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#### **COMPANY RESULTS**

# Valuetronics (VALUE SP)

1HFY25: Results In Line; New Customers And JV Paving Way For Growth

VALUE's 1HFY25 net profit of HK\$91m (+10% yoy) is in line. Revenue dipped 3% yoy, as new customer contributions largely offset weaker demand from existing customers. Gross margin expanded for the fourth consecutive half-year period, on the back of a more favourable sales mix, lower material costs and lower labour costs. VALUE continues to seek new projects with existing customers and new customer acquisitions. Maintain BUY with an unchanged target price of S\$0.78.

#### 1HFY25 RESULTS

Year to 31 Mar (HK\$m)	1HFY25	1HFY24	yoy % chg	2HFY24	hoh % chg
Revenue	862.1	891.3	(3.3)	778.5	10.7
Gross Profit	144.8	138.9	4.3	126.3	14.6
Gross Margin (%)	16.8	15.6	1.2ppt	16.2	0.6ppt
Net profit	90.5	82.1	10.2	77.4	16.9
Net margin (%)	10.5	9.2	1.3ppt	9.9	0.6ppt

Source: VALUE, UOB Kay Hian

#### **RESULTS**

- Results in line with expectations. Valuetronics' (VALUE) 1HFY25 net profit of HK\$91m (+17% hoh, +10% yoy) is largely in line with our expectations, making up 53% of our full-year forecast. Revenue dipped 3% yoy to HKS\$862m, as a result of weak demand from some existing industrial and commercial electronics (ICE) and consumer electronics (CE) customers. Gross profit improved 4% yoy to \$\$145m, while higher interest income of \$\$30m (+18% yoy) led to net margin expanding 1.3ppt yoy.
- New customer contributions largely offset weaker existing customer demand. VALUE's more diversified customer portfolio contributed to offsetting the soft demand from existing customers. CE revenue fell 18% yoy to HK\$193m, led by poorer demand in end-markets for its legacy consumer lifestyle products. For ICE, revenue rose 2% yoy to HK\$669m as its new customer, a Canada-based network access solutions provider, contributed more significantly to offset weaker demand from its existing customers.
- Gross margin expansion for the fourth consecutive half-year period. Gross margin continued to improve for the fourth consecutive half-year period to 16.8% (+0.6ppt hoh, +1.2ppt yoy). This was driven by: a) higher-margin new products, b) lower labour costs and manufacturing overheads from the depreciation of the renminbi, and c) lower material costs from an improvement in the component supply chain.
- Interim dividend maintained. VALUE declared an unchanged interim dividend of 4 HK cents/share and a special dividend of 4 HK cents/share to reward its shareholders.

### **KEY FINANCIALS**

Year to 31 Mar (HK\$m)	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	2,014	1,670	1,803	1,948	2,070
EBITDA	188	213	245	250	252
Operating profit	133	168	188	200	209
Net profit (rep./act.)	123	160	170	180	190
Net profit (adj.)	123	160	170	180	190
EPS (HK\$ cent)	29.1	37.8	41.2	43.8	46.1
PE (x)	12.7	9.8	9.0	8.4	8.0
P/B (x)	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
Dividend yield (%)	5.4	6.8	7.0	7.7	8.1
Net margin (%)	6.1	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.2
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	(74.2)	(83.2)	(86.6)	(89.4)	(91.7)
Interest cover (x)	370.0	397.2	202.0	190.3	n.a.
ROE (%)	9.0	11.6	11.9	12.1	12.2
Consensus net profit	-	-	167	177	190
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	1.02	1.02	1.00

Source: VALUE, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

## BUY

## (Maintained)

Share Price	S\$0.635
Target Price	S\$0.78
Upside	+22.8%

#### **COMPANY DESCRIPTION**

Valuetronics Holdings offers original equipment manufacturing and original design manufacturing services. The company serves customers in the telecommunications, industrial, commercial electronic products and consumer electronic products industries.

#### STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Information Technology
Bloomberg ticker:	VALUE SP
Shares issued (m):	409.9
Market cap (S\$m):	260.3
Market cap (US\$m):	194.4
3-mth avg daily t'over (	US\$m): 0.2

#### Price Performance (%)

52-week high/low

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1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
0.0	5.8	8.5	16.5	6.7
Major S	Shareholder	's		%
Tse Cho	ng Hing			17.7
Chow K	ok Kit			7.5
FY25 NA	AV/Share (S\$)			3.55
FY25 Ne	et Cash/Share	(S\$)		3.07

S\$0.670/S\$0.535

### PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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#### STOCK IMPACT

- Capturing the Al boom with new JV in Hong Kong. VALUE has entered into a 55-45 JV called Trio Al with Hong Kong graphics processing unit (GPU) and artificial intelligence (Al) solutions provider SinnetCloud Group. In essence, Trio Al will provide GPU and Al-related cloud services in Hong Kong to tap on the rising computational needs and growing Al demand. VALUE will also enjoy additional income from leasing GPU servers and hardware to Trio Al over 60 months, at a rate that will cover the acquisition cost (~HK\$60m). Management guides for Trio Al to start making positive contribution to revenue and profitability from FY26.
- Room for expansion with Vietnam plant. VALUE's Vietnam campus strategically positions it to meet changing customer needs, as customers may wish to de-risk from China given the potentially higher US trade tariffs under Trump's presidency. As of end-1HFY25, the Vietnam plant was operating at c.40% utilisation rate. This excess capacity allows room for production ramp-up, whether for existing customers or to add more new customers.
- Strong free cash flow to support shareholder return. VALUE has maintained robust free cash flow of HK\$53m in 1HFY25, while net cash improved to HK\$1.1b (or S\$200m) that is equivalent to around 77% of its market cap. While its formal dividend policy dictates a 30-50% payout ratio, recall that FY23 and FY24 payout ratios were 68% and 64% respectively.

