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Electronic Components

KCE

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Current	Previous	Close	2015 TP	Exp Return	Support	Resistance	CGR 2014
HOLD	BUY	53.50	57.00	+ 6.5%	53 - 52	55 - 56.5	

Consolidated earnings									
BT (mn)	2013	2014	2015E	2016E					
Normalized earnings	1,052	1,823	2,219	2,555					
Net profit	1,174	2,110	2,219	2,555					
Normalized EPS (Bt)	2.19	3.22	3.78	4.35					
Reported EPS (Bt)	2.44	3.73	3.78	4.35					
% Reported EPS growth	62.0	52.7	1.3	15.1					
Dividend (Bt)	0.75	1.10	1.17	1.35					
BV/share (Bt)	7.07	10.83	12.55	15.44					
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.43	15.32	12.95	11.43					
PER (x)	24.4	16.6	14.2	12.3					
PER (x) - normalized	21.9	14.3	14.2	12.3					
PBV (x)	7.6	4.9	4.3	3.5					
Dividend yield (%)	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.5					
YE No. of shares (million)	480	566	587	587					
No. of share - full dilution	578	587	587	587					
Par (Bt)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0					

Source: Company data, FSS estimates

1Q15 normalized earnings decrease Q-Q, as expected

1Q15 normalized earnings down 11.9% Q-Q, but up 16.4% Y-Y

KCE's 1Q15 net profit comes in at Bt511mn (-11.9% Q-Q, +16.4% Y-Y). Excluding FX gain of Bt54mn, the company's normalized earnings are equal to Bt457mn (-3.2% Q-Q, +11.2% Y-Y), in line with our estimate of Bt473mn. In the January-March quarter, average gross margin narrowed, as expected, to its five-quarter low of 28.9% (vs. 31.5% in 1Q14 and 31.7% in 4Q14) after KCE started to realize from its new factory that is yet to break even. Moreover, the euro, which accounts for 17% of the company's total sales, tumbled. However, they were fully offset by revenues which increased 6.7% Q-Q and 4.2% Y-Y thanks to strong orders. As a result, SG&A expenses-to-revenues ratio fell to 11.9% from its normal level of 14%-16% thanks partly to economies of scale.

Maintain 2015 net profit estimate and TP

KCE's 1Q15 normalized earnings are sufficient to secure 21% of our full-year estimate. Looking ahead, we expect average gross margin to widen in 2Q15-3Q15 after the new factory's utilization rate increases to its break-even point from 2Q15 onward. In addition, we expect revenues from the new factory to also increase, which would support KCE's 2Q15 normalized earnings to grow both Q-Q and Y-Y. In 3Q15, the company's normalized earnings are likely to reach the peak of this year thanks to the export industry's high season and operation of Phase 2 of the new factory (whose production lines are relocated from existing factories) in 2H15. We retain our 2015E normalized earnings at Bt2.2bn (+21.7% Y-Y) and stand by our 2015 TP of Bt57 (PE 14x). However, we lower our rating on KCE to HOLD from BUY because the stock has rallied after our BUY recommendation in the last report to where it now implies an upside of just 6.5%.

1Q15 Earnings Results		Comment				
(Bt mn)	1Q15	4Q14	%Q-Q	1Q14	%Y-Y	
Revenues	2,882	2,702	6.7	2,765	4.2	■ Dayram
Cost of services	2,050	1,846	11.1	1,893	8.3	Revenu
Gross profit	832	856	-2.8	872	-4.6	orders
SG&A	344	382	-9.9	443	-22.3	Average
Interest expense	21	23	-8.7	32	-34.4	(vs. 31
Normalized earnings	457	472	-3.2	411	11.2	vet to
Net profit	511	580	-11.9	439	16.4	
EPS	0.899	1.026	-12.3	0.800	12.4	■ SG&A
Defect Rate (%)	4.0	3.9	0.1	3.9	0.1	from it
Gross margin (%)	28.9	31.7	-2.8	31.5	-2.6	smalle
Norm earnings margin (%)	15.9	17.5	-1.6	14.9	1.0	
Net profit margin (%)	17.7	21.5	-3.8	15.9	1.8	

- Revenues continued to grow both Q-Q and Y-Y thanks to strong orders and realization of revenues from its new factory.
- Average gross margin narrowed to its five-quarter low of 28.9% (vs. 31.7% in 4Q14 and 31.5% in 1Q14) because the new factory is yet to reach its break-even. Moreover, the euro decreased.
- SG&A expenses-to-revenues ratio sharply decreased to 11.9% from its normal level of 14%-16% thanks to larger revenues and smaller expenses following economies of scale.

Source: Company data, FSS Research

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SFLL The latest close is above our target price.

TRADING BUY The latest close is above our target price but the price is expected to be driven by short-term positive factors

OVERWEIGHT The estimated return is higher than the market average. **NEUTRAL** The estimated return is the same as the market average. **UNDERWEIGHT** The estimated return is lower than the market average Note: The expected return may change as market risks increase or decline.



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