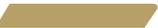


Portfolio Managers' Views



May 2024
FUND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

1.0 MALAYSIA & REGIONAL

The Month of April 2024 in Review & Our Managers' Views.

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Malaysia's market outperformed (see Exhibit 1). Market sentiment was buoyed by new data centre investments and FDI flows especially into the semiconductor and manufacturing sectors. Additionally, the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone will tap the advantages of Johor's proximity to Singapore. Finally, Malaysia's FDIs will continue to benefit from trade diversions as a result of the US/China trade tensions.

2

We believe the KLCI's valuations remain undemanding, i.e., 2024 PER of 14.1x (10Y range 13.0x to 18.5x), PBR of 1.4x (10Y range 1.3x to 2.3x) and 2024 forecast DY of 4.2% (10Y range 3.0% to 4.5%).

3

Our strategy is to invest in well-managed companies which have a decent dividend yield and which have catalysts to drive their share prices higher. As such, they feature in both our growth and dividend portfolios. The above have led to strong price gains and have benefitted our portfolios.

4

View of the Month - Oriental Holdings Berhad. Cash-rich diversified conglomerate with roots tying back to the 1st distributorship of Honda Cars and Motorcycles. Today, their main operating segments are autos, plantations, hotels & resorts, and healthcare. In 2024, the Loh Family's shareholding in Oriental underwent a restructuring. Is this an indication of more to come?

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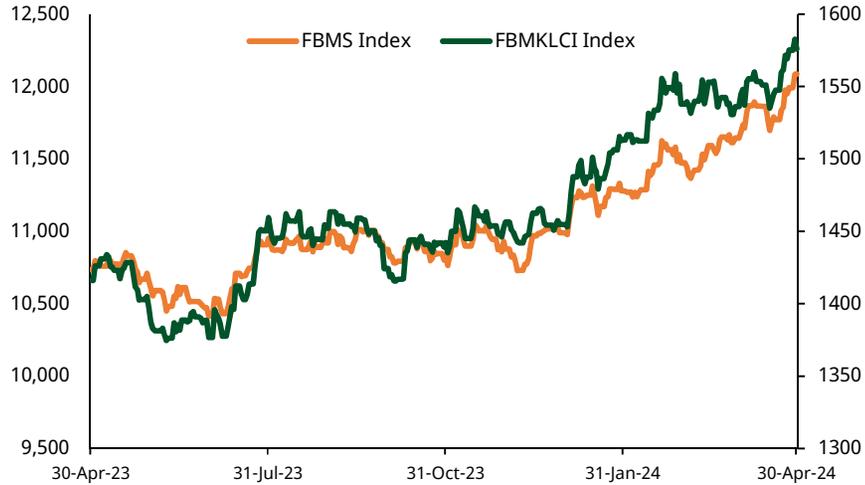
What's our outlook on Oriental Holdings Berhad?

- Its auto segment remains the key contributor to revenue (52%) but sales have stagnated from their declining market share of Honda cars (Exhibit 7 & 8).
- Their RM1.2 billion acquisition of remaining equity interest in 3 plantation companies and estates does not appear to be earnings accretive in the short-term. However, the 56k Ha of plantable land does provide long-term earnings growth (Exhibit 9 & 10).
- All-in-all, Oriental Holdings still lacks near-term catalysts despite net-cash making up more than half of its market capitalisation.

