

RCE Capital Bhd (RCE MK)

3QFY3/26 results largely expected

Maintain HOLD call and MYR1.16 TP

3QFY3/26 and 9MFY3/26 earnings were in-line with our expectations. As we flagged before, financing growth QoQ continues to be muted but non-performing financing (NPF) ratios and credit costs have improved. Our next lookout is May 2026 when RCE reports 4QFY3/26E results to get a gauge as to whether there is upside potential to financing growth. Until then, we maintain our earnings estimates, HOLD call and MYR1.16 TP premised on 1.9x end-CY26E P/BV.

Results within our expectations

3QFY3/26 net profit of MYR36.6m (+19% YoY, +25% QoQ) brought 9MFY3/26 net profit to MYR91.9m (+3% YoY) which accounted for 72% of our FY estimate. We expect 4QFY3/26 to be stronger due to the 7% civil service salary hike in Jan 2026 creating demand for its financing products. Financing growth QoQ continues to be pedestrian as competition remains intense and the creditworthiness of new applicants for financing remains less than desired.

NPF ratios and credit costs continue to ease

3QFY3/26 NPF ratio eased to 4.4% from the recent 1QFY3/26 high of 4.8% in (Fig. 2) and 3QFY3/26 credit cost plunged 65% YoY and 44% QoQ (Fig. 3) thanks to moderating bankruptcies, resignations and early retirements among civil servants ostensibly due to the 8% civil service salary hike in Dec 2024. RCE expects both NPF ratios and credit costs to continue moderating which we gather can be attributed to the recent 7% civil service salary hike.

To get a better picture on financing growth in May

We maintain our earnings estimates which are premised on gross financing receivables growth of 2% p.a. (end-3QFY3/26E: +1.7% YoY), NPF ratio of 4.6% (end-3QFY3/26E: 4.4%) and credit cost of MYR38m-MYR39m p.a (9MFY3/26E: MYR19.5m). RCE stated that it will have a better gauge of financing receivables growth going forward in May 2026 when it reports 4QFY3/26E results. Meanwhile, investors can rely on dividend yields of >5% p.a. premised on 75-80% DPR.

FYE Mar (MYR m)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Operating income	281	267	273	279	286
Pre-provision profit	215	203	208	213	219
Core net profit	139	125	128	132	135
Core FDEPS (MYR)	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09
Core FDEPS growth(%)	(0.0)	(10.3)	0.9	2.7	2.7
Net DPS (MYR)	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Core FD P/E (x)	14.2	15.7	13.3	12.9	12.6
P/BV (x)	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.8
Net dividend yield (%)	5.6	4.9	5.8	6.2	6.2
Book value (MYR)	0.57	0.57	0.59	0.61	0.64
ROAE (%)	17.0	14.9	15.0	14.8	14.7
ROAA (%)	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
Consensus net profit	-	-	123	131	139
MIBG vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	4.1	0.4	(2.9)

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HOLD

Share Price	MYR 1.13
12m Price Target	MYR 1.16 (+8%)
Previous Price Target	MYR 1.16

Company Description

RCE Capital is principally involved in the provision of general financing services.

Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	1.36/1.03
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.2
Free float (%)	35.2
Issued shares (m)	1,484
Market capitalisation	MYR1.7B USD431M

Major shareholders:

Cempaka Empayar Sdn. Bhd.	58.4%
Lembaga Tabung Haji	2.6%
Employees Provident Fund	2.5%

Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	(7)	(1)	(11)
Relative to index (%)	(9)	(9)	(20)

