# Singapore Company Update

# Silverlake Axis

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27 Aug 2021

# **BUY**

Last Traded Price (26 Aug 2021): \$\$0.265 (STI: 3,109.42) Price Target 12-mth: \$\$0.38 (43% upside) (Prev \$\$0.33)

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## What's New

- FY21 net profit of RM143m in line, recurring revenue accounts for 81% of total revenue
- Order backlog of RM450m; outlook improving with healthy project pipeline
- MOBIUS system to be the game changer; expect more contracts ahead
- Raised FY22-23F earnings by 7% each; maintain BUY with higher TP of S\$0.38

## **Price Relative**



Forecasts and Valuation	1			
FY Jun (RMm)	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenue	664	626	656	694
EBITDA	278	235	277	290
Pre-tax Profit	213	187	228	242
Net Profit	185	143	155	164
Net Pft (Pre Ex.)	185	143	155	164
Net Pft Gth (Pre-ex) (%)	(2.8)	(22.5)	8.5	5.9
EPS (S cts)	2.21	1.78	1.93	2.05
EPS Pre Ex. (S cts)	2.21	1.78	1.93	2.05
EPS Gth Pre Ex (%)	(3)	(19)	8	6
Diluted EPS (S cts)	2.21	1.78	1.93	2.05
Net DPS (S cts)	0.90	0.50	0.58	0.61
BV Per Share (S cts)	8.93	13.1	14.5	16.0
PE (X)	12.0	14.9	13.7	13.0
PE Pre Ex. (X)	12.0	14.9	13.7	13.0
P/Cash Flow (X)	10.6	10.8	14.8	10.9
EV/EBITDA (X)	5.5	6.1	4.8	4.1
Net Div Yield (%)	3.4	1.9	2.2	2.3
P/Book Value (X)	3.0	2.0	1.8	1.7
Net Debt/Equity (X)	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH
ROAE (%)	27.6	15.9	14.0	13.4
Earnings Rev (%):			7	7
Consensus EPS (S cts):			1.50	2.10
Other Broker Recs:		B: 2	S: 0	H: 2

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

# Banking on a gamechanger system

#### **Investment Thesis:**

New open banking platform could be a game changer. We believe Silverlake's new open banking platform, MOBIUS, that combines the customer-facing digital capabilities with core banking processing capabilities, could be a game changer. The group has already signed its first contract with a major bank in Thailand in 4Q FY21. The group is beginning to close more deals and is seeing an increase in enquiries in its range of solutions and capabilities for the financial services market sector in countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand. In this digital age, customers continue to make IT investment decisions despite the ongoing pandemic.

Recurring revenues resilient amid COVID-19. We like Silverlake for its high recurring revenue contribution of at least 60% of total, and impressive gross margin of c.60%. In FY21, recurring revenue formed 81% of total revenue.

#### Valuation:

Maintain BUY with higher TP of S\$0.38. Our S\$0.38 TP is pegged to its average PE of c.19x on FY22F earnings. Global peers are trading at average forward PE multiples of 25.9x and 22.9x over the next two years.

#### Where we differ:

More optimistic, expect recurring income to expand further.

We remain optimistic on Silverlake's business given its market leader position in core banking solutions segment. Digitalisation has now become a necessity instead of something good to have.

## **Key Risks to Our View:**

1) Slowdown in IT spending on the back of the weak global economy could lead to lower orderbook; 2) Concerns on corporate governance issues. Related party transactions with Mr Goh's private companies over the past few years have raised concerns on corporate governance.

## At A Glance

Issued Capital (m shrs)	2,570
Mkt. Cap (S\$m/US\$m)	681 / 504
Major Shareholders (%)	
Goh Peng Ooi	71.4
Ntasian Discovery Master Fund	5.1
Free Float (%)	23.5
3m Avg. Daily Val (US\$m)	0.40

GIC Industry: Information Technology / Software & Services







## **WHAT'S NEW**

## FY21 results in line; stable recurring revenue

FY21 results in line, recurring revenue accounts for 81%.

FY21 revenue of RM626.1m was 6% lower y-o-y due to lower contributions from project related revenue. Maintenance and enhancement services revenue recorded a slight growth of 3%. The increase came from new maintenance contracts secured as well as revision of maintenance fees for existing contracts. Enhancement services revenue, which accounts 52% of the total maintenance and enhancement services revenue, continued to maintain momentum in FY21 with a 4% y-o-y increase. Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) insurance processing saw a decline of 1% y-o-y, as the prolonged pandemic and movement control restrictions have resulted in lower claims processing activities.

