

# **Hyphens Pharma International Ltd**

Investing for future growth

### SINGAPORE | HEALTHCARE | 2H24 RESULTS

- FY24 earnings were below expectations. Revenue and PATMI were 102%/94% of our FY24e forecast. 2H24 PATMI declined 4% YoY to S\$4.8mn due to weaker margins in proprietary brands, a decline in Vietnam sales and higher losses from DocMed.
- The softer earnings are from Hyphens expanding the distribution of proprietary brands into more SE Asian countries and retail chains. The DocMed platform (for doctors and pharmaceutical companies) requires further development, especially with the expansion into Malaysia and Vietnam.
- Our BUY recommendation, FY25e earnings and DCF target price of S\$0.35 is maintained. Hyphens' earnings growth will be impacted in the near term from its expansion into new countries and additional investments into the DocMed platform. Hyphens' valuations are attractive at 7x FY25e PE with a net cash balance sheet of S\$23mn. It is a branded consumer healthcare company (nutraceuticals, medical aesthetics and pharmaceuticals) with a regional presence.

#### **Results at a glance**

| SGD '000                | 2H24     | 2H23             | YoY    | Comments                |
|-------------------------|----------|------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 300 000                 | 2824     | 2825             | 101    | Comments                |
| Revenue                 | 95,772   | 95,884           | -0.1%  |                         |
| - Specialty pharma      | 60,540   | 60,198           | 0.6%   |                         |
| - Proprietary brands    | 13,290   | 13,837           | -4.0%  |                         |
| - Medical hypermart     | 21,942   | 21,849           | 0.4%   |                         |
| Gross profit            | 34,713   | 33,882           | 2.5%   |                         |
| Distribution costs      | (21,080) | (18,711)         | 12.7%  |                         |
| Administrative expenses | (7,868)  | (7 <i>,</i> 640) | 3.0%   |                         |
| EBITDA                  | 7,434    | 7,972            | -6.7%  |                         |
| - Specialty pharma      | 6,912    | 5,577            | 23.9%  |                         |
| - Proprietary brands    | 1,440    | 2,463            | -41.5% | Higher marketing costs. |
| - Medical hypermart     | (664)    | (171)            | 288.3% | Investment in DocMed.   |
| PATMI                   | 4,778    | 5,000            | -4.4%  |                         |
| DPS - Final             | 1.50     | 0.86             | 74.4%  |                         |

Source: Company, PSR

#### **The Positive**

**+ Growth in specialty pharma.** Despite the 13.5% YoY decline in revenue from Vietnam to S\$25.3mn, specialty pharma revenue remained stable, and EBITDA rose 24% YoY to S\$6.9mn. Vietnam suffered from overstocking by distributors. We believe most of the growth in 2H24 was from medical aesthetics in Malaysia.

#### The Negative

- **DocMed is still at the investment stage.** Over the past 3 years, there has been a S\$3mn swing in medical hypermart profits, from S\$1.5mn profit before tax in FY21 to a loss of S\$1.4mn. This has been due to investments in DocMed since FY22. Both earnings and valuations will be under pressure in the near term as Hyphen builds this platform.

#### Outlook

We expect slower growth in FY25e. The proprietary brand is scaling up through wider retail distribution points and expansion overseas, particularly in Malaysia. However, margins may be under pressure due to initial marketing costs. Specialty pharma growth will stem from the recovery in Vietnam and a newly licensed range of products such as Wynzora, Amenalief, Winlevi, and Byfavo.

#### Maintain BUY with unchanged TP of S\$0.35



#### 10 March 2025

### BUY (Maintained)

| LAST CLOSE PRICE | SGD 0.280  |
|------------------|------------|
| FORECAST DIV     | SGD 0.0150 |
| TARGET PRICE     | SGD 0.350  |
| TOTAL RETURN     | 30.4%      |
|                  |            |

#### COMPANY DATA

| BLOOMBERG CODE                 | HYP SP        |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| O/S SHARES (MN) :              | 309           |
| MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn) : | 66 / 88       |
| 52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :          | 0.300 / 0.260 |
| 3M Average Daily T/O (mn) :    | 0.05          |
| MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS             |               |
|                                |               |

| Inomed Holding Pte Ltd | 47.8% |
|------------------------|-------|
| Tan Kia King           | 28.1% |
|                        |       |

| TOTAL PERFORMANCE |      |      |     |
|-------------------|------|------|-----|
|                   | 1MTH | 3MTH | YTD |
| COMPANY           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0 |
| STTF              | 2.4  | 3.4  | 3.7 |



