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 NEUTRAL
 Maintained

 RM6.90
 Target: RM8.60

 Mkt.Cap: RM33,680m/US\$9,744m

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Acquiring BII at lower price

Deal concluded with a rebate on 30 Sep. After extensive discussions with Temasek's Fullerton Financial Holdings over the past 3-4 days, Maybank finally completed the acquisition of a 55.6% stake in Bank Internasional Indonesia (BII) (BNII IJ, Trading Buy) from Fullerton and Kookmin Bank on 30 Sep. Both vendors agreed to a combined rebate of \$\$315.2m (RM758.9m), which reduces the purchase price for the 55.6% stake from RM5bn (Rp510/share) to RM4.26bn (Rp433/share). However, the tender offer, which will be carried out in Oct/Nov 08, will still be conducted at Rp510/share.

Comments

Clearing the air. The latest development essentially seals the deal, removing uncertainty over whether it would go through. Early this week, it was still unclear whether the deal would go through as Bank Negara had instructed Maybank to seek an extension and renegotiate for a lower pricing for BII last Friday (26 Sep 08), the original deadline for completion.

Fast-paced renegotiation. Maybank took a shorter-than-expected time to renegotiate and conclude the deal. It was reported that the bank requested a 1-month extension until 26 Oct but was able to reach agreement with the sellers on 30 Sep 08. However, we think the final price is still above market expectations as the RM758.9m rebate is not that much higher than the RM570m that the sellers reportedly offered last Friday. Furthermore, Maybank has to pay the steep original price of Rp510/share for the remaining shares in the upcoming tender offer.

A giant step in Indonesia. The completion of this deal marks a quantum leap in Maybank's Indonesian operations. We reiterate our positive stance on this acquisition as we believe there is stronger growth potential in Indonesia, which has a huge population of 224.8m and an under-penetrated financial services market. Indonesia has one of the lowest loan-to-GDP ratios of only 24% vs. 102% for Malaysia, 100% for Singapore and 75% for Thailand. In addition, the net interest margin in Indonesia is one of the highest in the region at 5-6% vs. only 2-3% for Malaysia.

Valuation remains high. The rebate reduces the total cost of 100% of BII from RM9bn to RM8.25bn. Maybank's average cost per share will still be high at an estimated Rp467.2 based on a cost per share of Rp433 for the 55.6% stake from Temasek/Kookmin Bank and Rp510 for the tender offer. The reduced cost of Rp467.2 is 50.7% above BII's current market price of Rp310 and translates into an FY09 P/E of 26x (29x based on original cost of Rp510) and FY08 P/BV of 3.8x (4.1x). As the maximum loss from the subsequent selldown of BII is capped at 10% of the total cost, the reduction in the total cost from RM9bn to RM8.25bn will cut the maximum loss from RM900m to RM825m. This is still a high figure and would be a blow to Maybank's future earnings.

Valuation and recommendation

Retaining earnings forecasts and target price. As the offer price for BII is much higher than the market price, we expect a high take-up of the tender offer. Acquiring 100% of BII at RM8.25bn would dilute Maybank's FY09 net earnings by less than 5% but should be earnings-accretive from FY10 onwards. We will factor in contributions from BII when the deal progresses. For now, we retain our earnings forecasts and

target price of RM8.60, still pegged to a 20% discount to the DDM valuation. The key DDM parameters include a cost of equity of 11.3% and dividend growth rates of 7.3% for the interim growth phase and 6% for the long-term growth phase.

We remain positive. Despite all the obstacles in its path in the past 2-3 months, Maybank has wrapped up the acquisition of a majority stake in BII. We stick to our contrarian view of the acquisition as we expect Maybank's expansion in Indonesia to support its long-term growth prospects, along with other overseas businesses, including its Singapore unit, Pakistan's MCB Bank and Vietnam's An Binh Bank, which have superior growth prospects than its operations in Malaysia. However, the market is likely to react negatively to the consummation of the BII deal as investors are uneasy about the high pricing for BII, even after the rebate.

Remain NEUTRAL. While we are positive about the completion of the purchase and the favourable growth prospects in Indonesia, we are wary about the potential losses arising from the required selldown of BII to 80% as well as high regulatory risks in Indonesia. Furthermore, the global economic slowdown will drag the growth of Indonesia's financial sector. In view of this, we maintain our NEUTRAL call on the stock. We still prefer Public Bank (PBK MK, Outperform) for exposure to the sector.

Financial summary					
FYE Jun	2007	2008	2009F	2010F	2011F
Net interest income (RM m)	5,132.9	5,426.8	5,580.0	5,990.5	6,486.3
Non-interest income (RM m)	3,720.7	4,203.5	3,146.4	3,466.3	3,790.2
Total income (RM m)	8,853.6	9,630.3	9,969.2	10,810.5	11,745.8
Loan loss provisions (RM m)	(694.5)	(804.4)	(999.5)	(1,152.0)	(1,280.5)
Pretax profit (RM m)	4,363.7	4,086.1	4,708.7	5,070.3	5,521.5
Net profit (RM m)	3,178.4	2,928.2	3,422.8	3,679.4	3,988.7
EPS (sen)	66.1	60.1	70.1	75.4	81.7
EPS growth (%)	12%	(9%)	17%	7%	8%
P/E (x)	10.4	11.5	9.8	9.2	8.4
Core EPS (sen)	60.8	64.5	70.1	75.4	81.7
Core EPS growth (%)	3%	6%	9%	7%	8%
Core P/E (x)	11.4	10.7	9.8	9.2	8.4
Gross DPS (sen)	64.7	49.1	46.0	50.0	65.4
Dividend yield (%)	9.4%	7.1%	6.7%	7.2%	9.5%
P/BV (x)	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3
ROE (%)	17.6%	15.2%	16.5%	15.8%	15.7%
% change in EPS estimates			-	-	-
CIMB/Consensus (x)			1.03	1.03	1.05

Price chart



Source: Bloomberg

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