2.0 MALAYSIA MARKET REVIEW

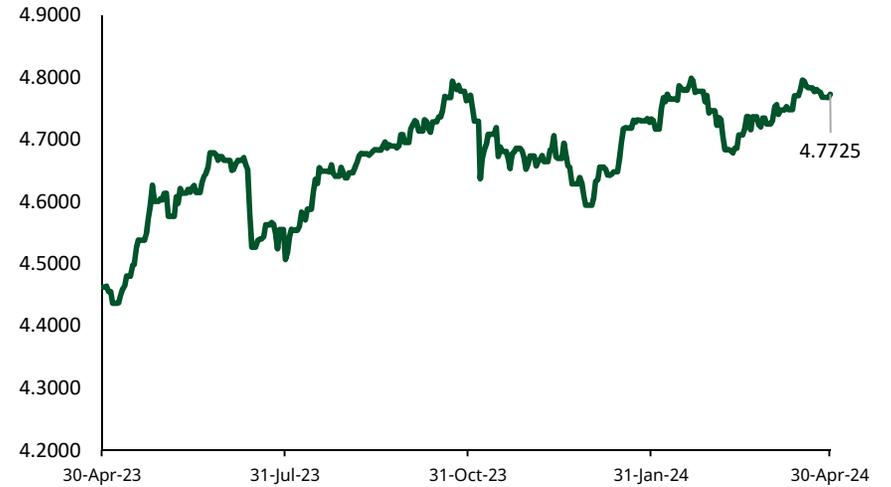
KLCI's valuations remain undemanding, we have a positive stance on the market

Exhibit 1: KLCI vs Shariah Index



Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 2: USDMYR



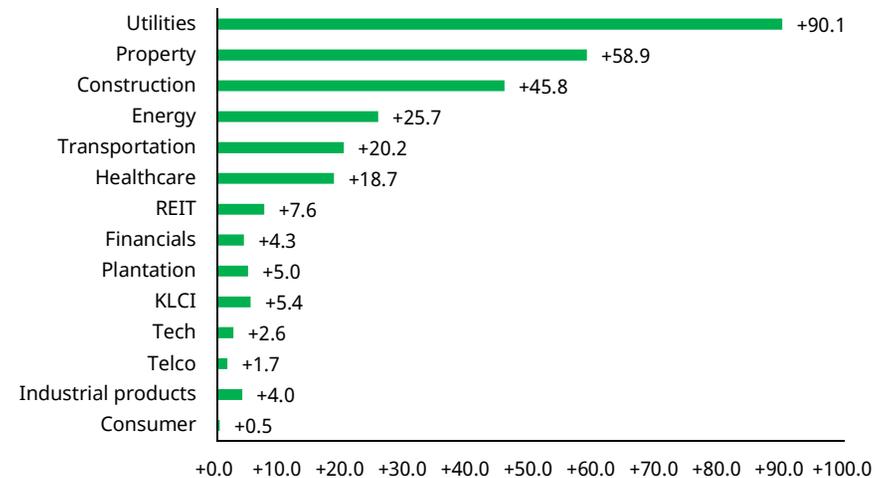
Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 3: KLCI's 2024 PER of 13.87x is more than 1 Standard Deviation below its median



Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 4: Sector Performances Year-to-Date (%)



Source: Bloomberg

VIEW OF THE MONTH: ORIENTAL HOLDINGS BERHAD

Are there any re-rating catalysts for this cash-rich conglomerate?

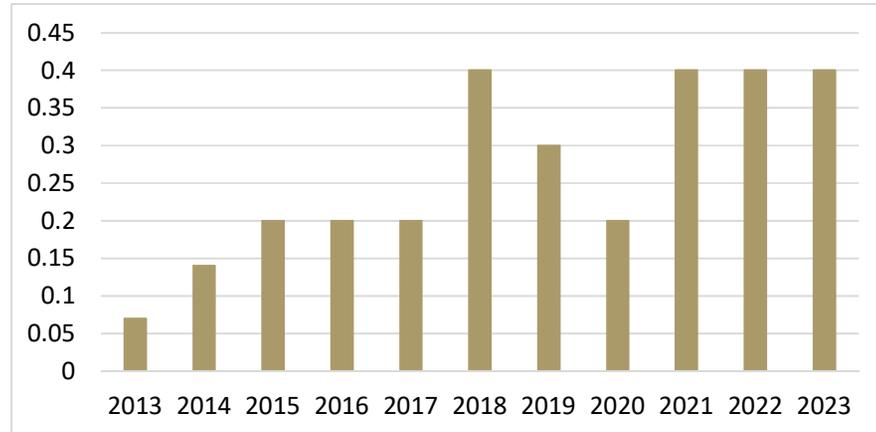
Loh Family's shareholding reorganisation provides transparency, but will this translate to higher future dividends?