## **EARNINGS REVISION/RISK**

#### • None.

#### VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

Maintain BUY with a PE-based target price of \$\$0.78, pegged to 10.8x PE for FY25.
 This is based on 1SD above VALUE's historical PE mean to account for potential strong demand from its four new customers and the upcoming JV contribution. VALUE is currently trading at only 2x FY24 ex-cash PE and offers an attractive FY25 dividend yield of 7%.

## SHARE PRICE CATALYST

- Higher-than-expected dividends and potential M&As.
- Proactive management amid market challenges.

#### PEER COMPARISON

		Trading	Price @	Market	P	E	P	/B	EV/EI	BITDA	ROE	Yield	Net
Company	Ticker	Curr	13 Nov 24	Cap	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2024	Gearing
		(Icy)	(Icy)	(US\$m)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Aztech	AZTECH SP	SGD	0.69	398	7.4	7.1	1.5	1.5	3.3	3.1	20.4	12.3	(73.0)
Fu Yu	FUYU SP	SGD	0.135	77	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(37.6)
Hon Hai	2317 TT	TWD	214.5	91,580	18.7	14.1	1.8	1.6	9.8	8.0	9.7	2.8	(21.8)
Sanmina	SANM US	USD	80.75	4,413	20.2	14.2	1.9	1.8	9.3	7.8	9.8	0.0	(13.1)
Venture	VMS SP	SGD	12.58	2,719	14.9	13.8	1.3	1.3	8.3	7.7	8.6	6.0	(41.0)
Average					15.3	12.3	1.6	1.5	7.7	6.7	12.1	5.3	(37.3)
Valuetronics	VALUE SP	SGD	0.635	194	9.0	8.4	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.6	11.8	7.0	(82.3)

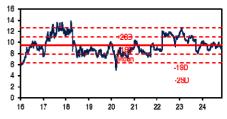
Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

#### **REVENUE BY SEGMENT (FY19-1HFY25)**



Source: VALUE, UOB Kay Hian

#### HISTORICAL PE BAND



Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian



PROFIT & LOSS	2024	20255	2027	20275	BALANCE SHEET	2024	20255	2027	20275
Year to 31 Mar (HK\$m)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	Year to 31 Mar (HK\$m)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	1,669.9	1,803.5	1,947.8	2,069.5	Fixed assets	261.9	227.8	198.2	172.5
EBITDA	213.3	245.5	249.8	252.4	Other LT assets	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.9
Deprec. & amort.	44.8	57.6	50.1	43.6	Cash/ST investment	1,164.5	1,266.0	1,363.7	1,460.2
EBIT	168.5	187.9	199.7	208.8	Other current assets	588.6	633.0	680.9	721.4
Net interest income/(expense)	(0.5)	(1.2)	(1.3)	0.0	Total assets	2,088.9	2,200.7	2,316.8	2,428.0
Pre-tax profit	167.9	186.7	198.4	208.8	ST debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tax	(8.3)	(16.8)	(17.9)	(18.8)	Other current liabilities	685.1	734.1	787.0	831.6
Net profit	159.6	169.9	180.5	190.0	LT debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit (adj.)	159.6	169.9	180.5	190.0	Other LT liabilities	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
					Shareholders' equity	1,399.6	1,462.4	1,525.6	1,592.1
					Total liabilities & equity	2,088.9	2,200.7	2,316.8	2,428.0
CASH FLOW					KEY METRICS				
Year to 31 Mar (HK\$m)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	Year to 31 Mar (%)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
	233.7	232.1	235.6		. ,	2024	20231	20201	20271
Operating  Dra tow profit			198.4	<b>237.8</b> 208.8	Profitability	12.0	12.4	12.0	12.2
Pre-tax profit	167.9	186.7			EBITDA margin	12.8	13.6	12.8	12.2
Tax	(10.1)	(16.8)	(17.9)	(18.8)	Pre-tax margin	10.1	10.3	10.2	10.1
Deprec. & amort.	44.8	57.6	50.1	43.6	Net margin	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.2
Working capital changes	85.3	4.6	5.0	4.2	ROA	7.7	7.9	8.0	8.0
Non-cash items	(1.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	ROE	11.6	11.9	12.1	12.2
Other operating cashflows	(53.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Investing	35.7	(23.6)	(20.5)	(17.8)	Growth				
Capex (growth)	(21.1)	(23.6)	(20.5)	(17.8)	Turnover	(17.1)	8.0	8.0	6.3
Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBITDA	13.5	15.1	1.8	1.0
Proceeds from sale of assets	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	Pre-tax profit	26.8	11.2	6.3	5.3
Others	55.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net profit	29.8	6.4	6.3	5.3
Financing	(113.7)	(107.0)	(117.3)	(123.5)	Net profit (adj.)	29.8	6.4	6.3	5.3
Dividend payments	(99.2)	(107.0)	(117.3)	(123.5)	EPS	29.8	9.1	6.3	5.3
Issue of shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Loan repayment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Leverage				
Others/interest paid	(14.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Debt to total capital	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash inflow (outflow)	155.8	101.5	97.8	96.5	Debt to equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	1,009.9	1,164.5	1,266.0	1,363.7	Net debt/(cash) to equity	(83.2)	(86.6)	(89.4)	(91.7)
Changes due to forex impact	(1.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Interest cover (x)	397.2	202.0	190.3	n.a.
Ending cash & cash equivalent	1,164.5	1,266.0	1,363.7	1,460.2					

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