# **Hai-O Enterprise Berhad**

# MLM Securing its Place

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# MARKET PERFORM

Price: RM4.01

**Target Price:** RM4.03

We came away feeling comforted on its prospect after a meeting with the CFO, Mr Hew Von Kin. Its MLM division is expected to continue its steady run with the backing of strong new recruitments and new fashion ranges as women made up 70% of its distributor base. The other segments are expected to perform modestly and the direct currency transaction to Renminbi bypassing the usage of USD has been initiated by the Government. All in, we reiterate our MARKET PERFORM call on HAI-O Enterprise with unchanged 15.2x PER FY18E which implied +1 SD over the 5-year mean.

MLM pushing the boundaries. 1H17 MLM EBIT surged 91% to RM25.5m driven by both expansion in distributor base and the strong productivity on the back of the effective product strategy and rewarding incentive system. Meanwhile, new recruitments were encouraging with latest active distributors of c.110k representing a jump of 32.5% from 83k in FY16 with an average age group of 30 to 45 years old. Moving forward, management is confident that the momentum can be sustained with younger generation of distributors coupled with the introduction of new lines of products.

Cautious on wholesale and retail segments. Management is maintaining a conservative stance as both divisions are vulnerable to weak consumer sentiment and attributed the weak performance to seasonality factor. The weakening of MYR further dampened business activities as most of the products in its wholesale division are imported, where a 10% depreciation in the local currency will drag down its net profit by RM2m-RM3m or 5%-8% of our FY17E net profit. The management guided that it has taken up the Government's initiative to capitalise on the Renminbi clearing house as it allowed for direct transaction using Renminbi, bypassing the use of USD as the intermediary for foreign exchange transaction.

Better outlook on the MLM segment. The management is currently rolling out new range of products in stages. The first two products were launched in 2Q17, which is Shake Me and N'Licious in complement with Hai-O's "Shake & Shape" 30-Day Weight Loss Challenge. Moving forward, the management is planning to introduce a range of fashion product, starting with "Hijab" and "Baju Kurung" in collaboration with Jimmy Choo and other well-known fashion designers. The management is confident that the fashion ranges will attract a huge demand from MLM division as women made up 70% of the distributor base.

Maintain MARKET PERFORM with unchanged Target Price of RM4.03 based on an unchanged 15.2x PER FY18E which implied +1SD over the 5-year mean. While we like the company for its resilience amid a challenging environment, the valuation has somewhat reflected the positives. As such, we are maintaining our neutral stance on the company on its strong brand names, sturdy balance sheet and generous dividend pay-out.



#### **Stock Information**

Shariah Compliant	No
Bloomberg Ticker	HAIO MK Equity
Market Cap (RM m)	771.7
Issued shares	192.9
52-week range (H)	4.01
52-week range (L)	2.30
3-mth avg daily vol:	270,017
Free Float	75%
Beta	0.6

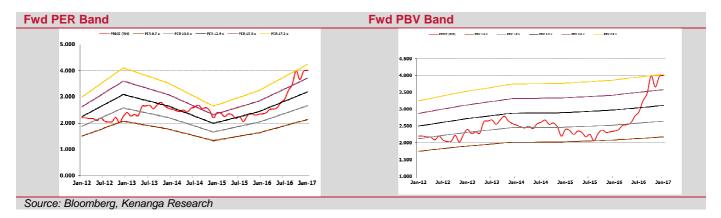
### **Major Shareholders**

KAI HEE TAN	10.1%
AKINTAN SDN BHD	7.9%
SIOW ENG TAN	7.0%

### **Summary Earnings Table**

FY Apr (RM'm)	2016A	2017E	2018E
Turnover	298.1	387.6	430.9
EBIT	48.3	61.3	66.0
PBT	49.1	62.8	67.2
Net Profit (NP)	36.4	46.7	51.1
Earnings Revision	-	-	-
EPS (sen)	18.8	24.2	26.5
EPS growth (%)	20.8%	28.6%	9.2%
NDPS (sen)	15.0	18.3	19.8
BV/Share (RM)	1.33	1.39	1.46
PER	20.0	15.6	14.2
Price/BV (x)	2.83	2.71	2.58
Net Gearing (x)	Cash	Cash	Cash
Net Dvd Yield (%)	4.0%	4.9%	5.3%

