Malaysia

Flash Note

Refer to important disclosures at the end of this report

DBS Group Research . Equity

29 Nov 2019

Maybank (MAY MK): BUY

Mkt. Cap: US\$22,957m | 3m Avg. Daily Val: US\$15.9m

Last Traded Price (28 Nov 2019): RM8.52

Price Target 12-mth: RM9.90 (16% upside) (Prev RM9.90)

Analyst

CHIN Jin Han, CFA +60 326043974; chinjinhan@alliancedbs.com

Company Guide



Summary of our point of view, and highlights the relevant data points, which are actively tracked

<u>Maybank</u> - iBanking Login Maybank - Institution Login

Saved by better margins and investment & trading income

- 3Q19 performance driven by strong revenue growth; partially dragged by higher credit costs
- Margin recovery on repriced deposits in Malaysia and asset growth lifted net fund-based income; investment & trading income further lifted revenue
- Regional operations weighed on asset quality, translating to a jump in credit costs
- Maintain BUY with RM9.90 TP

Forecasts and Valuation				
FY Dec (RMm)	2018A	2019F	2020F	2021F
Pre-prov. Profit	12,416	12,601	13,132	13,896
Net Profit	8,113	7,718	8,111	8,680
Net Pft (Pre Ex.)	8,113	7,718	8,111	8,680
Net Pft Gth (Pre-ex) (%)	7.9	(4.9)	5.1	7.0
EPS (sen)	74.3	69.2	71.4	75.0
EPS Pre Ex. (sen)	74.3	69.2	71.4	75.0
EPS Gth Pre Ex (%)	4	(7)	3	5
Diluted EPS (sen)	73.4	68.6	70.8	74.3
PE Pre Ex. (X)	11.5	12.3	11.9	11.4
Net DPS (sen)	56.8	53.5	55.2	58.0
Div Yield (%)	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.8
ROAE Pre Ex. (%)	10.9	10.0	10.0	10.3
ROAE (%)	10.9	10.0	10.0	10.3
ROA (%)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
BV Per Share (sen)	682	701	720	740
P/Book Value (x)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

Source of all data on this page: Company, AllianceDBS, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

What's New

9M19 within estimates. Maybank (MAY) recorded 2% y-o-y growth in its 3Q19 earnings (+3% q-o-q), completely driven by a much stronger topline performance (+14% y-o-y; +10% q-o-q). The revenue was primarily fuelled by net feebased income, and more than offset significantly higher net provisions (>100% both y-o-y and q-o-q) made during the quarter. Return on equity (ROE) in 3Q19 was 10.5% compared to 11.0% a year ago (2Q19: 10.2%). Overall though, the group's 9M19 performance was within our and the street's estimates at 74% and 72% of FY20F net profit.

Better net fund-based income on higher margins and asset growth. MAY's net interest margin (NIM) recovered in 3Q19, increasing 2bps y-o-y to 2.32%(+13bps q-o-q) mainly from lower funding costs — a majority of its deposits were repriced during the quarter following the May 2019 Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) cut in Malaysia. On top of this, the group's average interest earning asset base also expanded by 5% y-o-y (+2% q-o-q). Loans, which grew by 3% y-o-y (flat q-o-q), made up a large chunk of the enlarged asset base at c.45% of its y-o-y growth. Malaysia remained the main engine, supported by mortgages (+10% y-o-y; +3% q-o-q), auto loans (+4% y-o-y; +1% q-o-q) and small medium enterprise (SME) loans (+12% y-o-y; +3% q-o-q).

Surge in non-interest income. Investment & trading income (>100% y-o-y; +90% q-o-q) was the main reason behind MAY's strong 39% y-o-y (+15% q-o-q) growth in net fee-







based income on the back of favourable bond valuations. Net insurance income continued to be negative due to higher amounts required for contract liabilities under a comparatively lower interest rate environment. On the flip side, premiums grew by 22% y-o-y (+8% q-o-q). Separately, overheads grew 10% y-o-y (+5% q-o-q), led by personnel expenses (+8% y-o-y; +1% q-o-q) and administrative expenses (+15% y-o-y; +14% q-o-q). Overall cost-to-income ratio shrank to 45.6% from 47.4% a year ago.

