Company Note

Refinitiv ESG Combined Score

Singapore

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 3	Hold 1	Sell 0
Current price:			S\$0.775
Target price:			S\$0.98
Previous target:			S\$0.88
Up/downside:			26.5%
CGSI / Consensus:			18.4%
Reuters:		ı	RVHL.SI
Bloomberg:		RS	TON SP
Market cap:		USS	\$848.9m
		S	\$1,149m
Average daily turnove	r:	US	S\$2.11m
		5	S\$2.84m
Current shares o/s:			1,482m
Free float:			32.6%
*Source: Bloomberg			

Key changes in this note

FY24-26F EPS raised by 10.3%-11.8% on higher volume growth assumptions.



		Source: E	sioomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	-0.7	6.9	28.1
Relative (%)	-3.6	-2.2	28.2
Major shareholders			% held
Ringlet Investment Lim		50.8	
Lee Wai Keong			10.9

Riverstone Holdings

Glove demand recovering well

- 1Q24 net profit of RM72m (+7% qoq, +55% yoy) was a slight beat, riding on cleanroom's volume recovery and healthcare segment's mix improvement.
- RSTON sees strong demand improvement across both segments in 2Q24F, and has ramped up hiring. We forecast c.14% qoq volume growth in 2Q24F.
- Reiterate Add with a higher TP of S\$0.98 as we expect glove demand recovery to aid RSTON deliver EPS growth of c.35% yoy in FY24F.

1Q24: Strong start to the year with cleanroom demand recovery

Riverstone's (RSTON) 1Q24 net profit of RM72m (+7% qoq, +55% yoy) came in slightly ahead of both our/Bloomberg consensus expectations, at 27% of FY24F. Revenue grew to RM250m in 1Q24 (+9% qoq, +5% yoy), helped by cleanroom glove segment volume recovery, while GPM (-0.5% pts qoq, +13.1% pts yoy) was driven by product mix improvement in the healthcare glove space. Utilisation rate improved across both segments; we estimate sales volume grew 9% qoq in 1Q24. RSTON declared a quarterly DPS of 4.0 sen (RM) for 1Q24, translating into a dividend payout ratio of 82%.

Healthcare glove demand picking up meaningfully in 2Q24F

RSTON observed meaningful improvement in demand for generic healthcare gloves in 2Q24F given the narrower price spread between Chinese and Malaysian glove players, and has started to increase hiring of workers to keep up with the new orders. We forecast RSTON's healthcare glove volumes could improve c.15% qoq in 2Q24F. Customised healthcare gloves remain a priority, and RSTON is adding 800m piece production capacity p.a. to cater for this, and expects it to be partially commissioned by end-FY24F.

Cleanroom glove volumes also improving well

RSTON's cleanroom segment saw volume and revenue improve c.9% qoq in 1Q24, and we expect 13% yoy volume growth in FY24F, riding on continued recovery of the electronics manufacturing sector. RSTON's blended ASP for the cleanroom segment remained healthy at c.US\$90/carton in 1Q24, as price reductions for specific SKUs were offset by a product mix upgrade. RSTON remains confident that segment GPM can be kept at c.50%, and sees opportunities to increase its cleanroom presence in the US, post the recent merger of Ansell and Kimberly Clark's cleanroom operations. RSTON will also increase its cleanroom processing capacity by c.30% by end-FY24F.

Reiterate Add

Reiterate Add as we expect RSTON to deliver EPS growth of c.35% yoy in FY24F, riding on strong glove demand recovery. Our TP is raised to S\$0.98, still based on 16x CY25F P/E (RSTON's 5-year pre-Covid-19 historical mean). Re-rating catalysts include stronger-than-expected glove demand recovery and margin expansion from product mix optimisation. Downside risks include faster-than-expected normalisation of cleanroom ASP and the inability to pass on higher input costs.

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Financial Summary	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Revenue (RMm)	1,260	915	1,115	1,176	1,239
Operating EBITDA (RMm)	457.1	310.0	414.6	433.7	452.8
Net Profit (RMm)	314.4	220.4	298.0	307.5	319.5
Core EPS (RM)	0.21	0.15	0.20	0.21	0.22
Core EPS Growth	(77.8%)	(29.9%)	35.2%	3.2%	3.9%
FD Core P/E (x)	12.80	18.26	13.51	13.09	12.60
DPS (RM)	0.34	0.23	0.20	0.21	0.22
Dividend Yield	12.5%	8.3%	7.4%	7.7%	8.1%
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.47	10.16	7.51	7.32	7.11
P/FCFE (x)	16.25	20.36	16.79	17.18	15.02
Net Gearing	(57.5%)	(52.1%)	(51.3%)	(47.5%)	(44.9%)
P/BV (x)	2.17	2.39	2.27	2.25	2.24
ROE	15.0%	12.5%	17.2%	17.3%	17.8%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			11.8%	10.5%	10.3%
EPS/Consensus EPS (x)			1.13	1.04	1.04

SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



Glove demand recovering well

Figure 1: Results comparison

FYE Dec (RM)	1QFY24	1QFY23	yoy % chg	4QFY23	qoq % chg	Comments
Revenue	249.5	238.0	4.8	229.8	8.6	-
COGS	(152.0)	(176.1)	(13.7)	(138.8)	9.5	
Gross profit	97.5	61.9	57.5	91.0	7.1	
Gross margin	39.1%	26.0%		39.6%		
Pretax profit	91.7	59.6	53.9	84.6	8.4	
PBT margin	36.8%	25.0%		36.8%		
Net profit	72.2	46.7	54.6	67.5	7.0	Slightly above, 1Q24 made up 27% of our/Bloomberg consensus FY24F estimates
NPAT margin	28.9%	19.6%		29.4%		

SOURCES: CGSLRESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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Earnings revision FY24F					FY25F		FY26F		
(RMm)	Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg
Revenue	1,061	1,115	5.1%	1,130	1,176	4.0%	1,178	1,239	5.2%
EBITDA	372	415	11.6%	396	434	9.5%	412	453	9.9%
Net profit	266	298	11.8%	278	308	10.5%	290	319	10.3%
Core net profit	266	298	11.8%	278	308	10.5%	290	319	10.3%
Core EPS (RM cents)	18.0	20.1	11.8%	18.8	20.7	10.5%	19.5	21.6	10.3%

OURCES: CGSI RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS

Figure 3	3: Peer	comparison
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				Target	Market					Recurring			Dividend
	Bloomberg		Price	Price	Сар	P/E ((x)	3-year EPS	P/BV (x)	ROE (%)	EV/EBIT	DA (x)	Yield (%)
Company	Ticker	Recom.	(Icl curr)	(Icl curr)	(US\$ m)	CY24F	CY25F	CAGR (%)	CY24F	CY24F	CY24F	CY25F	CY24F
Riverstone Holdings	RSTON SP	Add	0.78	0.98	849	13.5	13.1	11.7%	2.27	17.5%	7.4	7.3	7.4%
Malaysia-listed peers													
Hartalega Holdings	HART MK	Reduce	2.89	1.95	2,081	89.7	37.3	na	2.06	2.3%	33.4	18.9	0.0%
Kossan Rubber Industries	KRI MK	Hold	2.29	1.68	1,232	124.3	36.1	na	1.50	1.2%	29.7	15.1	0.0%
Supermax Corp	SUCB MK	Hold	0.87	0.90	471	344.1	34.9	na	0.51	0.1%	3.9	1.8	0.0%
Top Glove Corporation	TOPG MK	Reduce	0.92	0.70	1,546	na	102.2	na	1.31	-2.3%	35.9	15.5	0.0%
Overall average						142.9	44.7	11.7%	1.53	3.8%	22.0	11.7	1.5%

DATA AS AT 10 MAY 2024

SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH ESTIMATES, BLOOMBERG, COMPANY REPORTS

Note: Estimates for Not Rated companies are based on Bloomberg consensus



Refinitiv ESG Scores















ESG in a nutshell

Within the glove industry, we believe Riverstone (RSTON) has performed better vs. peers in ESG-related matters. Its commitment to ensuring the rights of all workers are respected in accordance with national and international laws has been recognised, with the awarding of the Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) for being compliant with the BSCI Code of Conduct. We think such a recognition is important, especially when multiple peers within the industry have been hit by forced labour scandals. RSTON has set a medium-term target to reduce its energy intensity by at least 10% from its 2020 levels (by 2025), and water intensity by c.25% over the same period.

Keep your eye on

Migrant worker and labour rights activist and researcher Andy Hall has filed petitions to the US Customs and Border Protection with allegations of forced labour by three of the four Malaysian-listed glove companies under our coverage. Singapore-listed RSTON has recorded no incident of noncompliance with the relevant laws and regulations related to fair employment practices.

Implications

RSTON has a total workforce of 2,743 as of Dec 2023, of which 29% are foreign workers. In terms of ESG, glove companies face the biggest risk in terms of social compliance issues. To ensure that RSTON meets the highest standards of social compliance, the company actively engages with third-party social compliance auditors such as Responsible Business Alliance (RBA), Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI), Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA), and Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP).

ESG highlights

RSTON is committed to ensuring that the rights of all workers are respected according to national and international laws, and its commitment is evident with the BSCI award for being compliant with the BSCI Code of Conduct. The group is well equipped with facilities for employees' convenience, such as an in-house clinic with full-time paramedics, 24-hour canteens, accommodation, gymnasium, laundry, grocery shops and indoor sports arena, while its hostel management service is outsourced to a facilities management specialist to ensure that hostel facilities are well maintained at all times so that workers have good living conditions and their well-being are taken care of.

Implications

We view RSTON's policies positively as an indication of its commitment to social compliance.

Trends

RSTON has been making strides in environmental protection management. Its principal operating plant is in compliance with ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management. RSTON has set a medium-term target to reduce its energy intensity by at least 10% from its 2020 levels (by 2025), and water intensity by c.25% over the same period. In FY23, RSTON has achieved 28% decrease in total energy use since 2020, and 43% reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emission since 2020.

