1,699.3	1,627.0	1,481.4	1,609.9	1,606.4
Cost of sales	(1,527.8)	(1,469.5)	(1,308.4)	(1,432.8)	(1,429.7)
Gross profit	171.4	157.5	173.0	177.1	176.7
Distribution expense	(6.7)	(7.6)	(7.6)	(7.5)	(7.5)
Admin expense	(29.5)	(24.2)	(32.8)	(24.0)	(23.9)
Others	(22.9)	(12.9)	(25.5)	(31.0)	(31.9)
Operating profits	112.3	112.8	107.0	114.6	113.4
Net finance expenses	(7.2)	(12.9)	(11.3)	(6.1)	(6.1)
Results of assoc and JV	2.7	(7.0)	(1.1)	(1.5)	-
Exceptional	(0.4)	(1.7)	16.5	-	-
Profit before tax	107.4	91.2	111.2	107.0	107.2
Taxation	(17.2)	(15.5)	(17.6)	(17.1)	(17.2)
Net Profit	90.2	75.7	93.5	89.9	90.1
Adj. PATMI	88.7	76.7	76.6	89.9	90.1

Per share data (S\$ Cents)					
Y/E Sep	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
BVPS	145.4	155.8	173.2	188.0	202.8
DPS	18.0	16.0	20.0	18.0	18.1
Adj. EPS	32.3	27.9	27.9	32.8	32.8

Cash Flow					
Y/E Sep, (S\$'mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
<u>CFO</u>					
Profit before tax	107.4	91.2	111.2	107.0	107.2
Adjustments	10.1	14.3	13.2	26.3	25.7
WC changes	(54.4)	72.0	83.6	(71.5)	1.0
Cash generated from ops	63.2	177.4	207.9	61.8	134.0
Others	(22.1)	(24.1)	(20.2)	(21.7)	(21.4)
Cashflow from ops	41.1	153.3	187.7	40.1	112.6
CFI					
CAPEX, net	(2.9)	(3.3)	(22.1)	(10.0)	(13.0)
Disposal of PPE/associate	0.03	0.02	19.37	-	-
Others	0.00	-	_	_	_
Cashflow from investments	(2.9)	(3.3)	(2.7)	(10.0)	(13.0)
CFE					
Dividends paid to owners	(38.4)	(32.9)	(30.2)	(49.4)	(49.5)
Proceeds from borrowings, n	22.0	(82.0)	(142.1)	-	-
Others	45.8	-	-	-	_
Cashflow from financing	29.3	(114.9)	(172.2)	(49.4)	(49.5)
Net change in cash	67.5	35.2	12.7	(19.3)	50.0
Cash at start of period	83.0	154.6	184.6	191.4	172.1
Currency translation	4.1	(5.1)	(6.0)	_	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Ending cash	154.6	184.6	191.4	172.1	222.1

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Balance Sheet					
Y/E Sep, (S\$'mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
ASSETS					
PPE & Investment Properties	131	120	113	101	95
Others	29	16	29	26	24
Total non-current assets	159	136	142	127	119
Cash and cash equivalents	155	185	191	172	222
Inventories	446	407	377	409	408
Trade and other receivables	188	181	153	182	182
Others	26	44	40	40	40
Total current assets	814	816	762	803	852
Total Assets	973	952	904	930	971
LIABILTIES					
Trade and other payables	44	89	128	118	118
ST borrowings	410	360	227	227	227
Others	65	47	43	40	40
Total current liabilities	519	495	398	385	384
LT borrowings	48	21	18	18	18
Others	8	9	12	12	12
Total non-current liabilities	55	30	30	30	30
Total Liabilities	574	525	429	415	415
EQUITY					
Share Capital	185	185	185	185	185
Retained profits	217	246	293	334	374
Others	(3)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Total equity	399	427	475	516	556
Total equity and liabilities	973	952	904	931	971
Valuation Ratios					
Y/E Sep	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
P/E (X) - adjusted	7.9	9.1	9.1	7.8	7.8
P/B (X)	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
EV/EBITDA (X)	7.7 7.1%	6.8 6.3%	5.3	5.8	5.4
Growth & Margins	7.1%	6.3%	7.8%	7.1%	7.1%
Growth					
Revenue	45.4%	-4.3%	-9.0%	8.7%	-0.2%
Gross profit	71.2%	-8.1%	9.9%	2.4%	-0.2%
EBIT	81.7%	-9.2%	17.7%	-7.6%	0.2%
Adj. PATMI	81.9%	-13.5%	0.0%	17.3%	0.2%
Margins					
Gross profit margin	10.1%	9.7%	11.7%	11.0%	11.0%
EBIT margin	6.6%	6.9%	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%
Net profit margin,adj	5.2%	4.7%	5.2%	5.6%	5.6%
Key Ratios					
ROE	25.3%	18.6%	17.0%	18.1%	16.8%
ROA	9.5%	8.0%	8.3%	9.8%	9.5%
Net Gearing (%)	76.1%	45.9%	11.4%	14.3%	4.2%





PSR Rating System		
Total Returns	Recommendation	Rating
> +20%	Buy	1
+5% to +20%	Accumulate	2
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3
-5% to -20%	Reduce	4
< -20%	Sell	5

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