

Valuetronics Holdings Ltd

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SINGAPORE | TECHNOLOGY (MANUFACTURING)|2H24 RESULTS

- FY24 revenue was below our estimates at 89% of FY24e forecasts. PATMI was better than expected at 105% of our FY24e forecast. Lower depreciation, effective tax, and higher interest income were the reasons for the outperformance.
- Revenue was weaker than expected due to drag in legacy products such as consumer product printed circuit board assembly (PCBA) and auto entertainment modules. Customers have permanently switched their supply chains out of China. Contributions from new customers, namely networking products and theme park entertainment devices, are commencing.
- 2H24 earnings growth of 19% YoY to HK\$77mn was due to higher gross margins and a doubling of interest income. We kept our FY25e PATMI unchanged. Our target price is raised from S\$0.70 to S\$0.76 as we roll over our valuations to FY25e earnings. We peg our target price to the industry valuation at 11x PE. We believe Valuetronics is turning around its operation with its new customers. The pace of the turnaround will still be constrained by some remaining legacy products. Meanwhile, valuations remain attractive with their cash pile of HKD1.16bn (or S\$200mn). Around 80% of the market capitalisation is net cash. The company is also aggressively returning capital. Dividends including special were raised by 25% to HKD0.25 (dividend yield of 7%) and an outstanding share buyback plan of HKD171mn (or ~46mn shares at current share price). Company trading at EV/EBITDA of 1.7x FY25e.

Results at a glance

HKD 000s	2H24	2H23	YoY	Comments
Revenue	778,543	962,143	-19.1%	
- CE	183,142	187,277	-2.2%	
- ICE	595,401	774,866	-23.2%	Legacy products drag revenue.
Gross profit	126,261	130,468	-3.2%	
Operating exp.	(84,879)	(82,081)	3.4%	
Interest income	29,551	15,799	87.0%	Higher interest and cash.
EBITDA	62,880	73,087	-14.0%	
PATMI	77,445	65,134	18.9%	
Gross Margins	15.6%	12.5%	3.1%	Higher margin from new products.
DPS - Final (cts)	9.0	10.0	-10.0%	
-Special	12.0	6	100.0%	

Source: Company, PSR #CE – consumer electronics, ICE – industrial and commercial electronics

The Positives

- + Higher gross margins. Gross margins expanded by 3% points YoY to 15.6%, the highest in three years. New products, weak renminbi, falling depreciation and less (spot) pricy electronic components are driving up margins. Net margin was also boosted by the overprovision of taxes in 1H24, lower depreciation and interest income is not taxable.
- + Robust free cash flows and returning more to shareholders. Free cash in FY24 was HK\$212mn (or \$\$36mn), an improvement over FY23's HK\$163mn (\$\$28mn). Including special dividends, Valuetronics is paying 25 cents (or \$\$18mn), a 25% rise from FY23. Capital expenditure will remain low at HK\$20mn. This after the massive capex spend of around HK\$90mn p.a. for three years in FY20-22 on a new Vietnam factory.



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BUY (Maintained)

TOTAL RETURN	26.9%
TARGET PRICE	SGD 0.760
FORECAST DIV	SGD 0.033
CLOSING PRICE	SGD 0.625

OMPANY DATA

Bloomberg CODE:	VALUE SP
O/S SHARES (MN) :	409.4
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn):	189 / 256
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	0.66 / 0.49
3M Average Daily T/O (mn):	0.47

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

Tse Chong Hing	18.6%
Chow Kok Kit	7.8%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1MTH	3MTH	YTD
COMPANY	5.9	7.8	5.0
STTF RETURN	1.9	7.6	4.8

PRICE VS. STTF



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E Mar, HKD (mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
Revenue	2,014	1,670	1,758	1,897
EBITDA	155.9	148.8	169.5	191.9
Net Profit	123.0	159.6	164.0	173.0
EPS (SGD cents)	5.2	6.7	6.9	7.3
P/E (X)	12.0	9.3	9.0	8.6
Dividend Yield	5.6%	6.9%	5.3%	5.3%
ROE	9.0%	11.6%	11.5%	11.6%
ROA	5.9%	7.7%	7.8%	7.9%

Source: Company, PSR

VALUATION METHOD

11x PE Multiple FY25e

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The Negative

- Weakness in revenue. 2H24 revenue declined 19% YoY to HK\$778mn. The biggest drag to revenue was the 23% YoY fall in ICE. Two legacy products - household consumer and auto - are fading out due to the supply chain exiting from China to Indonesia and North America, respectively. Another weak category is printers due to excess inventory post-pandemic.

Outlook

We expect revenue and margins to improve as new customer contributions increase. For new customer ramps to be meaningful, they require at least two years. Weak macro may delay the launch of some products (Figure 1) and cause customers to keep leaner inventory levels. However, we also expect Valuetronics to add more new customers with their excess capacity in Vietnam.

Figure 1: Four new customers to support growth

Pro	oduct	Comment
1.	Electronic products used in theme parks	Sales are expected to pick up in FY25, especially if a new series of products is introduced. Demand is captive because it is used in their customer's amusement parks and is not dependent on global macro conditions. Contributed in 2H24 and expected to contribute to full-year revenue in FY25.
2.	Network access solutions provider based in Canada	There is healthy visibility of orders. Demand for more secure networking products is pushing up demand. Contributed in 2H24 and expected to contribute to full-year revenue in FY25.
3.	Electronic tags in retail stores	Demand is slower than expected. End customers, such as supermarkets in Europe, are holding back their capital investment plans.
4.	Liquid cooling system for gaming PC	Delay in major ramp and as the development cycle for new products is longer than expected.

