

Evergreen Fibreboard Bhd-----Maintain OUTPERFORM

Trading on 5x FY08 P/E and MDF prices are stable

EPS: ◀▶ TP: ◀▶

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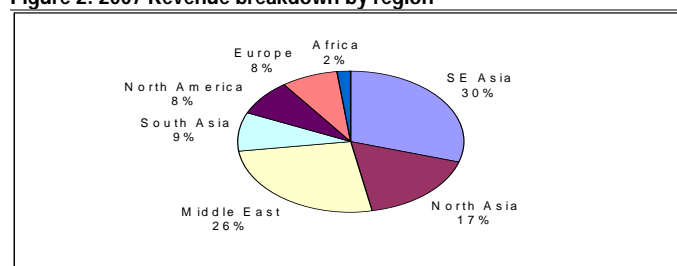
- We met Evergreen management and the key message is that business is fine; MDF prices and costs remain stable, whilst demand is a touch patchy. Not surprisingly, demand is soft in the US (7% of FY07 revenue) but this is cushioned by stable markets like China (10% of FY07 revenue), the Middle East (26% of FY07 revenues) and Vietnam (11% of FY07 revenue).
- Evergreen seeks cost savings in FY08 from 1) a new glue plant in Thailand to complement its Thai MDF facilities and 2) a new bio-mass power plant in Thailand. Meanwhile, rubberwood prices are stable and management believes that glue costs have peaked.
- Evergreen is attractively valued, in our view, currently trading at 5x P/E FY08E compared with a historical low of 4x. It also offers a net dividend yield of 5%. Maintain OUTPERFORM.
- Whilst a near-term catalyst is lacking, we believe its long-term growth prospects are attractive. Evergreen is on a growth path and targets to be amongst the top 10 MDF producers in the world (currently ranks Top 5 in Asia).

How's business around the world?

Evergreen has a diversified customer base, spread across 45 markets. We asked management about demand conditions in the key markets and it's a mixed bag. Not surprisingly, demand is soft in the US but stable in China (10% of FY07 revenues), the Middle East (26% of FY07 revenues) and Vietnam (11% of FY07 revenues).

The US accounted for 7% of last year's revenues and Evergreen has succeeded in raising prices (to compensate for the weaker US dollar revenues). However, buyers are not aggressive and tend to buy to fulfil their short-term needs.

Figure 2: 2007 Revenue breakdown by region



Source: Company data.

Bbg/RIC	EVF MK / EVGN.KL	Price (15 Apr 08, RM)	1.35		
Rating (prev. rating)	O (O)	TP (RM) (prev. TP)	2.30 (2.30)		
Shares outstanding (mn)	480.00	Est. pot. % chg. to TP	70		
Daily trad vol-6m avg (mn)	0.8	52-wk range (RM)	2.10 - 1.24		
Daily trad val-6m avg (US\$ mn)	0.4	Mkt cap (RM/US\$ mn)	648.0/ 205.0		
Free float (%)	50.0	Performance	1M 3M 12M		
Major shareholders	Kuo family 48%	Absolute	3.1 (10.0) 2.3		
		Relative	(1.0) 8.9 7.5		
Year	12/06A	12/07A	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
Revenues (RM mn)	528.1	731.6	761.4	859.8	977.1
EBITDA (RM mn)	86.6	195.4	181.1	184.0	207.6
Net profit (RM mn)	59.7	118.5	124.3	126.0	148.0
EPS (RM)	0.12	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.31
- Change from prev. EPS (%)	n.a.	n.a.	0	0	0
- Consensus EPS (RM)	n.a.	n.a.	0.27	0.33	0.00
EPS growth (%)	9.6	98.4	4.9	1.4	17.5
P/E (x)	10.9	5.5	5.2	5.1	4.4
Dividend yield (%)	3.7	5.2	5.8	5.8	6.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.6	3.7	3.9	3.3	2.4
P/B (x)	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8
ROE (%)	14.9	24.7	21.6	19.0	19.5
Net debt/equity (%)	net cash	16	11	net cash	net cash

Costs are stable

Evergreen hopes to extract cost savings in FY08 from (1) a new glue plant in Thailand to complement its Thai MDF facilities and (2) a new bio-mass power plant in Thailand. Methanol (a key ingredient of glue) prices have fallen to US\$320/MT, having touched a high of US\$940 at end-07. Whilst 1QFY08 results will be hit by the surge in prices, the recent dropoff in pricing and new in-house glue production should help contain costs. Glue accounts for 25-28% of MDF cost. Meanwhile, rubberwood prices in Malaysia and Thailand are relatively flat YoY.

Trading on 5x FY08E P/E

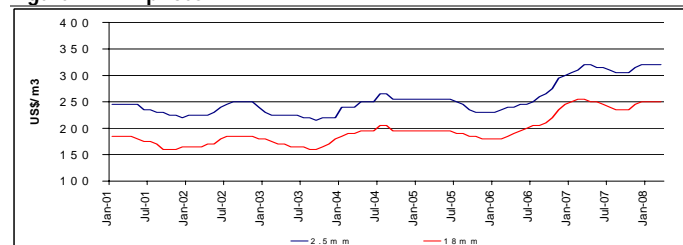
We maintain our OUTPERFORM on Evergreen owing to its attractive P/E multiples and robust long-term growth potential. In a nutshell, business is alright; pricing and costs remain stable whilst demand is patchy. Whilst a near-term catalyst is lacking, Evergreen is on a growth path via acquisitions and targets to be amongst the top 10 MDF producers in the world (currently ranks Top 5 in Asia).