Recurring revenue segments comprising maintenance and enhancement services, and SaaS remained a key revenue driver, contributed 81% of total group revenue in FY21.

4Q21 revenue of RM176.9m also saw the first revenue growth after five quarters of consecutive negative growth.

Improvement in gross margin to 60%. Gross profit margin rose to 60% in FY21, from 57% in FY20, as a result of higher margins from software project, maintenance and enhancement services. Overall, the group reported net profit of RM143.1m, (-23% y-o-y), in line. Core net profit would have been higher if not for the one-off administrative charge of RM24m due to fair value adjustment for the acquisition of XIT Group.

**Lower DPS.** A DPS of 0.52 Scts was declared. Dividend payout ratio reduced to only 28%, vs 41% in FY20.

# Revenue breakdown by business activities

(RMm)	FY21	FY20	Change (%)
Software licensing	40.0	56.1	-29
Software project services	65.4	74.3	-12
Maintenance and enhancement services	475.0	460.3	+3
Sales of software and hardware products	10.7	26.9	-60
Software-as-a-Service - Insurance processing	34.2	34.7	-1
- Retail	0.71	0.48	+47
Credit and cards processing	-		,
TOTAL	626.1	663.7	-6

Source: Company; DBS Bank

Order backlog of RM450m; outlook improving with healthy project pipeline. Silverlake's current order backlog is about RM450m. This should keep the group busy for the next 1-2 years. Project pipeline remains healthy, at about RM1.45bn. Out of this, about RM325m can be expected to be closed soon. Silverlake is beginning to close more deals and is seeing an increase in enquiries in its range of solutions and capabilities for the financial services market sector. In this digital age, customers continue to make IT investment decisions despite the ongoing pandemic.

### MOBIUS system to be the game changer.

MOBIUS is a strategic Open Banking Platform that combines the customer-facing digital capabilities with core banking processing capabilities, which is Silverlake's key strength, to create a digital, unified, open end-to-end platform for commercial banking. This allows industry players to take their core banking systems across to the Möbius platform, thereby allowing them to fully integrate all their operations onto one major platform.

The group has <u>signed a significant MOBIUS deal in</u> <u>Thailand in 4Q FY21 with a new customer</u>. It is pursuing more deals for the new MOBIUS as well as existing systems in countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand.

MOBIUS can be implemented in many ways. It can be used to create new products to target new markets for both new and existing customers. For existing customers, there is also a bridging function to link the current core banking system with the new MOBIUS open platform. Hence, both systems can exist seamlessly in the initial years and the customers can gradually migrate to the new MOBIUS system in stages. The total cost of owning the MOBIUS system is lower than the traditional ones as minimal hardware is required as the system is cloud-based vs on-site for the existing ones.

### Opportunity to participate in Malaysia digital banking.

Silverlake is also working with three other bidders for the Malaysia digital bank licence, to provide technical support for the core banking system. With over 40% market share in the core banking system space in South East Asia, we believe Silverlake stands a chance to participate in the implementation of digital banks in Malaysia, though contract values may not be big.



Raised FY22-23F earnings by 7% each; maintain BUY with higher TP of S\$0.38. Given the improving outlook and potential contract wins from the new MOBIUS system and the existing core banking system, we have raised earnings by 7% each for FY22F and FY23F. MOBIUS contracts tend to have a longer tenure, hence contribution per year would be smaller. Our TP is raised to S\$0.38 (previously S\$0.33), pegged to average 4-year PE of c.19x.

# **Company Background**

Silverlake Axis (Silverlake) is the market leader in core banking software in ASEAN where it deploys its proprietary software to major organisations in banking, insurance, payments, retail, and logistics industries. It is also an Insurtech market leader in providing collaborative and information exchange platforms for the insurance industry.