Asset quality and charge-offs impacted by regional

operations. MAY's gross impaired loans (GIL) ratio inched up to 2.67% from 2.65% a year ago and 2.62% in 2Q19. Sequentially, its Indonesian and Singapore operations experienced a deterioration in their GIL ratios (Indonesia: from 4.26% to 5.05%; Singapore: from 3.26% to 3.39%), a majority of which came from retail SME (Indonesia), business banking (Indonesia) and corporate banking (Indonesia and Singapore). We understand the SME GIL occurrences in Indonesia were broad-based, while the corporate GILs in Singapore were in the energy and traderelated sectors. Consequently, MAY incurred significantly higher net credit costs of 73bps compared to 30bps in 2Q19.

Outlook

Guidance maintained for the year. In spite of the higher-than-expected year-to-date net credit costs of 50bps, MAY still expects to close 2019 at the top end of its 40-45bps guidance. We think this would likely come from recoveries; to note, the group would need to book in an estimated 36bps in net credit cost to achieve 45bps for the year. Meanwhile, the group is guiding for some moderation in NIM in 4Q19 ahead of competitive pressures, tantamount to a compression of 9bps for 2019 as a whole. On its other guided targets, MAY is tracking well at 45.6% cost-to-

income ratio (against 47%) and ROE of 10.1% (against 10.0-10.5%).

Valuation and recommendation

Maintain BUY with RM9.90 TP. The stock continues to offer a strong 6% dividend yield at a compelling valuation of 1.2x FY20F BV. Our target price (TP) is based on the Gordon's growth model, assuming 11% ROE, 4% long-term growth and 9% cost of equity.



FY Dec	3Q2018	2Q2019	3Q2019	% chg yoy	% chg qoq
Net Interest Income	2,985	2,898	3,160	5.9	9.1
Islamic Income	1,404	1,403	1,495	6.5	6.5
Non-Interest Income	1,305	1,589	1,844	41.2	16.0
Operating Income	5,694	5,890	6,498	14.1	10.3
Operating Expenses	(2,699)	(2,822)	(2,964)	9.8	5.0
Pre-Provision Profit	2,995	3,068	3,535	18.0	15.2
Provisions	(387)	(452)	(935)	141.4	106.7
Associates	31.8	35.9	48.5	52.8	35.4
Exceptionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm	nm
Pretax Profit	2,640	2,652	2,648	0.3	(0.1)
Taxation	(629)	(664)	(603)	(4.0)	(9.1)
Minority Interests	(53.9)	(47.2)	(46.1)	14.5	(2.4)
Net Profit	1,957	1,941	1,999	2.1	3.0
Growth (%)					
Net Interest Income Gth	0.8	(1.9)	9.1		
Net Profit Gth	(0.1)	7.3	3.0		
Key ratio (%)					
NIM	2.4	2.3	2.4		
NPL ratio	2.7	2.6	2.7		
Loan-to deposit	92.6	91.9	90.9		
Cost-to-income	47.4	47.9	45.6		

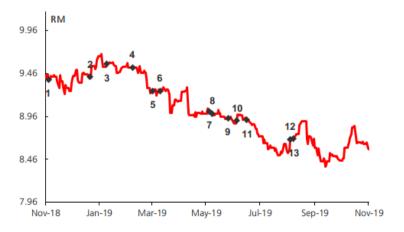
18.0

18.1

Source of all data: Company, AllianceDBS

Target Price & Ratings History

Total CAR



S.No.	Date of Report	Closing Price	Target Price	Rating
1:	30 Nov 18	9.39	11.70	BUY
2:	16 Jan 19	9.42	10.10	BUY
3:	04 Feb 19	9.57	10.10	BUY
4:	05 Mar 19	9.53	10.05	BUY
5:	28 Mar 19	9.26	10.05	BUY
6:	05 Apr 19	9.26	10.05	BUY
7:	31 May 19	9.02	10.05	BUY
8:	03 Jun 19	8.99	10.05	BUY
9:	21 Jun 19	8.94	10.05	BUY
10:	01 Jul 19	8.91	10.05	BUY
11:	12 Jul 19	8.92	10.05	BUY
12:	30 Aug 19	8.69	9.90	BUY
13:	03 Sep 19	8.70	9.90	BUY

Note: Share price and Target price are adjusted for corporate actions.

