

# Leong Hup International (LHIB MK)

# **4Q19: Below expectations**

# Maintain BUY with lower TP of MYR0.90

4Q19 results fell below both our/consensus full-year estimates due to higher-than-expected operating expenses. Into FY20, we expect feedmill capacity expansion and a sequential uptick in Malaysia's poultry ASPs to drive revenue growth. Nevertheless, we lower our FY20-FY21 net profit estimates by 8-9%. Maintain our BUY call with a lower TP of MYR0.90, pegged to an unchanged FY20 PER of 17x pending an analyst call with management today.

# Results below expectations

4Q19 net profit of MYR30m (-10% YoY, -34% QoQ) brought FY19 net profit to MYR151m (-19% YoY). This fell below expectations, reflecting 89%/87% of our/consensus full-year net profit estimates. The shortfall was largely due to higher-than-expected operating expense. FY19 revenue of MYR6b (+5% YoY) was however within our expectations at 99% of our full-year estimate.

# Malaysia poultry ASPs remain weak

Key takeaways from LHIB's 4Q19 results: (i) group revenue was flat YoY mainly due to weaker ASPs and sales volume of day-old-chicks (DOC) in Malaysia and Indonesia, and (ii) lower processed food sales in Singapore, (iii) but partially mitigated by higher feedmill sales in Vietnam. 4Q19 group EBITDA also fell 15% YoY despite a 10% YoY growth in its feedmill segment given lower EBITDA contribution from its livestock segment (-24% YoY) where margins compressed (-1.6ppts YoY) on depressed DOC, broiler and egg prices in Malaysia and Indonesia.

# Lower FY20-FY21 earnings estimates by 8%-9%

Moving forward, we believe that FY20 topline growth will continue to be supported by ongoing feedmill capacity expansion. Sequential earnings should also improve as Malaysia poultry ASPs trend upwards in 1Q20. Factoring the weak set of results, we lower our FY20/FY21 net profit estimates by 9%/8% and introduce our FY22 net profit estimates.

FYE Dec (MYR m)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Revenue	5,747	6,055	6,598	7,092	7,501
EBITDA	655	651	732	826	876
Core net profit	225	151	196	239	253
Core EPS (sen)	6.2	4.1	5.4	6.6	6.9
Core EPS growth (%)	16.8	(33.0)	30.0	22.2	6.0
Net DPS (sen)	0.0	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.1
Core P/E (x)	na	21.3	14.4	11.8	11.2
P/BV (x)	na	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.3
Net dividend yield (%)	na	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.7
ROAE (%)	15.0	10.2	11.4	12.8	12.4
ROAA (%)	4.8	2.9	3.4	3.8	3.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.0	8.4	7.4	6.5	6.3
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	108.3	79.6	83.2	70.7	69.8
Consensus net profit	-	-	244	281	na
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(19.9)	(14.9)	na

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# **BUY**

Share Price MYR 0.78

12m Price Target MYR 0.90 (+18%)

Previous Price Target MYR 1.00

#### **Company Description**

The company is an integrated poultry player with operations across Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines

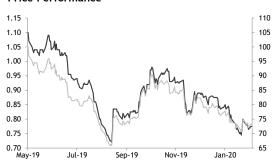
#### **Statistics**

52w high/low (MYR)	na/na
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.5
Free float (%)	27.4
Issued shares (m)	3,650
Market capitalisation	MYR2.8B
	USD683M

#### Major shareholders:

Emerging Glory	52.8%
Clarinden Investments	9.0%
na	na

#### Price Performance



——Leong Hup - (LHS, MYR) ——Leong Hup / Kuala Lumpur Composite Index - (RHS, %)

	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	(7)	(17)	na
Relative to index (%)	(4)	(13)	na

