

VSTECS Berhad (VST MK)

Unlocking Value Through ISATEC Disposal

- Disposal of 40% ISATEC stake for RM48.8mn, with the disposal price representing a 103.6% gross premium to carrying value and expected to generate a one-off net gain of c.RM22.0mn upon completion.
- Proceeds to support growth, with RM45.9mn (94% of proceeds) earmarked for working capital.
- We maintain our **BUY** recommendation with a lower TP of **RM2.07** which implies 17.2x FY27F PER.

Disposing ISATEC for RM48.8mn. VST has announced the disposal of its entire 40.0% stake in associate company ISATEC Sdn Bhd to Skyform Pte Ltd for a cash consideration of RM48.8mn. The transaction allows VST to fully monetise its minority investment in ISATEC, which was acquired in 2019 at a total cost of RM18.8mn. The disposal is expected to be completed in 1QFY27.

Net disposal gain of RM22mn. The divestment will generate a disposal consideration of RM48.8mn represents a 103.6% premium to the investment's carrying value of RM23.9mn. After accounting for disposal expenses of RM2.9mn, it is expected to book a one-off net gain of c.RM22.0mn.

Our view. Slight negative to the bottom line but unlocks value from a non-core, non-controlling investment at an attractive valuation while strengthening the group's liquidity position. The group intends to allocate RM45.9mn, equivalent to 94% of the disposal proceeds, towards working capital requirements, which should support larger projects and businesses with longer working capital cycles. The transaction also enhances VST's financial flexibility by allowing management to redeploy capital into its core.

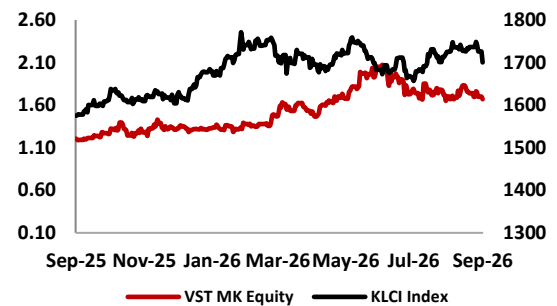
Earnings. We slightly tweak our earnings forecasts lower for FY27-FY28 by -3.5%/-3.3% due to the absent of earnings contribution from ISATEC.

Our call. Maintain **BUY** on VSTECS with an unchanged TP of **RM2.07** (from RM2.14) pegged to 17.2x FY27F PER (+0.5SD above its three-year historical average), applied to our FY27F EPS of 12 sen.

BUY

Share Price **RM1.67**
Target Price **RM2.07 +24.0%**

Price Chart (RM)



Share Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	(1.8)	(18.5)	38.6
vs FBM KLCI	(0.4)	(19.4)	26.5

Stock Data

Mkt Cap (RM)	1,786.3
Free float (%)	37.0
Issued shares (m)	1,069.7
52w H/L (RM)	2.18 / 1.19
3m avg daily volume (m)	2,544,199

Major Shareholders (%)

VSTECS Holdings Ltd	45.6
Sengin Sdn Bhd	12.2
CGS INTERNATIONAL	5.3

FYE Jun (RM m)	FY24	FY25	FY26F	FY27F	FY28F
Turnover	2901.7	3608.2	4284.8	4976.4	5541.0
EBITDA	90.0	124.5	148.9	172.6	192.3
Pretax Profit	93.1	129.2	152.5	169.0	187.6
Core Profit	70.6	98.5	116.3	128.9	143.1
EPS (sen)	6.6	9.2	10.9	12.0	13.4
PER (x)	25.3	18.1	15.4	13.9	12.5
DPS (sen)	2.6	3.6	3.3	3.6	4.0
D. Yield (%)	4.6	6.5	2.0	2.2	2.4
P/B (x)	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.1

Key Ratios (%)

ROE	14.3	18.7	17.8	17.3	16.9
EBITDA margin	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
Pretax margin	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5
Net margin	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities

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Company Update

Technology

Equity

Income Statement

FYE 31 Dec (RM mn)	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Revenue	2901.7	3608.2	4284.8	4976.4	5541.0
Gross Profit	172.3	228.7	271.6	315.4	351.2
EBITDA	90.0	124.5	148.9	172.6	192.3
Depreciation & Amortisation	-3.4	-4.4	-5.7	-6.7	-7.8
EBIT	86.5	120.1	143.2	165.9	184.5
Net Finance Income/ (Cost)	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1
Associates & JV	3.9	6.8	7.0	1.0	1.0
Pre-tax Profit	93.1	129.2	152.5	169.0	187.6
Tax	-22.6	-30.7	-36.2	-40.1	-44.5
Profit After Tax	70.6	98.5	116.3	128.9	143.1
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PATAMI	70.6	98.5	116.3	128.9	143.1
Exceptionals	1.1	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Core Net Profit	71.7	107.5	116.3	128.9	143.1

Balance Sheet

FYE 31 Jan (RM mn)	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Non-Current Asset	60.5	63.8	65.2	66.9	68.3
Current Asset	817.4	1025.1	1194.7	1375.3	1550.1
Total Asset	877.9	1088.9	1259.9	1442.2	1618.4
Non-Current Liabilities	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Current Liabilities	373.4	515.0	515.0	604.7	696.7
Total Liabilities	375.5	515.4	605.1	697.1	773.2
Total Equity	502.4	573.5	654.9	745.1	845.3
Total liabilities & equity	877.9	1088.9	1259.9	1442.2	1618.4

Cash Flow

FYE 31 Jan (RM mn)	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Cash flow from operating activities (CFO)	10.5	-15.2	34.3	46.1	77.8
Cash flow from investing activities (CFI)	1.6	4.8	-7.2	-8.3	-9.3
Cash flow from financing activities (CFF)	-56.5	-7.0	-31.9	-35.4	-39.2
Net change in cash & cash equivalent	-44.5	-17.4	-4.7	2.4	29.3

Source: Company, BIMB Securities

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STOCK RECOMMENDATION

BUY	Total return (price appreciation plus dividend yield) is expected to exceed 10% in the next 12 months.
TRADING BUY	Share price may exceed 15% over the next 3 months, however longer-term outlook remains uncertain.
HOLD	Share price may fall within the range of +/- 10% over the next 12 months
TAKE PROFIT	Target price has been attained. Fundamentals remain intact. Look to accumulate at lower levels.
TRADING SELL	Share price may fall by more than 15% in the next 3 months.
SELL	Share price may fall by more than 10% over the next 12 months.
NOT RATED	Stock is not within regular research coverage.

SECTOR RECOMMENDATION

OVERWEIGHT	The Industry as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to outperform the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months
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