#### **KEY FINANCIALS**

| RETTINATCIALS        |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Y/E Dec, (S\$mn)     | FY23  | FY24  | FY25e | FY26e |
| Revenue              | 170.6 | 195.4 | 205.1 | 217.4 |
| EBITDA               | 13.6  | 16.6  | 18.6  | 18.4  |
| PATMI                | 8.6   | 10.2  | 11.9  | 12.3  |
| EPS (S\$ Cents)      | 2.8   | 3.5   | 4.0   | 4.2   |
| P/E (x)              | 10.1  | 8.0   | 7.0   | 6.7   |
| P/B (x)              | 1.3   | 1.2   | 1.1   | 1.0   |
| Div Yield            | 15.9% | 5.4%  | 5.4%  | 5.7%  |
| ROE                  | 12.6% | 14.5% | 15.1% | 14.3% |
| Source: Company Data |       |       |       |       |

VALUATION METHOD

DCF @ WACC = 9.2%, g = 2.0%

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# **Financials**

| Income Statement          |          |           |           |           |           |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Y/E Dec, S\$'000          | FY22     | FY23      | FY24      | FY25e     | FY26e     |
| Revenue                   | 162,316  | 170,595   | 195,420   | 205,125   | 217,414   |
| Cost of sales             | (99,507) | (108,694) | (125,913) | (130,254) | (137,406) |
| Gross profit              | 62,809   | 61,901    | 69,507    | 74,870    | 80,008    |
| Marketing and dist. costs | (33,267) | (35,891)  | (39,739)  | (42,666)  | (45,874)  |
| Administrative expenses   | (14,561) | (14,125)  | (15,232)  | (16,410)  | (17,611)  |
| Finance costs             | (238)    | (278)     | (565)     | (218)     | (237)     |
| Other income and gains    | 658      | 735       | 693       | 567       | 620       |
| Other losses              | (1,584)  | (2,322)   | (1,705)   | (1,100)   | (1,200)   |
| EBITDA                    | 17,251   | 13,641    | 16,579    | 18,637    | 18,399    |
| Profit before tax         | 14,291   | 10,565    | 12,959    | 15,044    | 15,707    |
| Income tax expense        | (2,882)  | (1,985)   | (2,104)   | (2,708)   | (2,827)   |
| Minority Interest         | (58)     | (12)      | (661)     | (480)     | (530)     |
| PATMI                     | 11,351   | 8,568     | 10,194    | 11,856    | 12,350    |
| Per share data            |          |           |           |           |           |
| Y/E Dec, SG cents         | FY22     | FY23      | FY24      | FY25e     | FY26e     |
| EPS                       | 3.69     | 2.77      | 3.51      | 3.99      | 4.17      |
| DPS                       | 1.11     | 4.46      | 1.50      | 1.50      | 1.60      |
| BVPS                      | 22.8     | 21.3      | 24.1      | 26.6      | 29.3      |

| Y/E Dec, S\$'000              | FY22    | FY23    | FY24    | FY25e   | FY26e   |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ASSETS                        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Plant and equipment           | 3,017   | 4,864   | 4,898   | 4,129   | 3,590   |
| Associate                     | 2,667   | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| Intangible assets             | 19,072  | 23,575  | 24,530  | 22,923  | 22,006  |
| Others                        | 61      | 172     | 234     | 234     | 234     |
| Total non-current assets      | 24,817  | 28,611  | 29,662  | 27,286  | 25,830  |
| Inventories                   | 21,260  | 25,529  | 34,445  | 45,306  | 46,401  |
| Trade and other receivables   | 31,106  | 41,110  | 45,423  | 46,988  | 50,535  |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | 36,480  | 23,369  | 23,420  | 24,749  | 33,158  |
| Others                        | 806     | 2,146   | 2,800   | 2,800   | 2,800   |
| Total current assets          | 89,652  | 92,154  | 106,088 | 119,843 | 132,894 |
| Total assets                  | 114,469 | 120,765 | 135,750 | 147,129 | 158,724 |
| LIABILITIES                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Others                        | 4,123   | 5,659   | 3,597   | 3,597   | 3,597   |
| Total non-current liabilities | 4,123   | 5,659   | 3,597   | 3,597   | 3,597   |
| Trade and other payables      | 35,077  | 44,293  | 43,570  | 47,246  | 50,595  |
| Others                        | 4,997   | 4,951   | 14,117  | 14,117  | 14,117  |
| Total current liabilities     | 40,074  | 49,244  | 57,687  | 61,363  | 64,712  |
| Total liabilities             | 44,197  | 54,903  | 61,284  | 64,960  | 68,309  |
| EQUITY                        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Share capital                 | 35,083  | 35,216  | 35,131  | 35,131  | 35,131  |
| Retained earnings             | 43,760  | 37,765  | 45,231  | 52,454  | 60,170  |
| Others                        | (8,571) | (7,119) | (5,896) | (5,416) | (4,886  |
| Total equity                  | 70,272  | 65,862  | 74,466  | 82,169  | 90,415  |
|                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| Valuation Ratios              |         |         |         |         |         |
| Y/E Dec                       | FY22    | FY23    | FY24    | FY25e   | FY26e   |