Source: FactSet

Figure 1: Summary Results Table

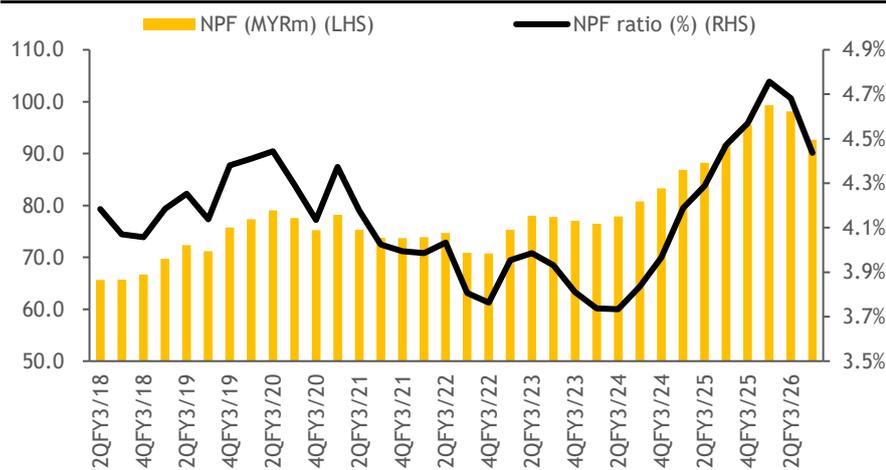
FY Mar (MYRm)	3QFY3/26	3QFY3/25	% YoY	2QFY3/26	% QoQ	9MFY3/26	9MFY3/25	% YoY
Interest/profit income	72.5	70.8	2.3	73.1	(0.8)	216.8	215.8	0.4
Other revenue	8.8	8.5	3.2	9.6	(8.4)	27.0	23.0	17.0
Revenue	81.3	79.3	2.4	82.7	(1.7)	243.7	238.8	2.0
Other income	8.2	8.2	0.6	8.8	(6.2)	25.0	27.5	(9.0)
Interest/profit expense applicable to revenue	(23.8)	(24.2)	(1.7)	(24.4)	(2.2)	(72.4)	(75.4)	(4.1)
Directors' remuneration and staff costs	(7.7)	(6.6)	18.1	(10.6)	(27.0)	(25.9)	(26.3)	(1.4)
Allowances for impairment loss on receivables, net	(3.0)	(8.4)	(64.7)	(5.3)	(43.7)	(19.5)	(22.5)	(13.1)
Depreciation	(1.3)	(1.1)	20.0	(1.4)	(5.8)	(4.1)	(3.2)	27.4
Other expenses	(5.0)	(6.3)	(20.2)	(8.4)	(40.1)	(21.2)	(19.4)	9.3
Finance costs	(0.0)	(0.1)	(32.8)	(0.0)	(4.3)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(29.2)
Profit before tax	48.6	40.9	18.8	41.4	17.3	125.5	119.3	5.2
Taxation	(12.0)	(10.1)	18.1	(12.1)	(1.1)	(33.6)	(30.4)	10.4
Net profit	36.6	30.8	19.1	29.3	24.9	91.9	88.9	3.4
Financing & loans receivables, gross	2,088.3	2,053.1	1.7	2,095.3	(0.3)	2,088.3	2,053.1	1.7
(Allowance for impairment)	(138.1)	(133.1)	3.8	(141.9)	(2.7)	(138.1)	(133.1)	3.8
Financing & loans receivables, net	1,950.1	1,920.1	1.6	1,953.4	(0.2)	1,950.1	1,920.1	1.6
Tax rate (%)	24.6	24.8	(0.1)	29.2	(4.6)	26.7	25.5	1.3
Gross NPF ratio (%)	4.4	4.5	(0.0)	4.7	(0.2)	4.4	4.5	(0.0)
Financing & loans loss coverage ratio (%)	149.1	144.9	4.1	144.7	4.4	149.1	144.9	4.1
Net gearing (%)	153.2	155.4	(2.1)	152.4	0.8	153.2	155.4	(2.1)

Source: Company

Results analysis

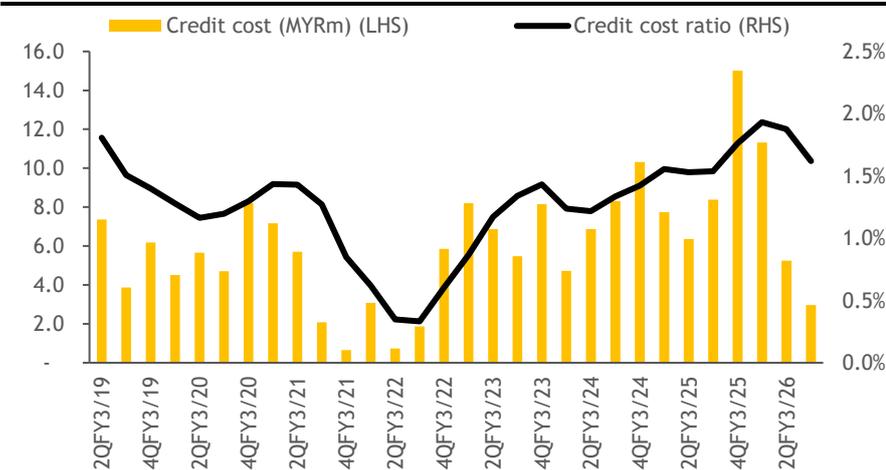
- 3QFY3/26 net profit was up 19% YoY mainly driven by: - (i) higher profit and early settlement income arising from increased disbursement and refinancing activities by customers; and (ii) lower allowances for impairment loss on receivables.
- 3QFY3/26 net profit was up 25% QoQ mainly driven by: - (i) lower directors' remuneration and staff costs; (ii) lower allowances for impairment loss on receivables; and (iii) lower other expenses.
- 9MFY3/26 net profit was up 3% YoY mainly driven by: - (i) higher profit and early settlement income arising from increased disbursement and refinancing activities by customers; and (ii) lower allowances for impairment loss on receivables.

