

Singapore Company Update

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Riverstone (RSTON SP)

Buy (Maintained)

Growth Remains Intact; Maintain BUY

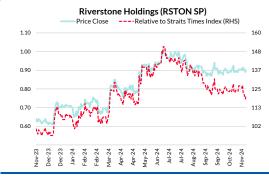
Target Price (Return): SGD1.07 (+19%)
Price (Market Cap): SGD0.90 (USD997m)
ESG score: 3.1 (out of 4)
Avg Daily Turnover (SGD/USD) 2.08m/1.59m

- Keep BUY, new SGD1.07 DCF TP (from SGD1.02), 19% upside, c.6% FY25F yield. Post results briefing, we are upbeat on Riverstone. Its growth prospects remain intact, premised on the recovery of global semiconductor sales and improving market dynamics within the healthcare glove industry. We still like the company for its unique exposure to the cleanroom segment, above-industry margin profile, and consistent dividend payout.
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- Key operating metrics. To recap, RSTON's cleanroom glove (CG) ASPs inched up to USD94/1,000 pieces from USD90/1000 pieces. Healthcare glove (HG) ASPs rose to USD28.50, up from USD26-27, on a favourable product mix. Moving forward, we expect CG to be flattish or see a mild increase as the bulk of the price has been locked in on a periodic basis. HG is expected to remain rangebound as well, due to the higher product mix towards the generic segment (driven by industry recovery trend and trade diversion). In terms of volumes, CG and HG grew 10% and 30% QoQ. Management is expecting the growth momentum for CG to continue in the coming quarters, underpinned by sustained orders from US customers, while HG should also be supported by higher orders from US customers in view of the US import tariffs on China.

Share Performance (%)

	YTD	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	27.7	1.7	1.1	1.1	40.6
Relative	13.2	(2.2)	(13.6)	(11.7)	21.1
52-wk Price low	/high (S	GD)		0.61	-1.01

Margins. The CG segment posted a slight GPM contraction to 56% from 60% in 3Q24, while HG GPM came in at 19% (from 23.5% in 2Q24). This brought group GPM to 34.7% (2Q24: 40.2%), mainly due to the spike in raw material prices and increase in staff costs. Moving forward, we expect margins to improve on the back of a stable cost outlook (acrylonitrile price: -2% QTD; natural gas tariff lowered by 1.5%) and improving operating efficiencies as plant utilisation rates pick up.



 Capacity expansion plans. Management plans to expand production capacity by another 1.5bn pieces (700m cleanroom; 800m healthcare) by 4Q24-1Q25. This will increase total production capacity to 9bn per year post expansion.

Source: Bloomberg

• Earnings adjustment. Post results briefing, we make no changes to our FY24F earnings but raise FY25F-26F earnings by 8-5%, taking into account a higher USD/MYR assumption of 4.30/4.20 from 4.00/4.10. RSTON intends to maintain its dividend payout of at least c.80% which should translate to an FY25F yield of 6%, based on yesterday's closing price. Our new DCF-derived TP is SGD1.07, which implies an unchanged 17x FY25F P/E (+0.4SD from its pre-COVID-19 5-year historical mean of 14.8x). Our TP incorporates a 0% ESG premium/discount as RSTON's ESG score is on par with the country median.

Overall ESG Score: 3.1 (out of 4)

E: GOOD

Riverstone has set a goal for energy use reduction up until 2025. Riverstone aims to reduce energy use/1,000 pieces of gloves by 2% each year for the next three years. By 2025, the company aims to decrease its energy intensity by at least 10% from 2020 levels.

• **Key risks:** Lower-than-expected sales volumes, weaker-than-expected USD/MYR, and higher-than-expected raw material prices.

S: GOOD

Riverstone conducts regular third-party audit in all of its plants to assess areas such as including signs of forced labour or child labour, employee health and safety, business ethics, and management system. The company provides dormitory facilities at Taiping equipped with various amenities, providing greater well-being and quality living standards for employees.

Forecasts and Valuation	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total turnover (MYRm)	1,260	915	1,133	1,281	1,352
Recurring net profit (MYRm)	313	220	293	318	340
Recurring net profit growth (%)	(78.0)	(29.8)	33.5	8.3	6.9
Recurring P/E (x)	14.13	20.12	15.07	13.92	13.02
P/B (x)	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4
P/CF (x)	11.69	17.76	12.21	12.00	10.93
Dividend Yield (%)	18.1	9.4	5.3	5.7	6.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.99	10.44	8.00	7.20	6.67
Return on average equity (%)	14.8	12.3	17.2	17.9	18.5
Net debt to equity (%)	net cash				

G: EXCELLENT

Riverstone has seven directors, out of which three are independent. According to the Singapore Institute of Directors, non-executive directors should comprise at least a majority of the Board. The company provides timely announcements of material matters to the SGX.

Source: Company data, RHB

Financial Exhibits

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Key drivers

- i. ASP/sales volumes for cleanroom and healthcare gloves;
 ii. Operating costs.

Key risks

Lower-than-expected ASP/sales volume.

Company Profile

Riverstone is a nitrile gloves producer which specialise in cleanroom and healthcare gloves production. It is mainly a nitrile gloves manufacturer with 95% concentration on nitrile gloves.