17.6

Source: AllianceDBS

Analyst: CHIN Jin Han, CFA



AllianceDBS recommendations are based on an Absolute Total Return* Rating system, defined as follows:

STRONG BUY (>20% total return over the next 3 months, with identifiable share price catalysts within this time frame)

BUY (>15% total return over the next 12 months for small caps, >10% for large caps)

HOLD (-10% to +15% total return over the next 12 months for small caps, -10% to +10% for large caps)

FULLY VALUED (negative total return, i.e., > -10% over the next 12 months)

SELL (negative total return of > -20% over the next 3 months, with identifiable share price catalysts within this time frame)

*Share price appreciation + dividends

Completed Date: 28 Nov 2019 21:31:35 (MYT) Dissemination Date: 29 Nov 2019 08:18:51 (MYT)

Sources for all charts and tables are AllianceDBS unless otherwise specified.

GENERAL DISCLOSURE/DISCLAIMER

This report is prepared by AllianceDBS Research Sdn Bhd ("AllianceDBS"). This report is solely intended for the clients of DBS Bank Ltd, its respective connected and associated corporations and affiliates only and no part of this document may be (i) copied, photocopied or duplicated in any form or by any means or (ii) redistributed without the prior written consent of AllianceDBS Research Sdn Bhd ("AllianceDBS").

The research set out in this report is based on information obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but we (which collectively refers to DBS Bank Ltd, its respective connected and associated corporations, affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents (collectively, the "DBS Group") have not conducted due diligence on any of the companies, verified any information or sources or taken into account any other factors which we may consider to be relevant or appropriate in preparing the research. Accordingly, we do not make any representation or warranty as to the accuracy, completeness or correctness of the research set out in this report. Opinions expressed are subject to change without notice. This research is prepared for general circulation. Any recommendation contained in this document does not have regard to the specific investment objectives, financial situation and the particular needs of any specific addressee. This document is for the information of addressees only and is not to be taken in substitution for the exercise of judgement by addressees, who should obtain separate independent legal or financial advice. The DBS Group accepts no liability whatsoever for any direct, indirect and/or consequential loss (including any claims for loss of profit) arising from any use of and/or reliance upon this document and/or further communication given in relation to this document. This document is not to be construed as an offer or a solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any securities. The DBS Group, along with its affiliates and/or persons associated with any of them may from time to time have interests in the securities mentioned in this document. The DBS Group, may have positions in, and may effect transactions in securities mentioned herein and may also perform or seek to perform broking, investment banking and other banking services for these companies.

Any valuations, opinions, estimates, forecasts, ratings or risk assessments herein constitutes a judgment as of the date of this report, and there can be no assurance that future results or events will be consistent with any such valuations, opinions, estimates, forecasts, ratings or risk assessments. The information in this document is subject to change without notice, its accuracy is not guaranteed, it may be incomplete or condensed, it may not contain all material information concerning the company (or companies) referred to in this report and the DBS Group is under no obligation to update the information in this report.

This publication has not been reviewed or authorized by any regulatory authority in Singapore, Hong Kong or elsewhere. There is no planned schedule or frequency for updating research publication relating to any issuer.