Source: FactSet

Fig 1: Leong Hup International: Results Summary Table

			Quarterly				Cumulative	
FY Dec (MYR m)	4Q19	4Q18	% YoY	3Q19	% QoQ	12M19	12M18	% YoY
Revenue	1,544.0	1,554.6	(0.7)	1,527.1	1.1	6,054.8	5,746.6	5.4
EBITDA	146.3	172.2	(15.0)	173.7	(15.8)	650.5	654.6	(0.6)
Depreciation	(62.1)	(50.4)	23.2	(55.4)	12.1	(225.5)	(197.1)	14.4
EBIT	84.2	121.8	(30.8)	118.3	(28.8)	425.0	457.5	(7.1)
Interest expense	(34.2)	(31.4)	8.8	(34.6)	(1.2)	(136.6)	(109.5)	24.8
Associates	0.2	0.1	7.0	0.1	120.3	0.4	0.6	(30.9)
Pretax profit	50.2	90.5	(44.5)	83.8	(40.1)	288.8	348.6	(17.2)
Tax	(16.4)	(35.2)	(53.5)	(21.5)	(23.7)	(75.8)	(101.8)	(25.6)
Minority interest	(4.3)	(22.6)	(81.1)	(18.0)	(76.2)	(62.4)	(60.6)	3.0
Net profit	29.5	32.6	(9.5)	44.4	(33.5)	150.6	186.2	(19.1)
Core net profit	29.5	32.6	(9.5)	44.4	(33.5)	150.6	186.2	(19.1)
			+/-		+/-			+/-
EBITDA margin (%)	9.5	11.1	p.ptsYoY (1.6)	11.4	p.ptsQoQ (1.9)	10.7	11.4	p.ptsYoY (0.6)
EBIT margin (%)	5.5	7.8	(2.4)	7.7	(2.3)	7.0	8.0	(0.9)
Tax rate (%)	(32.6)	(38.9)	6.3	(25.6)	(7.0)	(26.2)	(29.2)	3.0
Revenue:			% YoY		% QoQ			% YoY
Livestock	874.5	907.8	(3.7)	858.2	1.9	3,396.0	3,470.6	(2.1)
Feedmill	666.0	643.4	3.5	665.8	0.0	2,646.7	2,261.9	17.0
Others	3.5	3.4	4.2	3.1	12.5	12.0	14.1	(15.0
Total	1,544.0	1,554.6	(0.7)	1,527.1	1.1	6,054.8	5,746.6	5.4
EBITDA:			% YoY		% QoQ			% Yo
Livestock	51.0	67.1	(23.9)	41.8	22.2	257.4	397.0	(35.2
Feedmill	96.9	88.3	9.7	133.5	(27.4)	403.1	265.7	51.7
Others	(1.6)	16.8	(109.5)	(1.5)	7.1	(10.0)	(8.2)	23.2
Total	146.3	172.2	(15.0)	173.7	(15.8)	650.5	654.6	(0.6)
EBITDA margin (%):			+/- p.ptsYoY		+/- p.ptsQoQ			+/- p.ptsYo\
Livestock	5.8	7.4	(1.6)	4.9	1.0	7.6	11.4	(3.9)
Feedmill	14.6	13.7	0.8	20.0	(5.5)	15.2	11.7	3.5
Others	(45.6)	498.1	(543.7)	(47.9)	2.3	(83.5)	(57.7)	(25.9
Total	9.5	11.1	(1.6)	11.4	(1.9)	10.7	11.4	(0.6)

Source: Company, Maybank KE

# Risk statement

There are several risk factors to our earnings estimates, target price and rating for LHIB. The group is subject to market volatility in selling prices as well as demand-supply imbalances, both in feed and poultry, Moreover, poultry is vulnerable to disease and epidemic outbreaks that could further exacerbate demand-supply imbalances.