## Interim Income Statement (RMm)

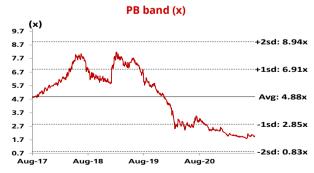
2H2020	1H2021	2H2021	% chg yoy	% chg hoh
308	308	318	3.2	3.0
(138)	(117)	(133)	(3.6)	13.8
170	192	185	8.7	(3.5)
(85)	(75)	(104)	21.9	39.0
96	117	81	(15.3)	(30.7)
0	0	0	-	-
0	0	1	nm	nm
(16)	(12)	(1)	94.5	92.4
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80	105	81	1.8	(22.8)
(27)	(38)	(6)	(78.8)	(84.7)
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53	68	76	43.7	11.9
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113	136	101	(11.0)	(25.8)
55.3	62.2	58.3		
31.1	37.9	25.5		
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Source of all data: Company, DBS Bank

# **Historical PE and PB band**



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS Bank estimates



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**Key Assumptions** 

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenue growth (%)	25.7	(2.5)	(5.7)	4.72	5.90
Gross Margins (%)	62.6	59.0	60.2	61.0	61.0

Segmental Breakdown

FY lun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenues (RMm)					
Software Licensing	101	56.1	40.0	44.8	49.3
Software Project Services	103	74.3	65.4	73.3	80.6
Maintenance &	422	460	475	499	524
Sale of Software &	11.0	26.9	10.7	2.15	0.43
Others	11.0	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	681	663	626	656	694

# Income Statement (RMm)

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenue	681	664	626	656	694
Cost of Goods Sold	(255)	(272)	(249)	(256)	(271)
Gross Profit	426	392	377	400	424
Other Opng (Exp)/Inc	(171)	(150)	(179)	(160)	(171)
Operating Profit	255	242	198	239	253
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates & JV Inc	(1.7)	1.39	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(23.8)	(30.7)	(11.3)	(11.3)	(11.3)
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	55.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-tax Profit	285	213	187	228	242
Tax	(39.2)	(28.0)	(43.7)	(73.0)	(77.4)
Minority Interest	0.01	0.0	0.01	0.0	0.0
Preference Dividend	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Profit	246	185	143	155	164
Net Profit before Except.	190	185	143	155	164
EBITDA	277	278	235	277	290
Growth					
Revenue Gth (%)	25.7	(2.5)	(5.7)	4.7	5.9
EBITDA Gth (%)	65.9	0.4	(15.4)	17.6	4.9
Opg Profit Gth (%)	57.7	(5.0)	(18.2)	21.0	5.7
Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%)	41.7	(2.8)	(22.5)	8.5	5.9
Margins & Ratio					
Gross Margins (%)	62.6	59.0	60.2	61.0	61.0
Opg Profit Margin (%)	37.4	36.5	31.6	36.5	36.4
Net Profit Margin (%)	36.1	27.8	22.9	23.7	23.7
ROAE (%)	44.0	27.6	15.9	14.0	13.4
ROA (%)	22.4	13.9	10.1	10.9	10.6
ROCE (%)	24.5	21.6	14.3	13.6	13.1
Div Payout Ratio (%)	59.3	40.7	28.2	30.0	30.0
Net Interest Cover (x)	10.7	7.9	17.6	21.3	22.5

Source: Company, DBS Bank





Interim	Income	Statement	(RMm)	ĺ
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FY Jun	2H2019	1H2020	2H2020	1H2021	2H2021
Revenue	323	355	308	308	318
Cost of Goods Sold	(124)	(134)	(138)	(117)	(133)
Gross Profit	199	221	170	192	185
Other Oper. (Exp)/Inc	(44.6)	(75.2)	(85.4)	(74.9)	(104)
Operating Profit	154	146	95.7	117	81.1
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates & IV Inc	(1.0)	1.39	0.0	0.0	1.15
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(12.0)	(14.8)	(15.8)	(11.5)	(0.9)
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-tax Profit	141	133	79.9	105	81.3
Tax	(21.3)	(32.8)	(27.3)	(37.9)	(5.8)
Minority Interest	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.0
Net Profit	120	100	52.6	67.5	75.5
Net profit bef Except.	120	100	52.6	67.5	75.5
EBITDA	165	165	113	136	101
Growth		0.0	(4.0.0)	0.0	
Revenue Gth (%)	nm	9.9	(13.3)	0.2	3.0
EBITDA Gth (%)	nm	(0.3)	(31.4)	20.0	(25.8)
Opg Profit Gth (%)	nm	(5.3)	(34.5)	22.2	(30.7)
Net Profit Gth (%)	nm	(16.8)	(47.4)	28.4	11.9
Margins	64.6	60.4			
Gross Margins (%)	61.6	62.4	55.3	62.2	58.3
Opg Profit Margins (%)	47.8	41.2	31.1	37.9	25.5
Net Profit Margins (%)	37.2	28.2	17.1	21.9	23.8