The valuations, opinions, estimates, forecasts, ratings or risk assessments described in this report were based upon a number of estimates and assumptions and are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies. It can be expected that one or more of the estimates on which the valuations, opinions, estimates, forecasts, ratings or risk assessments were based will not materialize or will vary significantly from actual results. Therefore, the inclusion of the valuations, opinions, estimates, forecasts, ratings or risk assessments described herein IS NOT TO BE RELIED UPON as a representation and/or warranty by the DBS Group (and/or any persons associated with the aforesaid entities), that:

- (a) such valuations, opinions, estimates, forecasts, ratings or risk assessments or their underlying assumptions will be achieved, and
- (b) there is any assurance that future results or events will be consistent with any such valuations, opinions, estimates, forecasts, ratings or risk assessments stated therein.

Please contact the primary analyst for valuation methodologies and assumptions associated with the covered companies or price targets. Any assumptions made in this report that refers to commodities, are for the purposes of making forecasts for the company (or companies) mentioned herein. They are not to be construed as recommendations to trade in the physical commodity or in the futures contract relating to the commodity referred to in this report.

DBS Live more, Bank less

Flash Note

DBSVUSA, a US-registered broker-dealer, does not have its own investment banking or research department, has not participated in any public offering of securities as a manager or co-manager or in any other investment banking transaction in the past twelve months and does not engage in market-making.

ANALYST CERTIFICATION

The research analyst(s) primarily responsible for the content of this research report, in part or in whole, certifies that the views about the companies and their securities expressed in this report accurately reflect his/her personal views. The analyst(s) also certifies that no part of his/her compensation was, is, or will be, directly or indirectly, related to specific recommendations or views expressed in the report. The research analyst (s) primarily responsible for the content of this research report, in part or in whole, certifies that he or his associate does not serve as an officer of the issuer or the new listing applicant (which includes in the case of a real estate investment trust, an officer of the management company of the real estate investment trust; and in the case of any other entity, an officer or its equivalent counterparty of the entity who is responsible for the management of the issuer or the new listing applicant) and the research analyst(s) primarily responsible for the content of this research report or his associate does not have financial interests in relation to an issuer or a new listing applicant that the analyst reviews. DBS Group has procedures in place to eliminate, avoid and manage any potential conflicts of interests that may arise in connection with the production of research reports. The research analyst(s) responsible for this report operates as part of a separate and independent team to the investment banking function of the DBS Group and procedures are in place to ensure that confidential information held by either the research or investment banking function is handled appropriately. There is no direct link of DBS Group's compensation to any specific investment banking function of the DBS Group.

COMPANY-SPECIFIC / REGULATORY DISCLOSURES

- 1. DBS Bank Ltd, DBS HK, DBS Vickers Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd ("DBSVS") or their subsidiaries and/or other affiliates do not have a proprietary position in the securities recommended in this report as of 31 Oct 2019
- 2. Neither DBS Bank Ltd nor DBS HK market makes in equity securities of the issuer(s) or company(ies) mentioned in this Research Report.

Compensation for investment banking services:

- DBS Bank Ltd, DBS HK, DBSVS their subsidiaries and/or other affiliates of DBSVUSA, within the next 3 months, will receive or intend to seek compensation for investment banking services from Maybank as of 31 Oct 2019
- 4. DBSVUSA does not have its own investment banking or research department, nor has it participated in any public offering of securities as a manager or co-manager or in any other investment banking transaction in the past twelve months. Any US persons wishing to obtain further information, including any clarification on disclosures in this disclaimer, or to effect a transaction in any security discussed in this document should contact DBSVUSA exclusively.

Disclosure of previous investment recommendation produced:

5. DBS Bank Ltd, DBS Vickers Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd ("DBSVS"), their subsidiaries and/or other affiliates may have published other investment recommendations in respect of the same securities / instruments recommended in this research report during the preceding 12 months. Please contact the primary analyst listed in the first page of this report to view previous investment recommendations published by DBS Bank Ltd, DBS Vickers Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd ("DBSVS"), their subsidiaries and/or other affiliates in the preceding 12 months.

_

¹ An associate is defined as (i) the spouse, or any minor child (natural or adopted) or minor step-child, of the analyst; (ii) the trustee of a trust of which the analyst, his spouse, minor child (natural or adopted) or minor step-child, is a beneficiary or discretionary object; or (iii) another person accustomed or obliged to act in accordance with the directions or instructions of the analyst.