Income Statemen	it					Financial Data & R	atios				
FY Apr (RM m)	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E	FY Apr (RM m)	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E
Revenue	253.4	239.9	298.1	387.6	430.9	Growth (%)					
EBITDA	53.5	45.4	51.8	65.1	70.2	Revenue	-4.9%	-5.3%	24.2%	30.0%	11.2%
Depreciation	-3.0	-3.2	-3.5	-3.8	-4.3	EBITDA	-9.1%	-15.2%	14.2%	25.7%	7.9%
Operating Profit	50.5	42.2	48.3	61.3	66.0	Operating Profit	-10.1%	-16.4%	14.6%	26.8%	7.6%
Int Income	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.1	0.8	Pre-tax Income	-16.9%	-19.0%	14.2%	27.8%	7.1%
PBT	53.1	43.0	49.1	62.8	67.2	Net Income	-14.6%	-25.3%	20.8%	28.6%	9.2%
Taxation	-12.3	-12.3	-12.5	-15.1	-16.1	Profitability (%)					
Minority Interest	-0.6	-0.7	-0.2	-1.0	-1.0	EBITDA Margin	21.1%	18.9%	17.4%	16.8%	16.3%
Net Profit	40.3	30.1	36.4	46.7	51.1	Operating Margin	19.9%	17.6%	16.2%	15.8%	15.3%
						PBT Margin	21.0%	17.9%	16.5%	16.2%	15.6%
						Core Net Margin	15.9%	12.5%	12.2%	12.1%	11.9%
Balance Sheet						Effective Tax Rate	-23.1%	-28.5%	-25.5%	-24.0%	24.0%
FY Apr (RM m)	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E	ROE	15.9%	11.9%	14.1%	17.4%	18.1%
Fixed Assets	106.5	64.6	66.3	77.5	106.5	ROA	13.0%	9.8%	11.3%	13.8%	14.4%
Intangible Assets	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1						
Other FA	5.8	55.1	54.3	54.7	5.8	DuPont Analysis					
Inventories	58.5	58.2	68.2	88.8	58.5	Net Margin (%)	15.9%	12.5%	12.2%	12.1%	11.9%
Receivables	14.1	16.9	23.6	28.5	14.1	Assets Turnover (x)	0.82	0.78	0.93	1.15	1.22
Other CA	63.8	62.7	53.8	53.8	63.8	Leverage Factor (x)	1.22	1.20	1.25	1.26	1.26
Cash	59.9	48.3	54.4	34.3	59.9	ROE (%)	15.9%	11.9%	14.1%	17.4%	18.1%
Total Assets	308.8	305.9	320.6	337.7	308.8						
						Leverage					
Payables	13.2	12.1	44.4	49.0	13.2	Debt/Asset (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ST Borrowings	3.2	3.9	1.1	1.1	3.2	Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other ST Liability	24.3	23.9	6.1	6.1	24.3	Net Cash/(Debt)	54.3	44.4	53.3	33.2	30.7
LT Borrowings	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	Net Debt/Equity (x)	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash
Other LT Liability	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1						
Minorities Int.	11.5	12.0	11.6	12.6	11.5	Valuations					
						EPS (sen)	20.5	15.4	18.8	24.2	26.5
Net Assets	254.1	253.9	257.4	268.8	281.6	NDPS (sen)	14.0	15.0	15.0	18.3	19.8
Share Capital	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	BV (RM)	1.30	1.30	1.33	1.39	1.46
Reserves	153.0	152.8	156.3	167.7	180.5	PER (x)	18.4	24.4	20.0	15.6	14.2
Equity	254.1	253.9	257.4	268.8	281.6	Net Div. Yield (%)	3.7%	4.0%	4.0%	4.9%	5.3%
						P/BV (x)	2.91	2.91	2.90	2.83	2.71
Cashflow Stateme						EV/EBITDA (x)	12.7	12.7	15.2	13.1	10.8
FY Apr (RM m)	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E						
Operating CF	29.1	27.5	44.8	29.2	45.0						
Investing CF	-0.9	-9.2	-2.6	-15.0	-10.0						
Financing CF	-32.5	-32.0	-36.1	-34.2	-37.5						
Change In Cash	-4.3	-13.7	6.1	-20.0	-2.5						
Free CF	38.8	25.1	52.4	29.3	51.1						
Source: Kenanga	Research										





