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SMALL/MID CAP HIGHLIGHTS

iWOW Technology (NXR SP)

Set To Benefit From Exponential IoT growth

iWOW is a prime beneficiary of the 19% five-year CAGR in global IoT in the smart cities market. Structural growth is underway given iWOW's strong foothold in Singapore and its foray into key growth markets. Additionalloy, iWOW is set to benefit from positive operating leverage as the top-line expands. At the S\$0.25 listing price, iWOW trades at an annualised 1HFY22 PE of 20.2x.

- Solid track record of >20 years with proven ability to create products that are part of prevailing electronics. iWOW Technology (iWOW) had come a long way before venturing into the high-growth IoT space in 2012. Its long operating history has proven its ability to adapt to new market trends within the fast-changing wireless communications industry. Over the years, iWOW has become a trusted IoT solutions provider for Singapore government agencies and B2B customers such as Singtel, Mapletree and 3M.
- Riding on fast-growing IoT wave. iWOW is well-positioned to tap the global IoT market, with the APAC presenting the fastest growth with a five-year CAGR of 11.7% from 2020-24, according to market research firm MarketsandMarkets. Specifically, global IoT in the smart cities market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 19% from 2021-26, with APAC leading the growth worldwide. Singapore and Japan are two of the largest contributors powering the growth. Smart utility meters have emerged as the top IoT device in relieving rising energy demand, with APAC leading smart meter installations till 2025. We believe structural growth is underway given iWOW's strong foothold in Singapore and its foray into Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and UAE.
- Integrated IoT solutions and R&D are key strengths. We believe iWOW's robust net margins (FY21: 14%) are a result of strong execution for customers, R&D capabilities and IoT being in its early technology lifecycle. R&D helps iWOW engage customers early in product conceptualisation, and also enables rapid commercialisation. Moving forward, iWOW is exploring a potental collaboration with Statutory Board A (a leading manufacturer in COVID-19 ART test kits) and a medical diagnostic company for the development of a smart test kit to facilitate the submission of regular ART results by students, employees or COVID-19 patients on home recovery. The group is also developing other existing IoT offerings such as Alarm Alert System and Electronic Monitoring System solutions to capitalise on the robust tailwinds propelling the IoT industry
- Not a COVID play, strong orderbook provides revenue visibility. While iWOW has benefitted from the adoption of TraceTogether tokens, the orderbook of S\$67.4m suggests 80% of future revenue will come from Electronic Monitoring System, while just 17% are derived from TraceTogether tokens.

KEY FINANCIALS

Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2019	2020	2021	1H22
Net turnover	2.1	4.4	26.4	17.5
EBITDA	0.4	1.2	5.5	2.6
Operating profit	(0.6)	0.02	4.1	1.9
Net profit (rep./act.)	(0.6)	0.02	3.7	1.6
Net profit (adj.)	(0.6)	0.02	3.7	1.6
EPS (S\$ cents)	(0.24)	0.01	1.48	0.62
PE (x)	n.a.	n.a.	16.9	20.2
P/B (x)	n.a.	n.a.	9.5	4.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	166.4	53.2	10.8	23.4
Dividend yield (%)	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
Net margin (%)	-28.7	0.5	14.1	8.9
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	198.0	251.8	(53.7)	(29.1)
Interest cover (x)	-1.3	1.1	14.5	13.8
ROE (%)	-145.8	0.6	23.8	8.3
Consensus net profit	-	-	-	-
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	-	-

Source: iWOW, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

NOT RATED

Share Price	S\$0.25
Target Price	n.a.
Upside	n.a.

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

iWOW Technology is a technology provider specialising in integrated wireless IoT solutions offered as a service. It combines custom designed hardware with cloud-based software to create end-to-end IoT solutions that help digitalise businesses. IoT solutions include smart metering, smart tracking and smart city applications to Singapore government agencies and corporates.

STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Technology
Bloomberg ticker:	NXR SP
Shares issued (m):	250.4
Market cap (S\$m):	62.6
Market cap (US\$m):	45.9
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m):	n.a.

Price Performance (%)

 52-week high/low

 1mth
 3mth
 6mth
 1yr
 YTD

 Major Shareholders
 %

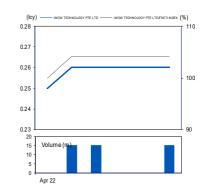
 Soo Kee Wee
 46.8

 Bo Jiang Chek Raymond
 9.1

 1HFY22 NAV/Share (\$\$)
 0.036

 FY21 Net Cash/Share (\$\$)
 0.08

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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- Valued at an annualised 1HFY22 PE of 20.1x. The listing price of \$\$0.25 translates to an annualisted 1HFY22 PE of 20.1x. This compares to peers which trade at an average 25.0x forward PE. Re-rating catalysts include a strong earnings profile, potential new customer wins and more accretive M&As.
- Expanding its business via investments, M&As and strategic collaborations. The bulk (72%) of the IPO net proceeds of S\$5.2m will be used for enlarging customer base, expanding market reach and enhancing R&D activities to bolster its product offerings.