Note 1: Evergreen Fibreboard Bhd. manufactures medium density fiberboard (MDF), knocked-down wooden furniture, and doors. The Company, through its subsidiaries, also manufactures particle board and MDF and laminates MDF, particleboard, and plywood.. Note 2: Dividend yield is net

MDF prices are holding up

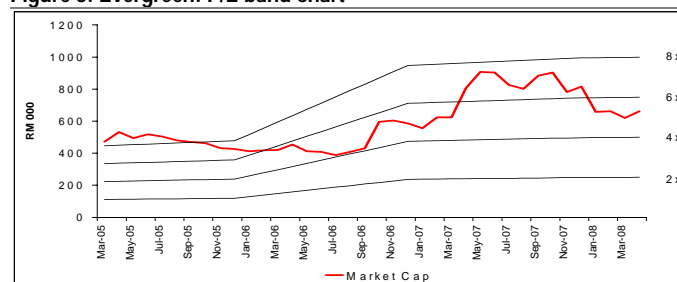
1Q08 MDF prices were stable YoY.

Figure 1: MDF prices



Source: Company data.

Figure 3: Evergreen: P/E band chart



Source: Company data, Credit Suisse estimates.

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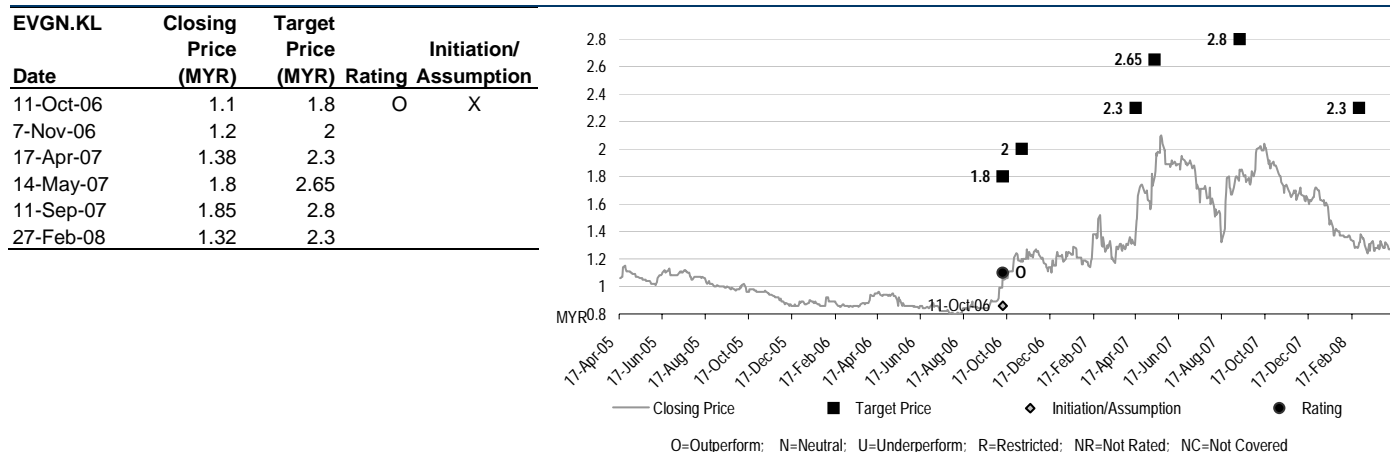
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Price Target: (12 months) for (EVGN.KL)

Method: Our target price of RM2.30 per share for Evergreen Fibreboard is based on applying a price to earnings ratio (P/E) of 9x to our forecast FY08 earnings per share (EPS) of 25.9 sen. This translates into an average P/E to growth ratio of 1.1x on our projected average EPS growth of 8% p.a. over the next three years, and is also in line with the average FY08 PE of 9x for other Malaysian and Thailand timber-related companies. Our RM2.30 per share target price is also supported by a net dividend yield of 5.8% p.a. based on our projected net dividend of 7.8 sen per share in FY08.

Risks: Some of the risks to our RM2.30 target price for Evergreen Fibreboard that we can identify are: 1) a U.S. or China housing market slowdown, which could translate into lower global demand for MDF and consequently lower selling prices; 2) volatile rubberwood log prices, which would have an impact on costs, and the availability of supply affected by weather conditions, which can impact on production volume; 3) volatile glue prices, which can have an impact on costs, 4) RM:US\$ and Bt:RM exchange rate volatility, since exports are priced in US dollars, while costs are based in ringgit and baht; 5) political risks in Thailand, which may affect Evergreen's Thai operations; 6) availability and renewal of tax incentives, which determine Evergreen's effective tax rate.

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