Figure 2: RCE NPF



Source: Company

Figure 3: RCE credit cost

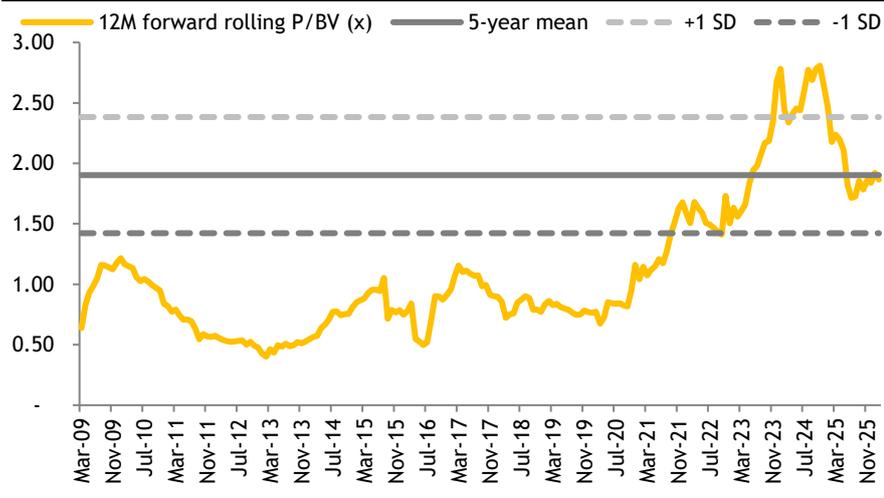


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Valuation and recommendation

Our MYR1.16 TP is based on 1.9x end-CY26E P/BV. We derive a target end-CY26E P/BV of 1.9x via the following assumptions: - (i) 2 year forward ROE of 14.9%; (ii) terminal growth rate of 2.0% as government emoluments have grown at 1.8% CAGR over the last 10 years; and (iii) cost of equity of 8.6% based on risk free rate of 4.2%, market risk premium of 6.3% and Beta of 0.70 (5-year historical Beta: 0.60).

Figure 4: RCE rolling 12M forward P/BV

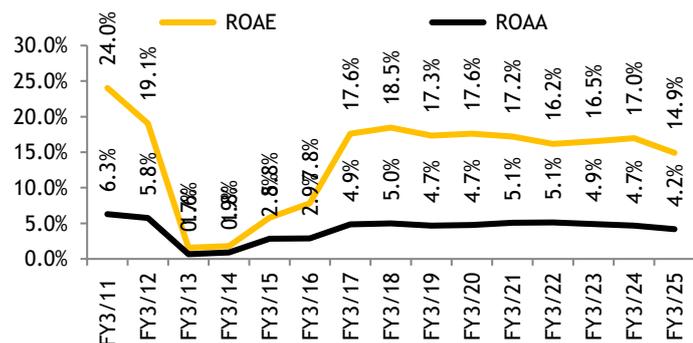


Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research, Bloomberg

Value Proposition

- RCE Capital provides personal financing, the ultimate customers being civil servants.
- With a gross financing balance of just MYR2.1b, we estimate that its market share is only 2%.
- Non-performing financing kept in check thanks to nondiscretionary direct salary deductions.
- Competitive advantage lies in fast financing processing turnaround time of 48 hours.
- ROE generation surpasses that of the average for the overall banking industry.