# Balance Sheet (RMm) FY Jun

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
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Net Fixed Assets	14.9 8.62	13.6 0.00	11.6 0.00	13.9 0.00	16.2 0.00
Invts in Associates & JVs Other LT Assets	317	404	404	427	398
Cash & ST Invts		837	734	427 827	390 967
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Inventory	134				1.00
Debtors	_	140	139	145	154
Other Current Assets	83.6	72.9	76.4	76.4	76.4
Total Assets	1,182	1,468	1,364	1,491	<u>1,613</u>
ST Debt	11.3	9.66	9.38	9.38	9.38
Creditor	70.7	359	76.9	35.9	38.0
Other Current Liab	140	136	145	202	206
LT Debt	63.1	141	16.8	16.8	16.8
Other LT Liabilities	305	76.5	62.1	62.1	62.1
Shareholder's Equity	592	747	1,054	1,165	1,280
Minority Interests	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05
Total Cap. & Liab.	1,182	1,468	1,364	1,491	1,613
Non-Cash Wkg. Capital	7.94	(280)	(6.2)	(15.0)	(12.9)
Net Cash/(Debt)	549	686	707	800	941
Debtors Turn (avg days)	73.3	75.4	81.3	79.2	78.7
Creditors Turn (avg days)	109.7	330.1	375.1	94.3	57.8
Inventory Turn (avg days)	0.8	1.6	0.9	8.0	1.6
Asset Turnover (x)	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4
Current Ratio (x)	3.8	2.1	4.1	4.2	4.7
Quick Ratio (x)	3.4	1.9	3.8	3.9	4.4
Net Debt/Equity (X)	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH
Net Debt/Equity ex MI (X)	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH
Capex to Debt (%)	6.8	3.9	4.8	22.9	22.9
Z-Score (X)	5.1	4.1	5.8	5.8	5.8

Source: Company, DBS Bank



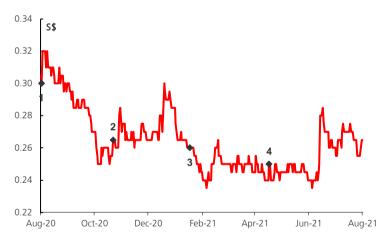


# **Cash Flow Statement (RMm)**

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Pre-Tax Profit	285	213	187	228	242
Dep. & Amort.	24.0	34.6	37.3	37.3	37.3
Tax Paid	(40.2)	(65.8)	(47.2)	(73.0)	(77.4)
Assoc. & JV Inc/(loss)	1.72	(1.4)	0.00	0.0	0.0
Chg in Wkg.Cap.	58.5	292	(274)	(48.6)	(6.5)
Other Operating CF	(3.6)	(262)	294	0.0	0.0
Net Operating CF	325	210	197	144	195
Capital Exp.(net)	(5.1)	(5.9)	(1.3)	(6.0)	(6.0)
Other Invts.(net)	16.2	(9.0)	(54.9)	0.0	0.0
Invts in Assoc. & JV	(52.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Div from Assoc & IV	0.0	0.82	0.97	0.0	0.0
Other Investing CF	(30.2)	(22.6)	(27.8)	0.0	0.0
Net Investing CF	(71.7)	(36.7)	(83.0)	(6.0)	(6.0)
Div Paid	(152)	(105)	(25.8)	(45.0)	(48.6)
Chg in Gross Debt	37.1	48.0	(132)	0.0	0.0
Capital Issues	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
·	(17.9)	(56.8)		0.0	0.0
Other Financing CF			(20.4)		
Net Financing CF	(133)	(114)	(179)	(45.0)	(48.6)
Currency Adjustments	17.7	(4.7)	(15.0)	0.0	0.0
Chg in Cash	138	54.7	(79.7)	92.9	141
Opg CFPS (S cts)	3.19	(1.0)	5.87	2.40	2.51
Free CFPS (S cts)	3.83	2.44	2.44	1.72	2.36

Source: Company, DBS Bank

# **Target Price & Ratings History**



S.No.	Date of Report	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
1:	27 Aug 20	0.30	0.40	BUY
2:	16 Nov 20	0.27	0.38	BUY
3:	11 Feb 21	0.26	0.36	BUY
4:	12 May 21	0.25	0.33	BUY

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

Source: DBS Bank Analyst: Lee Keng LING

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## Silverlake Axis



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