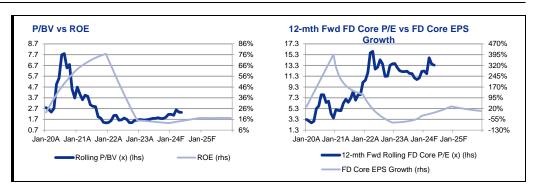
Implications

We are positive on RSTON's efforts to manage its environmental waste and resource usage, which have shown improvement over FY20-23, according to its Sustainability Report.

SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH, REFINITIV



BY THE NUMBERS



(RMm)	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total Net Revenues	1,260	915	1,115	1,176	1,239
Gross Profit	450	296	411	430	449
Operating EBITDA	457	310	415	434	453
Depreciation And Amortisation	(63)	(60)	(50)	(53)	(56)
Operating EBIT	394	250	364	381	397
Financial Income/(Expense)	23	30	20	16	15
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	0	0	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	417	279	384	397	412
Exceptional Items	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	417	279	384	397	412
Taxation	(103)	(59)	(87)	(89)	(93)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	314	220	298	308	319
Minority Interests	0	0	0	0	0
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	314	220	298	308	319
Recurring Net Profit	314	220	298	308	319
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	314	220	298	308	319

Cash Flow					
(RMm)	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
EBITDA	457.1	310.0	414.6	433.7	452.8
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change In Working Capital	130.1	(17.4)	(19.2)	(9.1)	(9.6)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	1.1	(4.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	22.8	29.7	20.0	16.0	15.2
Tax Paid	(229.4)	(68.8)	(86.5)	(89.3)	(92.8)
Cashflow From Operations	381.8	249.1	328.9	351.3	365.7
Capex	(133.4)	(51.7)	(89.3)	(117.0)	(97.8)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Investing Cashflow	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow From Investing	(133.2)	(51.5)	(89.3)	(117.0)	(97.8)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(1.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(800.4)	(415.1)	(204.5)	(296.4)	(311.3)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(0.6)	(0.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow From Financing	(801.9)	(415.6)	(204.5)	(296.4)	(311.3)
Total Cash Generated	(553.3)	(218.0)	35.1	(62.1)	(43.4)
Free Cashflow To Equity	247.6	197.6	239.7	234.3	267.9
Free Cashflow To Firm	248.6	197.7	239.7	234.3	267.9

SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



BY THE NUMBERS... cont'd

Balance Sheet					
(RMm)	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total Cash And Equivalents	1,066	875	911	848	805
Total Debtors	118	128	183	193	204
Inventories	82	83	96	102	108
Total Other Current Assets	10	12	14	15	16
Total Current Assets	1,277	1,098	1,204	1,159	1,133
Fixed Assets	742	726	765	829	871
Total Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Non-Current Assets	1	1	1	1	1
Total Non-current Assets	743	727	766	830	872
Short-term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	85	72	123	131	138
Other Current Liabilities	21	13	13	13	13
Total Current Liabilities	106	85	136	144	152
Total Long-term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	1	2	2	2	2
Total Non-current Liabilities	1	2	2	2	2
Total Provisions	60	58	58	58	58
Total Liabilities	167	144	196	203	211
Shareholders' Equity	1,853	1,682	1,775	1,786	1,794
Minority Interests	0	0	0	0	0
Total Equity	1,853	1,682	1,775	1,786	1,794

Key Ratios					
	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Revenue Growth	(59.1%)	(27.4%)	21.9%	5.4%	5.4%
Operating EBITDA Growth	(75.9%)	(32.2%)	33.7%	4.6%	4.4%
Operating EBITDA Margin	36.3%	33.9%	37.2%	36.9%	36.5%
Net Cash Per Share (RM)	0.72	0.59	0.61	0.57	0.54
BVPS (RM)	1.25	1.13	1.20	1.21	1.21
Gross Interest Cover	N/A	7,341	N/A	N/A	N/A
Effective Tax Rate	24.6%	21.1%	22.5%	22.5%	22.5%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	160%	151%	99%	101%	102%
Accounts Receivables Days	50.75	49.12	51.09	58.46	58.46
Inventory Days	53.09	48.79	46.69	48.61	48.59
Accounts Payables Days	53.61	46.09	50.66	62.19	62.15
ROIC (%)	50.8%	29.4%	42.1%	41.2%	39.8%
ROCE (%)	19.4%	15.3%	21.5%	21.6%	22.3%
Return On Average Assets	12.4%	9.9%	14.6%	14.7%	15.2%

Key Drivers					
	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Healthcare glove ASP (USD/carton)	28.0	26.5	28.0	28.5	28.5
Cleanroom glove ASP (USD/carton)	96.0	92.0	90.5	87.5	83.5
Healthcare segment GPM (%)	18.7%	12.0%	22.6%	22.8%	23.0%
Cleanroom segment GPM (%)	55.8%	55.0%	54.5%	54.0%	53.5%

SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



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