Peer Compariso	n
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NAME P	Price Mkt Cap		PER (x)		Est. Div. Yld.	Historical ROE	P/BV	Net Profit (RMm)			1Y Fwd Growth	2Y Fwd Growth	Target Price	Rating	
	(RM)	(RMm)	Historical	1Y Fwd	2Y FWd	i id.	NOL	(x)	Historical	1Y Fwd	2Y FWd	(%)	(%)	(RM)	
Consumer - Retail															
AEON CO (M) BHD	2.56	3,594.2	26.9	49.2	38.8	1.6%	7.4%	1.97	133.4	73.7	92.1	-44.8%	25.0%	2.06	UP
AMWAY (MALAYSIA) HLDGS BHD	7.50	1,232.9	19.3	21.9	17.7	3.9%	29.3%	6.00	63.9	56.2	69.5	-12.1%	23.7%	8.04	MP
HAI-O ENTERPRISE BHD	3.94	760.1	20.9	16.3	14.9	4.6%	14.1%	2.96	36.4	46.7	51.1	28.6%	9.2%	4.03	MP
PADINI HOLDINGS BERHAD	2.58	1,697.4	12.4	12.2	10.5	4.7%	26.3%	3.62	137.4	139.0	162.1	1.1%	16.6%	2.66	MP
PARKSON HOLDINGS BHD	0.65	689.3	(7.8)	(15.4)	14.7	7.8%	-3.1%	0.28	(105.6)	(46.4)	48.2	-56.1%	-203.9%	0.66	UP
Consumer - F&B															
DUTCH LADY	55.14	3,529.0	25.0	22.4	21.1	4.4%	86.4%	22.41	141.0	157.2	167.5	11.5%	6.6%	58.42	MP
NESTLE (M)	78.28	18,356.7	31.1	27.5	25.8	3.4%	69.1%	25.92	590.7	668.2	711.1	13.1%	6.4%	82.10	MP
OLDTOWN BHD	1.85	835.2	15.1	14.6	13.5	3.5%	15.3%	2.31	55.3	57.4	61.9	3.7%	7.9%	2.11	OP
QL RESOURCES BHD	4.32	5,391.5	28.1	25.6	23.6	1.2%	12.7%	3.40	192.0	211.4	229.0	10.1%	8.3%	4.16	UP
Consumer - Sin															
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO BHD	43.00	12,277.8	13.5	17.1	16.6	5.1%	162.0%	22.51	910.1	719.1	740.1	-21.0%	2.9%	46.40	MP
CARLSBERG BREWERY MALAYSIA B	13.94	4,288.2	18.8	19.0	17.2	5.2%	61.9%	12.52	228.5	226.1	250.1	-1.1%	10.6%	14.30	MP
HEINEKEN MALAYSIA BHD	16.98	5,129.6	23.9	19.7	18.0	4.8%	74.5%	13.58	214.2	259.9	285.0	21.3%	9.7%	18.48	OP

Source: Bloomberg, Kenanga Research



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