Exhibit 5: Loh Family Shareholding



Source: The Edge

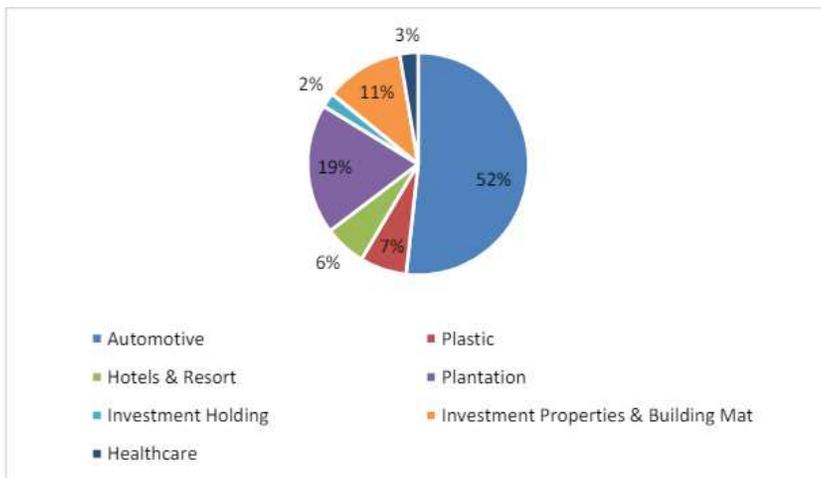
Exhibit 6: Oriental Holdings' Gross Dividend Per Share (2013 - 2012)



Source: Bloomberg

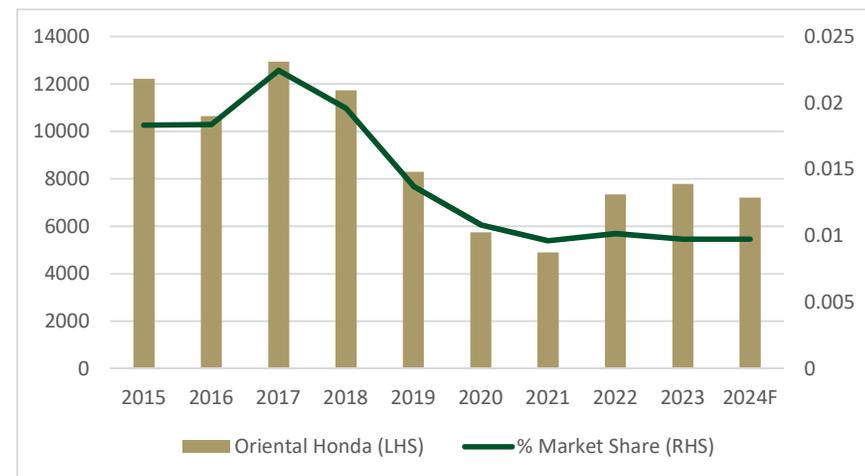
Automotive contributes 52% of FY23 Revenue....But their market share of Honda vehicles has been on a downtrend.

Exhibit 7: Oriental Holdings' Revenue Breakdown



Source: Bloomberg

Exhibit 8: Number of Oriental's Honda Vehicles Sold vs Market Share



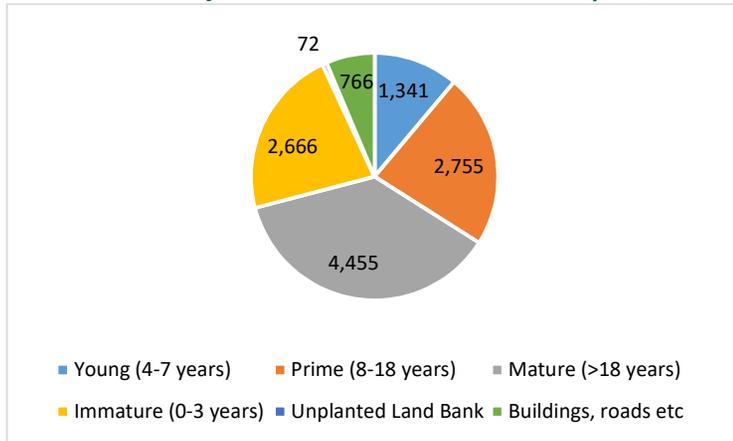
Source: Company, Astute Fund Management Berhad