Source: Company, PSR

Maintain BUY with a higher TP of S\$0.76 (prev. S\$0.70)

Our target price is based on industry valuations of 11x PE 1-year forward earnings. Excluding cash, the company is trading at 3x historical PE and 1.7x EV/EBITDA FY25e.



Financials

Income Statement

Y/E Mar, HKD mn	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
Revenue	2,027.4	2,013.7	1,669.9	1,757.5	1,896.8
Gross profit	274.8	261.7	265.2	290.0	318.7
EBITDA	173.3	155.9	148.8	169.5	191.9
Depreciation & amortisation	(58.0)	(53.4)	(43.8)	(51.1)	(52.9)
EBIT	111.6	100.9	103.9	116.8	137.4
Net Finance Inc/(Exp)	1.7	20.7	54.7	57.8	47.6
Profit before tax	125.7	132.4	167.9	177.6	188.0
Taxation	(12.2)	(9.4)	(8.3)	(13.7)	(15.0)
Minority intrest	-	-	-	-	-
PATMI	113.5	123.0	159.6	164.0	173.0

Per share data (SGD Cents)

Y/E Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
EPS, Reported	4.6	5.2	6.7	6.9	7.3
DPS	2.5	3.5	4.3	3.3	3.3
BVPS	55.1	57.7	59.0	61.0	65.3

Cash Flow

Y/E Mar, HKD mn	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
CFO					
Profit before tax	125.7	132.4	167.9	177.6	188.0
Adjustments	60.4	34.3	(9.4)	53.0	54.8
WC changes	(175.1)	36.3	85.3	(42.6)	(28.6)
Cash generated from ops	11.0	203.0	243.8	188.1	214.3
Tax paid	(22.0)	(4.8)	(10.1)	(13.3)	(14.6)
Cashflow from ops	(10.9)	198.2	233.7	174.8	199.7
<u>CFI</u>					
CAPEX, net	(92.3)	(34.6)	(21.1)	(20.0)	(20.0)
Others	7.0	23.8	56.8	-	-
Cashflow from investments	(85.2)	(10.8)	35.7	(20.0)	(20.0)
<u>CFF</u>					
Share issuance, net	(11.1)	(53.4)	(14.5)	-	-
Loans, net of repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	(87.1)	(59.4)	(99.2)	(118.7)	(69.6)
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Cashflow from financing	(98.2)	(112.8)	(113.7)	(118.7)	(69.6)
Net change in cash	(194.4)	74.5	155.8	36.1	110.1
CCE, end	183.0	1,009.9	1,164.5	1,199.7	1,309.0

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

Balance Sheet

Y/E Mar, HKD mn	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
ASSETS					
Trade and other receivables	430.7	463.8	381.9	386.7	417.3
Cash	936.7	1,009.9	1,164.5	1,199.7	1,309.0
Inventories	273.5	203.6	173.1	193.3	208.6
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total current assets	1,686.2	1,706.7	1,753.1	1,813.4	1,968.6
PPE	288.1	318.3	286.0	261.9	230.8
Others	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total non-current assets	409.5	369.2	335.8	303.2	268.7
Total Assets	2,095.7	2,075.9	2,088.9	2,116.5	2,237.3
LIABILTIES					
Accounts payable	262.7	233.6	237.3	219.7	237.1
Bank borrowings	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Other payables	386.0	397.7	375.2	375.2	375.2
Others	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total current liabilities	724.1	713.4	685.1	667.5	684.9
Deferred tax liabilities	3.0	0.5	4.2	4.2	4.2
Long-term borrowings	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	3.0	0.5	4.2	4.2	4.2
Total Liabilities	727.1	713.9	689.3	671.7	689.1
Equity					
Share capital	43.6	43.6	43.6	43.6	43.6
Shareholder Equity	1,368.6	1,362.0	1,399.6	1,444.8	1,548.2

Valuation Ratios

Y/E Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
P/E (X)	13.7	12.0	9.3	9.0	8.6
P/B (X)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
EV/EBITDA (X)	3.5	3.0	2.1	1.7	0.9
Dividend Yield	3.9%	5.6%	6.9%	5.3%	5.3%
Growth & Margins					
Growth					
Revenue	-11.1%	-0.7%	-17.1%	5.2%	7.9%
EBITDA	-30.3%	-10.0%	-4.6%	13.9%	13.2%
EBIT	-41.6%	-9.6%	3.0%	12.4%	17.6%
Net profit, adj.	-39.3%	8.3%	29.8%	2.7%	5.5%
<u>Margins</u>					
Gross margin	13.6%	13.0%	15.9%	16.5%	16.8%
EBITDA margin	8.5%	7.7%	8.9%	9.6%	10.1%
EBIT margin	5.5%	5.0%	6.2%	6.6%	7.2%
Net profit margin	5.6%	6.1%	9.6%	9.3%	9.1%
Key Ratios					
ROE	8.4%	9.0%	11.6%	11.5%	11.6%
ROA	5.2%	5.9%	7.7%	7.8%	7.9%
Net Gearing (%)	Net cash				
Net Debt/EBITDA (X)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.





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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