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FYE 31 Dec	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	na	22.1	14.4	11.8	11.2
Core P/E (x)	na	21.3	14.4	11.8	11.2
P/BV (x)	na	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.3
P/NTA (x)	na	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.4
Net dividend yield (%)	na	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.7
FCF yield (%)	na	8.5	nm	7.9	nm
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.0	8.4	7.4	6.5	6.3
EV/EBIT (x)	11.4	12.9	10.9	9.3	9.1
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	5,746.6	6,054.8	6,598.4	7,091.9	7,501.0
Gross profit	1,005.8	940.2	1,075.7	1,195.0	1,254.8
EBITDA	654.6	650.5	731.9	826.2	876.2
Depreciation	(189.9)	(204.6)	(227.8)	(244.0)	(258.7)
Amortisation	(7.2)	(20.9)	(7.2)	(7.2)	(7.2)
EBIT	457.5	425.0	496.9	575.0	610.3
Net interest income /(exp)	(109.5)	(136.6)	(148.2)	(164.2)	(180.3)
Associates & JV	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Pretax profit	348.6	288.8	349.1	411.2	430.4
Income tax	(101.8)	(75.8)	(91.6)	(107.9)	(112.9)
Minorities	(60.6)	(62.4)	(61.7)	(64.1)	(64.0)
Reported net profit	186.2	150.6	195.8	239.1	253.4
Core net profit	224.9	150.6	195.8	239.1	253.4
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	458.9	764.8	860.5	1,276.7	1,415.7
Accounts receivable	649.2	496.1	752.0	589.5	829.4
Inventory	575.6	679.6	675.8	771.4	761.5
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	2,216.8	2,396.5	2,592.9	2,749.1	2,890.7
Intangible assets	97.3	97.5	97.2	96.9	96.6
Investment in Associates & JVs	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other assets	834.5	973.1	1,035.3	1,093.0	1,143.0
Total assets	4,834.0	5,409.1	6,015.2	6,578.2	7,138.5
ST interest bearing debt	1,326.6	1,522.7	1,622.8	1,790.4	1,958.0
Accounts payable	248.9	273.5	290.6	311.8	326.2
Insurance contract liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT interest bearing debt	1,044.3	977.7	1,221.3	1,336.5	1,451.7
Other liabilities	449.0	455.0	496.0	523.0	545.0
Total Liabilities	3,068.6	3,228.6	3,630.5	3,962.0	4,280.9
Shareholders Equity	1,301.8	1,641.2	1,783.7	1,951.1	2,128.5
Minority Interest	463.6	539.3	601.0	665.1	729.2
Total shareholder equity	1,765.4	2,180.5	2,384.7	2,616.2	2,857.6
Total liabilities and equity	4,834.0	5,409.1	6,015.2	6,578.2	7,138.5
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	348.6	288.8	349.1	411.2	430.4
Depreciation & amortisation	197.1	225.5	235.0	251.2	265.9
Cash taxes paid	(75.7)	(57.0)	(91.6)	(107.9)	(112.9)
Other operating cash flow	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operations	349.2	656.9	248.9	624.9	351.9
Capex	(393.4)	(385.4)	(400.0)	(400.0)	(400.0)
Free cash flow	(44.2)	271.5	(151.1)	224.9	(48.1)
Dividends paid	(66.3)	(84.5)	(58.7)	(71.7)	(76.0)
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	269.6	5.4	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	59.4	(187.8)	343.7	282.8	282.8
Other invest/financing cash flow	14.8	12.4	(19.4)	(19.4)	(19.4)
Effect of exch rate changes	(0.8)	(0.7)	na	na	na
Net cash flow	(37.0)	280.4	119.9	416.5	139.3

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FYE 31 Dec	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	4.5	5.4	9.0	7.5	5.8
EBITDA growth	12.3	(0.6)	12.5	12.9	6.0
EBIT growth	19.1	(7.1)	16.9	15.7	6.1
Pretax growth	19.3	(17.2)	20.9	17.8	4.7
Reported net profit growth	(3.3)	(19.1)	30.0	22.2	6.0
Core net profit growth	16.8	(33.0)	30.0	22.2	6.0
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	11.4	10.7	11.1	11.7	11.7
EBIT margin	8.0	7.0	7.5	8.1	8.1
Pretax profit margin	6.1	4.8	5.3	5.8	5.7
Payout ratio	0.0	38.8	30.0	30.0	30.0
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	3.2	2.5	3.0	3.4	3.4
Revenue/Assets (x)	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Assets/Equity (x)	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
ROAE (%)	15.0	10.2	11.4	12.8	12.4
ROAA (%)	4.8	2.9	3.4	3.8	3.7
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	60.8	59.8	59.8	59.8	59.8
Days receivable outstanding	38.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
Days inventory outstanding	41.5	44.2	44.2	44.2	44.2
Days payables outstanding	18.6	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.4
Dividend cover (x)	nm	2.6	3.3	3.3	3.3
Current ratio (x)	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	108.3	79.6	83.2	70.7	69.8
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	108.3	79.6	83.2	70.7	69.8
Net interest cover (x)	4.2	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.4
Debt/EBITDA (x)	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9
Capex/revenue (%)	6.8	6.4	6.1	5.6	5.3
Net debt/ (net cash)	1,912.1	1,735.5	1,983.6	1,850.1	1,993.9

Source: Company; Maybank

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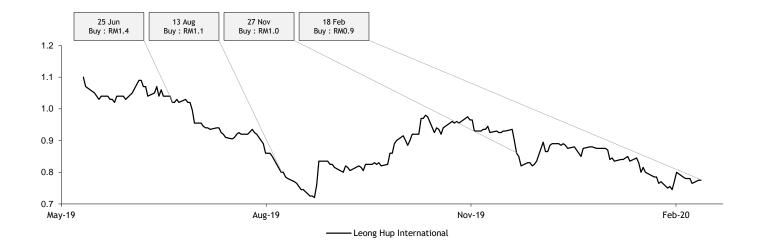
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