Financial summary (MYR)	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Recurring EPS	0.21	0.15	0.20	0.21	0.23
DPS	0.54	0.28	0.16	0.17	0.18
BVPS	1.25	1.13	1.17	1.22	1.26
Return on average equity (%)	14.8	12.3	17.2	17.9	18.5

Valuation metrics	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Recurring P/E (x)	14.13	20.12	15.07	13.92	13.02
P/B (x)	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4
FCF Yield (%)	5.5	4.5	5.9	6.1	6.9
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EV/EBITDA (x)	6.99	10.44	8.00	7.20	6.67
EV/EBIT (x)	8.05	12.70	9.36	8.39	7.77

Income statement (MYRm)	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total turnover	1,260	915	1,133	1,281	1,352
Gross profit	450	296	413	469	502
EBITDA	480	340	440	487	521
Depreciation and amortisation	(63)	(60)	(63)	(69)	(74)
Operating profit	417	279	376	418	447
Net interest	(0)	(O)	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	412	277	376	418	447
Taxation	(103)	(59)	(83)	(100)	(107)
Reported net profit	309	218	293	318	340
Recurring net profit	313	220	293	318	340

Cash flow (MYRm)	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Change in working capital	116	(24)	6	(17)	(8)
Cash flow from operations	378	249	362	368	405
Capex	(133)	(52)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Cash flow from investing activities	(133)	(51)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Dividends paid	(800)	(415)	(235)	(254)	(272)
Cash flow from financing activities	(792)	(390)	(235)	(254)	(272)
Cash at beginning of period	1,613	1,066	875	903	918
Net change in cash	(546)	(192)	28	15	33
Ending balance cash	1,076	901	903	918	951

Balance sheet (MYRm)	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total cash and equivalents	1,066	875	903	918	951
Tangible fixed assets	742	726	763	794	820
Total assets	2,020	1,825	1,903	1,978	2,051
Total liabilities	167	144	163	174	179
Total equity	1,853	1,682	1,740	1,804	1,872
Total liabilities & equity	2,020	1,825	1,903	1,978	2,051

Key metrics	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Revenue growth (%)	(59.1)	(27.4)	23.9	13.1	5.5
Recurrent EPS growth (%)	(78.0)	(29.8)	33.5	8.3	6.9
Gross margin (%)	35.8	32.3	36.4	36.6	37.2
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	38.1	37.1	38.8	38.0	38.5
Net profit margin (%)	24.5	23.8	25.9	24.8	25.1
Dividend payout ratio (%)	258.9	190.6	80.0	80.0	80.0
Capex/sales (%)	10.6	5.7	8.8	7.8	7.4
Interest cover (x)	18,132	8,217			

Source: Company data, RHB



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FYE Mar (MYRm)	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F	FY27F	FY28F	FY29F	FY30F	FY31F	FY32F	FY33F	Terminal
NOPAT	293	318	340	416	399	424	449	475	502	530	
+ D&A	63	69	74	79	84	89	94	99	104	109	
- Change in NWC	6	(17)	(8)	(25)	11	(9)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	
- CAPEX	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	
Free cash flow to firm (FCFF)	263	269	305	369	394	403	433	464	496	529	6,394
Discount factor	0.99	0.90	0.81	0.74	0.67	0.60	0.55	0.50	0.45	0.41	0.41
PV of FCFF	260	241	248	272	263	243	237	230	222	215	2,596
Risk-free	3%										
WACC	10%										
Terminal growth	2%										
Enterprise Value (MYRm)	5,027										
Cash	668										
- Debt	0										
Equity Value (MYRm)	5,696										
No of shares (m)	1,482										
Fair Value (MYR)	3.84										
SGD/MYR	3.50										
Fair Value (SGD)	1.07										
ESG discount/premium	0.00										
TP (SGD)	1.07										

Source: RHB

Emissions And ESG

Trend	

The group's renewal energy intensity (GJ/1,000 pieces) is in a decreasing trend as Riverstone installed more solar panels to increase its biomass sourced energy.

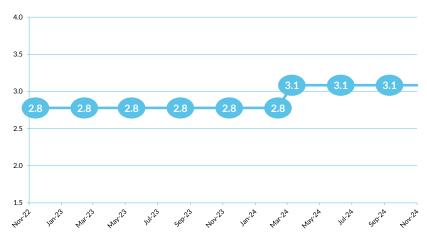
Emissions (tCO2e)	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23
Scope 1	159,010	112,388	76,514
Scope 2	63,033	52,236	55,478
Scope 3	-	-	na
Total emissions	222,043	164,624	131,992

Source: Company data, RHB

Latest ESG-Related Developments

 Riverstone received various recognition (ie BSCI, ISO 45001:2018, Responsible Business Alliance) in upholding a stringent labour rights policy.

ESG Rating History



Source: RHB

Recommendation Chart



Source: RHB, Bloomberg

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2024-10-06	Buy	1.02	0.90
2024-08-08	Buy	1.04	0.92
2024-05-13	Buy	1.05	0.86
2024-03-20	Buy	0.93	0.77
2022-02-23	Neutral	0.74	0.83
2021-11-10	Sell	0.65	0.79
2021-09-27	Neutral	0.95	0.91
2021-06-28	Neutral	1.30	1.27
2021-05-11	Buy	1.85	1.32
2021-02-26	Buy	1.85	1.36
2020-11-10	Buy	2.73	1.63
2020-10-28	Buy	5.45	1.82

Source: RHB, Bloomberg

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