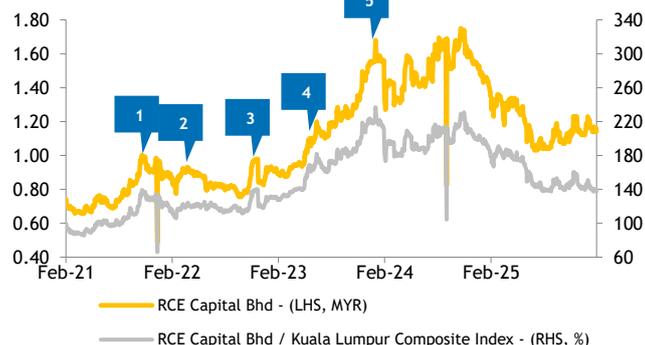
ROAE and ROAA



Source: Company

Price Drivers

Historical share price trend



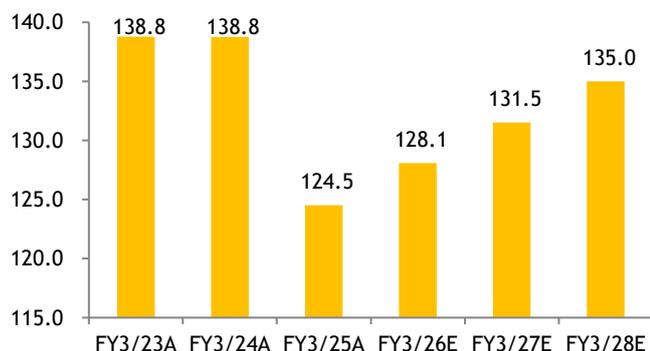
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1. 2QFY21 net profit grew 21% YoY to a record high of MYR33.0m.
2. Announced share DPS of 1 treasury share for 20 shares held and bonus issue of 19 shares for 21 shares held.
3. Bank Negara Malaysia raised Overnight Policy Rate by 25bps for the first time since Jul 2020.
4. Announced a huge special DPS of 18sen and higher-than-expected interim DPS of 5sen.
5. Announced that it raised its dividend policy from 20-40% DPR to 60-80% DPR.

Financial Metrics

- Introduced better credit scoring model in 2013. We forecast gross financing CAGR of 2% p.a. over the next three years.
- Average cost of funds is rising but so is average financing yields.
- Asset quality better than before. New financings are smaller in size (<2%).
- Forecast three-year forward core net profit CAGR of 3% p.a. Recently raised DPR policy from 20-40% to 60-80%.

Core net profit (MYRm)



Source: Company (historicals), Maybank IBG Research (forecasts)

Swing Factors

Upside

- Easing competition - competitors have been reducing their exposure to personal financing.
- Lower cost of funds - we estimate that every 25bps reduction in cost of funds will accrete 3% to earnings.
- Access to CCRIS - if RCE Capital gains access to CCRIS, it can better assess customers' total indebtedness

Downside

- High household debt - Household debt to GDP is elevated at >80% and may crimp customers' repayment ability.
- Need to leverage - RCE Capital cannot take deposits and thus, has to assume debt to finance its financing.
- Asset-liability duration mismatch - customers' repayment may not match RCE's debt repayment.

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FYE 31 Mar	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Key Metrics					
Core P/E (x)	14.2	15.7	13.0	12.6	12.3
Core FD P/E (x)	14.2	15.7	13.3	12.9	12.6
P/BV (x)	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.8
P/NTA (x)	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.9
Net dividend yield (%)	5.6	4.9	5.8	6.2	6.2
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Islamic banking income	221.2	219.6	224.2	229.7	235.4
Other income	59.6	47.8	48.7	49.7	50.7
Total non-interest income	280.8	267.4	272.9	279.4	286.1
Operating income	280.8	267.4	272.9	279.4	286.1
Staff costs	(32.2)	(33.9)	(34.2)	(34.8)	(35.5)
Other operating expenses	(33.6)	(30.5)	(30.7)	(31.2)	(31.8)
Operating expenses	(65.8)	(64.3)	(64.9)	(66.1)	(67.3)
Pre-provision profit	215.1	203.0	208.0	213.4	218.8
Other allowances	(30.2)	(37.5)	(37.8)	(38.5)	(39.3)
Associates & JV income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	184.8	146.5	170.2	174.8	179.5
Income tax	(46.1)	(41.0)	(42.2)	(43.3)	(44.4)
Reported net profit	138.8	105.5	128.1	131.5	135.0
Core net profit	138.8	124.5	128.1	131.5	135.0
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & deposits with banks	840.2	767.5	802.1	833.8	869.3
Sec. under resale agreements	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Derivatives financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dealing securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Available-for-sale securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing and advances	2,027.3	2,004.9	2,043.9	2,083.7	2,124.3
Fixed assets	7.3	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.0
Intangible assets	47.3	50.2	50.2	50.2	50.2
Other assets	73.5	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6
Total assets	2,995.6	2,986.2	3,058.8	3,129.3	3,204.4
Derivatives financial instruments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subordinated debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other securities in issue	1,175.8	979.7	979.7	979.7	979.7
Other borrowings	552.9	578.9	618.6	660.3	702.9
Other liabilities	437.1	588.1	588.3	588.4	588.6
Total liabilities	2,165.8	2,146.6	2,186.6	2,228.4	2,271.2
Share capital	201.9	204.9	204.9	204.9	204.9
Reserves	627.9	634.6	667.3	696.0	728.3
Shareholders' funds	829.8	839.5	872.2	900.9	933.2
Preference shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total equity	829.8	839.5	872.2	900.9	933.2
Total liabilities & equity	2,995.6	2,986.2	3,058.8	3,129.3	3,204.4