² Financial interest is defined as interests that are commonly known financial interest, such as investment in the securities in respect of an issuer or a new listing applicant, or financial accommodation arrangement between the issuer or the new listing applicant and the firm or analysis. This term does not include commercial lending conducted at arm's length, or investments in any collective investment scheme other than an issuer or new listing applicant notwithstanding the fact that the scheme has investments in securities in respect of an issuer or a new listing applicant.



_	ON DISTRIBUTION This report is not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of
General	This report is not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation.
Australia	This report is being distributed in Australia by DBS Bank Ltd, DBSVS or DBSV HK. DBS Bank Ltd holds Australian Financial Services Licence no. 475946.
	DBSVS and DBSV HK are exempted from the requirement to hold an Australian Financial Services Licence under the Corporation Act 2001 ("CA") in respect of financial services provided to the recipients. Both DBS Bank Ltd and DBSVS are regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the laws of Singapore, and DBSV HK is regulated by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission under the laws of Hong Kong, which differ from Australian laws.
	Distribution of this report is intended only for "wholesale investors" within the meaning of the CA.
Hong Kong	This report has been prepared by an entity(ies) which is not licensed by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission to carry on the regulated activity of advising on securities pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong). This report is being distributed in Hong Kong and is attributable to DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, a registered institution registered with the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission to carry on the regulated activity of advising on securities pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).
	For any query regarding the materials herein, please contact Carol Wu (Reg No. AH8283) at dbsvhk@dbs.com
Indonesia	This report is being distributed in Indonesia by PT DBS Vickers Sekuritas Indonesia.
Malaysia	This report is distributed in Malaysia by AllianceDBS Research Sdn Bhd ("ADBSR"). Recipients of this report, received from ADBSR are to contact the undersigned at 603-2604 3333 in respect of any matters arising from or in connection with this report. In addition to the General Disclosure/Disclaimer found at the preceding page, recipients of this report are advised that ADBSR (the preparer of this report), its holding company Alliance Investment Bank Berhad, their respective connected and associated corporations, affiliates, their directors, officers, employees, agents and parties related or associated with any of them may have positions in, and may effect transactions in the securities mentioned herein and may also perform or seek to perform broking, investment banking/corporate advisory and other services for the subject companies. They may also have received compensation and/or seek to obtain compensation for broking, investment banking/corporate advisory and other services from the subject companies.
	Grand Control of the
	Wong Ming Tek, Executive Director, ADBSF
Singapore	This report is distributed in Singapore by DBS Bank Ltd (Company Regn. No. 196800306E) or DBSVS (Company Regn No. 198600294G), both of which are Exempt Financial Advisers as defined in the Financial Advisers Act and regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. DBS Bank Ltd and/or DBSVS, may distribute reports produced by its respective foreign entities, affiliates or other foreign research houses pursuant to an arrangement under Regulation 32C of the Financial Advisers Regulations. Where the report is distributed in Singapore to a person who is not an Accredited Investor, Expert Investor or an Institutional Investor, DBS Bank Ltd accepts legal responsibility for the contents of the report to such persons only to the extent required by law. Singapore recipients should contact DBS Bank Ltd at 6327 2288 for matters arising from, or in connection with the report.
Thailand	This report is being distributed in Thailand by DBS Vickers Securities (Thailand) Co Ltd.
United	This report is produced by AllianceDBS Research Sdn Bhd which is regulated by the Securities Commission Malaysia.
Kingdom	This report is disseminated in the United Kingdom by DBS Vickers Securities (UK) Ltd, ("DBSVUK"). DBSVUK is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom.
	In respect of the United Kingdom, this report is solely intended for the clients of DBSVUK, its respective connected and associated corporations and affiliates only and no part of this document may be (i) copied, photocopied or duplicated in any form or by any means or (ii) redistributed without the prior written consent of DBSVUK. This communication is directed at persons having professional experience in matters relating to investments. Any investment activity following from this communication will only be engaged in with such persons. Persons who do not have professional experience in matters relating to investments should not rely on this communication.