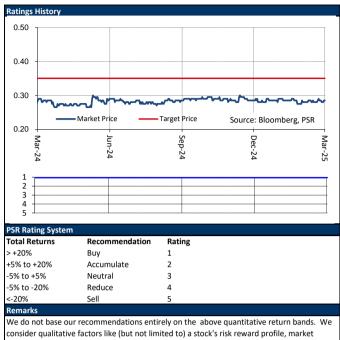
| Cash Flows                  |         |          |          |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Y/E Dec, S\$'000            | FY22    | FY23     | FY24     | FY25e   | FY26e   |
| <u>CFO</u>                  |         |          |          |         |         |
| Profit before tax           | 14,291  | 10,565   | 12,959   | 15,044  | 15,707  |
| Adjustments                 | 2,596   | 1,920    | 3,956    | 3,594   | 2,692   |
| Working capital changes     | 2,142   | (4,241)  | (14,487) | (8,750) | (1,293) |
| Operating cash flow         | 19,029  | 8,244    | 2,428    | 9,887   | 17,106  |
| Taxes paid, others          | (2,152) | (2,599)  | (2,355)  | (2,708) | (2,827) |
| Net operating cash flow     | 16,877  | 5,645    | 73       | 7,179   | 14,279  |
| CFI                         |         |          |          |         |         |
| CAPEX, net                  | (1,228) | (1,070)  | (3,171)  | (1,000) | (1,000) |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries | 179     | (751)    | -        | -       | -       |
| Others                      | 42      | 341      | 150      | -       | -       |
| Net investing cash flow     | (1,007) | (1,480)  | (3,021)  | (1,000) | (1,000) |
| CFF                         |         |          |          |         |         |
| Share capital               | -       | -        | (85)     | -       | -       |
| IPO expenses                | 6,100   | -        | (100)    | -       | -       |
| Dividends                   | (2,069) | (14,563) | (2,656)  | (4,633) | (4,633) |
| Loans, net of repayments    | (2,882) | (2,713)  | 5,840    | (218)   | (237)   |
| Net financing cash flow     | 1,149   | (17,276) | 2,999    | (4,851) | (4,870) |
| Net change in cash          | 17,019  | (13,111) | 51       | 1,329   | 8,409   |
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| Valuation Ratios  |          |          |          |          |          |
| Y/E Dec           | FY22     | FY23     | FY24     | FY25e    | FY26e    |
| P/E (x)           | 7.6      | 10.1     | 8.0      | 7.0      | 6.7      |
| P/B (x)           | 1.2      | 1.3      | 1.2      | 1.1      | 1.0      |
| EV/EBITDA (x)     | 2.9      | 4.6      | 3.8      | 3.3      | 2.9      |
| Dividend Yield    | 4.0%     | 15.9%    | 5.4%     | 5.4%     | 5.7%     |
| Growth & Margins  |          |          |          |          |          |
| Growth            |          |          |          |          |          |
| Revenue           | 28.9%    | 5.1%     | 14.6%    | 5.0%     | 6.0%     |
| Gross profit      | 30.6%    | -1.4%    | 12.3%    | 7.7%     | 6.9%     |
| EBITDA            | 63.4%    | -20.9%   | 21.5%    | 12.4%    | -1.3%    |
| Net Profit        | 65.8%    | -24.5%   | 19.0%    | 16.3%    | 4.2%     |
| Margins           |          |          |          |          |          |
| Gross margin      | 38.7%    | 36.3%    | 35.6%    | 36.5%    | 36.8%    |
| EBITDA margin     | 10.6%    | 8.0%     | 8.5%     | 9.1%     | 8.5%     |
| Net Profit Margin | 7.0%     | 5.0%     | 5.2%     | 5.8%     | 5.7%     |
| Key Ratios        |          |          |          |          |          |
| ROE               | 18.2%    | 12.6%    | 14.5%    | 15.1%    | 14.3%    |
| ROA               | 10.6%    | 7.3%     | 7.9%     | 8.4%     | 8.1%     |
| Net gearing (x)   | Net cash |

Source: Company, PSR Estimates

## HYPHENS PHARMA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED RESULTS





sentiment, recent rate of share price appreciation, presence or absence of stock price catalysts, and speculative undertones surrounding the stock, before making our final recommendation.

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