FYE 31 Mar	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Key Ratios					
Growth (%)					
Net interest income	na	na	na	na	na
Non-interest income	7.4	(4.8)	2.1	2.4	2.4
Operating expenses	34.9	(2.2)	0.9	1.9	1.9
Pre-provision profit	1.2	(5.6)	2.5	2.6	2.5
Core net profit	(0.0)	(10.3)	2.8	2.7	2.7
Gross loans	3.9	(0.5)	2.0	2.0	2.0
Customer deposits	na	na	na	na	na
Total assets	1.7	(0.3)	2.4	2.3	2.4
Profitability (%)					
Non-int. income/Total income	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost/income	23.4	24.1	23.8	23.6	23.5
Liquidity (%)					
Loans/customer deposits	na	na	na	na	na
Asset quality (%)					
Gross NPF	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Capital adequacy (%)					
CET1	na	na	na	na	na
Tier 1 capital	na	na	na	na	na
Risk-weighted capital	na	na	na	na	na
Returns (%)					
ROAE	17.0	14.9	15.0	14.8	14.7
ROAA	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
Shareholders equity/assets	27.7	28.1	28.5	28.8	29.1

Source: Company; Maybank IBG Research

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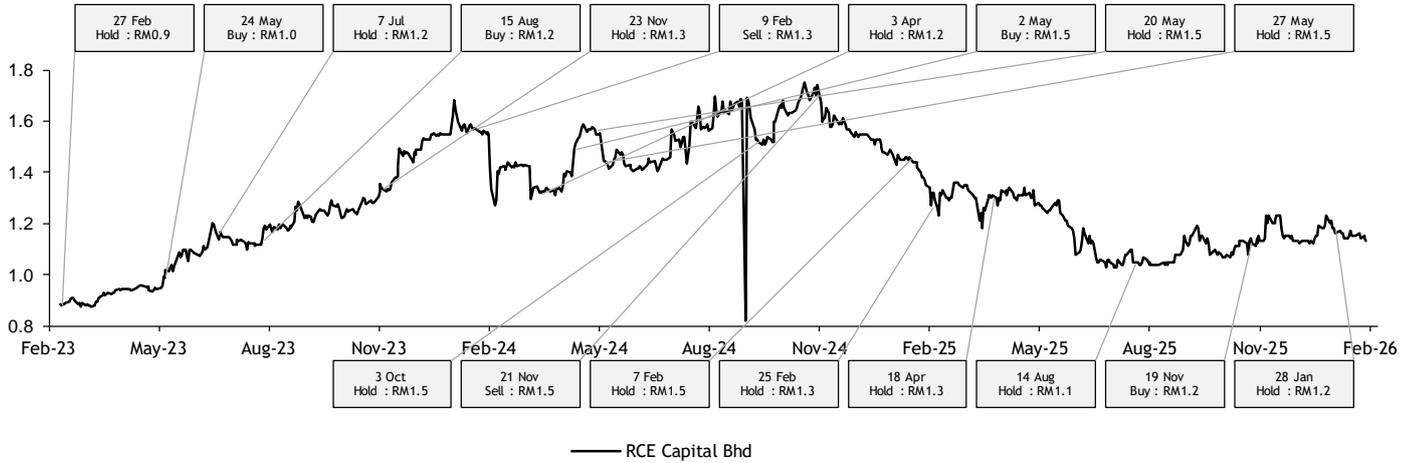
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