PEER COMPARISON

Company	Bloomberg	Trading	Price @	Market		PE			P/B		E	V/EBITD	Α	Yield	ROE
	Ticker	Curr	14 Apr 22	22 Cap	2021	21 2022F	2023F	Curr	ırr 2022F	2023F	2021	2022F	2023F	2022	2022
			(lcy)	(US\$m)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
iWOW Technology	NXR SP	S\$	0.25	45.9	16.9	n.a.	n.a.	9.5	n.a.	n.a.	10.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
IoT in Smart Cities vend	dors														
IBM Corp	IBM US	US\$	125.98	113,295	14.2	12.7	11.9	6.0	5.8	4.5	9.4	9.1	8.4	5.2	39.1
Cisco Systems	CSCO US	US\$	51.82	215,269	18.0	15.0	13.9	5.4	5.1	4.5	10.4	10.2	9.5	2.9	34.2
Intel Corp	INTC US	US\$	46.50	190,124	10.2	13.3	12.9	2.0	1.8	1.8	6.5	6.7	6.4	3.1	14.6
Microsoft Corp	MSFT US	US\$	282.06	2,114,566	32.3	29.8	26.3	13.2	11.4	8.5	20.8	20.5	17.7	0.9	43.4
Tech Mahindra	TECHM IN	Rs	1,426.80	1,386,612	25.6	22.8	19.9	n.a.	4.7	4.2	16.1	16.8	14.2	1.1	21.5
Siemens AG	SIE GR	€	115.50	98,175	17.2	13.7	12.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	11.5	11.8	10.3	3.4	14.7
Hitachi Ltd	6501 JP	¥	5,818.00	5,633,191	8.7	10.0	9.7	1.4	1.4	1.3	7.1	6.8	6.1	2.0	15.1
SAP SE	SAP GR	€	97.17	119,374	21.8	18.4	16.9	3.0	2.9	2.7	14.3	14.2	12.2	2.0	14.1
Deutsche Telekom	DTE GR	€	16.85	84,042	19.0	13.1	11.5	2.0	1.9	1.8	6.7	6.9	6.1	3.8	12.1
Verizon Comm	VZ US	US\$	53.67	225,297	9.9	9.9	9.5	2.7	2.4	2.0	7.5	7.5	7.1	4.8	25.6
Signify NV	LIGHT NA	€	37.99	4,876	12.0	9.3	8.5	1.9	1.8	1.6	6.1	5.9	5.2	3.8	19.4
Global average					25.0	22.1	19.6	7.7	6.0	4.8	16.1	16.4	14.1	1.8	26.5

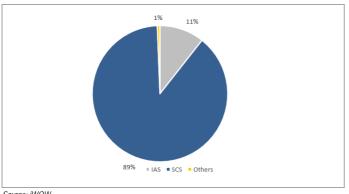
Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

GLOBAL IOT IN SMART CITIES MARKET



Source: MarketsandMarkets

REVENUE BY SEGMENT



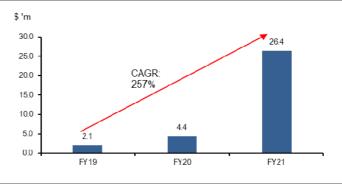
Source: iWOW

BUSINESS SEGMENTS



Source: iWOW

HISTORICAL REVENUE



Source: iWOW



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Net turnover	2.1	4.4	26.4	17.5
EBITDA	0.4	1.2	5.5	2.6
Deprec. & amort.	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.5
EBIT	(0.3)	0.3	4.4	2.1
Total other non-operating income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associate contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net interest income/(expense)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.2)
Pre-tax profit	-0.6	0.0	4.7	1.9
Tax	(0.0)	0.0	(0.4)	(0.4)
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	-0.6	0.0	3.7	1.6
Net profit (adj.)	-0.6	0.0	3.7	1.6

BALANCE SHEET

Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2019	2020	2021	1H22
Fixed assets	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.1
Other LT assets	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7
Cash/ST investment	0.5	0.0	4.7	3.3
Other current assets	1.0	1.4	8.2	12.7
Total assets	3.6	3.8	15.6	18.7
ST debt	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.7
Other current liabilities	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
LT debt	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.2
Other LT liabilities	1.9	2.0	8.1	9.5
Shareholders' equity	0.4	0.5	5.9	8.0
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total liabilities & equity	3.6	3.8	15.6	18.7

CASH FLOW

Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2019	2020	2021	1H22
Operating	1.0	0.7	4.5	-0.9
Profit for the year	-0.6	0.0	3.7	1.6
Tax	(0.0)	0.0	(0.4)	(0.4)
Deprec. & amort.	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.5
Associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Working capital changes	0.8	(0.3)	(0.7)	(3.3)
Non-cash items	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.0)
Other operating cashflows	(0.1)	(0.8)	1.1	0.6
Investing	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.5)	(0.3)
Capex (growth)	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.3)
Investment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	(0.7)	(0.5)	0.0	0.0
Financing	0.0	(0.3)	0.6	(0.1)
Dividend payments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proceeds from borrowings	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.0
Loan repayment	0.0	(0.5)	(0.3)	(0.0)
Others/interest paid	0.0	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Net cash inflow (outflow)	0.9	(0.8)	3.9	(4.6)
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	0.4	0.5	0.0	4.7
Changes due to forex impact	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ending cash & cash equivalent	0.5	0.0	4.7	3.3

KEY METRICS

Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2019	2020	2021	1H22
Profitability				
EBITDA margin	18.4	27.4	20.9	14.7
Pre-tax margin	-28.5	0.5	15.4	11.0
Net margin	-28.7	0.5	14.1	8.9
ROA	-16.4	0.6	23.8	8.3
ROE	-145.8	0.6	23.8	8.3
Growth				
Turnover	2.1	4.4	26.4	17.5
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Pre-tax profit	(0.6)	0.0	4.1	1.9
Net profit	(0.6)	0.0	3.7	1.6
Net profit (adj.)	(0.6)	0.0	3.7	1.6
EPS	(0.24)	0.01	1.48	0.62
Leverage				
Debt to total capital	76.5.	72.1	20.0	10.9
Debt to equity	326.0	257.9	25.0	12.2
Net debt/(cash) to equity	198.0	251.8	(53.7)	(29.1)
Interest cover (x)	-1.3	1.1	14.5	13.8



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