



OM Holdings Ltd (OMH.ASX)

Production in-line but prices fragile, Si delayed

Event:

- March 2023 quarter review; Earnings and PT changes.

Investment Highlights:

- Alloy production as per our forecast and company guidance.** OM Sarawak 1Q23 production was 29.7kt FeSi and 52.2kt Mn alloys, in-line with our forecasts of 30.0kt and 52.5kt respectively which were at the mid-point of annualised company guidance of 30ktpa FeSi and 210ktpa Mn alloys. Shipments for the quarter were slightly lower at 28.3kt and 45.0kt.
- Guidance maintained with slight upside.** OMH maintained FY23 guidance of 110-130kt FeSi and slightly upped Mn alloy to 202-222kt (prior 200-220). The company mentioned potential upside to production from China.
- Metallic Si furnace still suspended.** The furnace was suspended in March. Despite producing on-specification product, recovery from the furnace was lower than expected, resulting in excess heat issues. OMH is pursuing a rectification with the EPCM provider, expecting a restart within 12 months. We now expect restart in 1Q 2024 and also push back our expected commissioning of the second Si furnace to 3Q2024 from 3Q2023.
- Maintenance on track.** Eight furnaces – two Mn alloys and six FeSi – are scheduled to undergo staged maintenance for the balance of 2023, with three already shutdown for their scheduled works. Impact on FY23 production guidance is expected to be immaterial.
- Marketing volumes up.** 425.4kt of ore was traded in the quarter, above our forecast of 362kt and the 326kt of the 4Q22, mostly from higher Mn ore sales.
- Bootu Creek ultra-fine plant study complete.** OMH stated it showed that plant rectification was economically viable, with capex A\$6.5M. However we believe higher Mn prices would be required for contemplation of any plant restart.
- Alloy prices mixed – we downgrade short-term prices.** During the quarter Si Mn and FeMn prices were relatively stable but there was a fall in that of FeSi, while SiMn has fallen in the 2Q2023 to-date. We downgrade FeSi -2% in FY23e and SiMn -3% and -7% in FY23e and FY24e.

Earnings and Valuation:

- We reduce FY23e and FY24e NPAT to US\$63M and US\$80M (prior US\$72M and US\$85M)** on lower FeSi and SiMn prices, and reduced Si production due delay commissioning of furnaces.
- Our OMH share valuation (1.0 x NPV₁₀ nominal) falls to \$1.58 from \$1.73**, from our earnings downgrade.

Recommendation:

- We maintain our Buy on OMH and raise our 12-month PT to \$1.58 from \$1.73**, based on our increase in risked valuation.
- Catalysts for share price** include 1) Restart of Si meta furnace; 2) Growth from furnace expansions; 3) Examination of downstream Si and Mn opportunities for applications such as EVs and renewable energy; and 4) Grant of tax exemption.

Disclosures

The analyst owns 32,600 OMH shares.
Foster Stockbroking and associated entities (excluding Cranport) own 32,600 OMH shares.
Cranport does not own OMH securities.
Refer details end of report.

Recommendation	Buy			
Previous	Buy			
Risk	High			
Price Target	\$1.58			
Previous	\$1.73			
Share price (A\$)	\$ 0.66			
ASX code	OMH			
52 week low-high	\$0.58-0.885			
Valuation (A\$/share)	\$ 1.73			
Methodology	NPV10 nominal			
Capital structure				
Shares on Issue (M)	739			
Market cap (A\$M)	487			
Net cash (debt) attributable (A\$M)	-268			
EV (A\$M)	755			
Ave daily volume ('000)	121			
Earnings Y/e Dec US\$M	FY22a	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e
Sales adj*	779	652	744	834
EBITDA adj.*	134	121	147	165
NPAT adj*	79	59	79	96
EPS adj. \$*	0.11	0.08	0.11	0.13
PE x	4.3x	5.7x	4.3x	3.7x
EV/EBITDA x	3.2x	4.4x	3.6x	3.3x
DPS \$	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03
Yield %	2.2%	3.5%	4.6%	5.5%

* Adj =underlying attributable

Board

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Share price graph



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