Dubai International Financial Centre	This research report is being distributed by DBS Bank Ltd., (DIFC Branch) having its office at units 608 - 610, 6 th Floor, Gate Precinct Building 5, PO Box 506538, DIFC, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. DBS Bank Ltd., (DIFC Branch) is regulated by The Dubai Financial Services Authority. This research report is intended only for professional clients (as defined in the DFSA rulebook) and no other person may act upon it.
United Arab Emirates	This report is provided by DBS Bank Ltd (Company Regn. No. 196800306E) which is an Exempt Financial Adviser as defined in the Financial Advisers Act and regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. This report is for information purposes only and should not be relied upon or acted on by the recipient or considered as a solicitation or inducement to buy or sell any financial product. It does not constitute a personal recommendation or take into account the particular investment objectives, financial situation, or needs of individual clients. You should contact your relationship manager or investment adviser if you need advice on the merits of buying, selling or holding a particular investment. You should note that the information in this report may be out of date and it is not represented or warranted to be accurate, timely or complete. This report or any portion thereof may not be reprinted, sold or redistributed without our written consent.
United States	This report was prepared by AllianceDBS Research Sdn Bhd ("AllianceDBS"). DBSVUSA did not participate in its preparation. The research analyst(s) named on this report are not registered as research analysts with FINRA and are not associated persons of DBSVUSA. The research analyst(s) are not subject to FINRA Rule 2241 restrictions on analyst compensation, communications with a subject company, public appearances and trading securities held by a research analyst. This report is being distributed in the United States by DBSVUSA, which accepts responsibility for its contents. This report may only be distributed to Major U.S. Institutional Investors (as defined in SEC Rule 15a-6) and to such other institutional investors and qualified persons as DBSVUSA may authorize. Any U.S. person receiving this report who wishes to effect transactions in any securities referred to herein should contact DBSVUSA directly and not its affiliate.
Other jurisdictions	In any other jurisdictions, except if otherwise restricted by laws or regulations, this report is intended only for qualified, professional, institutional or sophisticated investors as defined in the laws and regulations of such jurisdictions.



DBS Regional Research Offices

HONG KONG DBS (Hong Kong) Ltd

Contact: Carol Wu 13th Floor One Island East, 18 Westlands Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong Tel: 852 3668 4181 Fax: 852 2521 1812

Fax: 852 2521 1812 e-mail: dbsvhk@dbs.com

THAILAND

DBS Vickers Securities (Thailand) Co Ltd

Contact: Chanpen Sirithanarattanakul 989 Siam Piwat Tower Building, 9th, 14th-15th Floor Rama 1 Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok Thailand 10330 Tel. 66 2 857 7831 Fax: 66 2 658 1269

e-mail: research@th.dbs.com Company Regn. No 0105539127012 Securities and Exchange Commission, Thailand

MALAYSIA

AllianceDBS Research Sdn Bhd

Contact: Wong Ming Tek (128540 U) 19th Floor, Menara Multi-Purpose, Capital Square, 8 Jalan Munshi Abdullah 50100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Tel.: 603 2604 3333 Fax: 603 2604 3921

e-mail: general@alliancedbs.com

INDONESIA

PT DBS Vickers Sekuritas (Indonesia)

Contact: Maynard Priajaya Arif DBS Bank Tower Ciputra World 1, 32/F Jl. Prof. Dr. Satrio Kav. 3-5 Jakarta 12940, Indonesia Tel: 62 21 3003 4900 Fax: 6221 3003 4943

e-mail: indonesiaresearch@dbs.com

SINGAPORE DBS Bank Ltd

Contact: Janice Chua 12 Marina Boulevard, Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 3 Singapore 018982

Tel: 65 6878 8888 Fax: 65 65353 418

e-mail: equityresearch@dbs.com Company Regn. No. 196800306E