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Petronas (PET MK)

FUNDAMENTAL VIEW 1 As of 21 Jun 2024 KEY

- Petronas' FY23 and 1Q24 credit metrics remained resilient even as EBITDA fell as we had expected.
- We expect credit metrics to improve slightly from hereon due to expectations of slightly stronger upstream price realizations that could offset growth slowdown concerns. We expect Petronas to maintain its net cash position.
- We take comfort in Petronas' strong support from the Government of Malaysia, given it is strategically vested with Malaysia's entire oil & gas resources and provides a substantial source of government income.
- Sizable O&G and renewable capex and high dividend payouts could restrain improvements in Petronas' credit metrics and free cash flows.

RISKS & CATALYSTS

As of 21 Jun 2024

- Broad growth slowdown concerns could hamper sales of Petronas' Downstream (petroleum products) and Gas & New Energy (LNG and natural gas) segments.
- Prolonged periods of low crude oil prices could harm upstream O&G EBITDA (which typically contributes 50%-70% of total profit after tax), albeit mitigated partly by stronger downstream O&G EBITDA.
- Sizable capex on domestic O&G and renewable energy ventures could restrain improvements in Petronas' credit metrics and free cash flows.
- Petronas is regularly required to pay dividends to the Government of Malaysia, which may weigh on its cash flows.

KEY METRICS As of 21 Jun 2024

MYR MN	FY21	FY22	FY23	1Q23	1Q24
Debt to Book Cap	21.1%	18.4%	18.2%	19.1%	18.9%
Net Debt to Book Cap	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
Debt/Total Equity	26.7%	22.6%	22.2%	23.6%	23.2%
Debt/Total Assets	17.0%	14.7%	14.4%	14.7%	14.4%
Gross Leverage	1.1x	0.6x	0.8x	0.6x	0.9x
Net Leverage	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
Interest Coverage	20.9x	33.9x	24.9x	32.9x	25.3x
EBITDA Margin	45.2%	50.7%	44.8%	47.8%	45.2%

Petronas continues to be in a net cash position.

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

As of 21 Jun 2024

- Petronas is an integrated oil and gas company, wholly owned and controlled by the Government of Malaysia.
- Its activities span the entire up/mid/downstream value chain both domestically
 and internationally. Key products and services provided include the sale and
 marketing of petroleum products, crude oil and condensates, LNG, natural and
 processed gas, petrochemicals, shipping services, property development and
 automotive engineering.
- Petronas carries out its exploration, development and production activities via production sharing contracts ("PSCs"), mostly with international O&G companies and Petronas' wholly-owned subsidiaries.
- Its Downstream segment is aimed at refining, supplying, trading, manufacturing
 and marketing of crude oil, petroleum products, and petrochemical products. Its
 key projects and factories include Pengerang Integrated Complex (PIC), Sabah
 Ammonia Urea in Sabah, and Integrated Aroma Ingredients Complex in Gebeng,
- Its Gas and New Energy division was set up in FY19 and groups all of Petronas'
 LNG, gas and renewable revenues into a single segment. Activities within this division include production of LNG, processing and transportation of gas and solar power production.
- Its 6 listed subsidiaries include MISC Berhad (57.56%), KLCC Property (75.46%), Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad (64.35%), Petronas Gas Berhad (51%), Petronas Dagangan Berhad (63.94%), and Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad (28.52%).

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