VIEW OF THE MONTH: ORIENTAL HOLDINGS BERHAD

Despite being cash-rich, Oriental Holdings still lacks near-term catalysts.

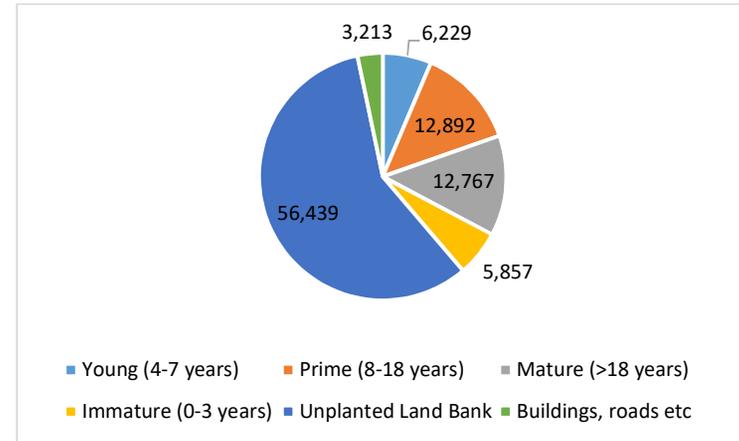
Plantation Segment's recent RM1.2billion acquisition: Not earnings accretive in the near-term but its substantial Indonesian landbank provides long-term earnings potential.

Exhibit 9: Malaysia Plantation Land Bank Post-Acq (Ha)



Source: Company, Astute Fund Management Berhad

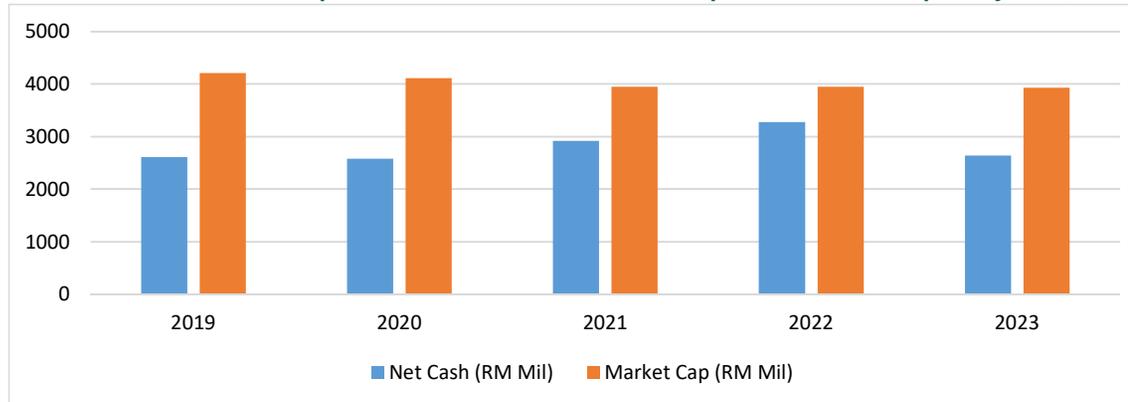
Exhibit 10: Indonesia Plantation Land Bank Post-Consolidation (Ha)



Source: Company, Astute Fund Management Berhad

Oriental Holdings remains cash-rich post-acquisition - Provides opportunities for dividend and protection from downturns.

Exhibit 11: Net-cash makes up more than half of total market capitalisation for the past 5 years (RM Mil)



Source: Company, Astute Fund Management Berhad

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