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EdelWeiss Capital (EDEL.B0)

Results 🗹

Sell: 1Q09 Results: Weaker, but Is It a Surprise?

- 1Q09 profits down 23% QoQ (+52% YoY) 1Q09 revenues and profits were 25% below expectations and therefore a bit of a surprise. Revenues were down 34% QoQ, led by sharper declines in arbitrage trading and investment banking and brokerage revenues. These have higher leverage to the market and therefore were inline with industry trends. Sharp cost reduction was the key highlight for 1Q, a significant advantage in an uncertain market environment.
- Brokerage and investment banking Edelweiss' volumes were down 26% QoQ, slightly higher than the industry (-17% QoQ). Higher decline in revenues (-38% QoQ) was due to: a) higher derivatives proportion (an industry trend), and b) sharper decline in investment banking revenues (-75% QoQ).
- Financing and asset management Lending portfolio increased to over Rs10bn (from Rs9bn in 4Q08); management continues to focus on this as a key growth engine. Sharp QoQ drop in revenues was due to the decline in IPO funding. AUMs have remained largely constant at US\$600m (US\$625m in 4Q08) and is a relatively stable source of fee income.
- Key positive appears to have costs flexibility Operating costs (after adjusting for treatment of STT) have declined 55% QoQ. This is significantly higher than the drop in volumes and does appear to provide a large operating flexibility, a necessity and an advantage over peers in the current environment.
- Reiterate Sell (3M) We continue to see significant operating pressures on brokerages due low market volumes and continued uncertainty. Maintain Sell.

Sell/High Risk	3Н
Price (11 Jul 08)	Rs524.35
Target price	Rs760.00
Expected share price return	44.9%
Expected dividend yield	0.2%
Expected total return	45.1%
Market Cap	Rs39,291M
	US\$917M

Price Performance (RIC: EDEL.BO, BB: EDEL IN)



Statistical Abstract

Year to	Net Profit	Diluted EPS	EPS growth	P/E	P/B	ROE	Yield
31 Mar	(RsM)	(Rs)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
2006A	405	15.54	-6.1	33.8	11.1	34.9	0.0
2007A	1,090	26.34	69.5	19.9	4.0	28.7	0.0
2008E	2,606	43.50	65.2	12.1	2.3	22.7	0.1
2009E	3,155	42.13	-3.2	12.4	1.9	16.9	0.2
2010E	3,982	53.16	26.2	9.9	1.6	18.0	0.3

Source: Powered by dataCentral

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Fiscal year end 31-Mar	2006	2007	2008E	2009E	2010E
Valuation Ratios					
P/E adjusted (x)	33.8	19.9	12.1	12.4	9.9
P/E reported (x)	33.8	19.9	12.1	12.4	9.9
P/BV (x)	11.1	4.0	2.3	1.9	1.6
P/Adjusted BV diluted (x)	11.1	4.0	2.3	1.9	1.6
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3
Per Share Data (Rs)					
EPS adjusted	15.54	26.34	43.50	42.13	53.16
EPS reported	15.54	26.34	43.50	42.13	53.16
BVPS	47.15	129.50	229.05	270.05	321.53
Tangible BVPS	47.15	129.50	229.05	270.05	321.53
Adjusted BVPS diluted	47.15	129.50	229.05	270.05	321.53
DPS	0.13	0.25	0.50	1.00	1.50
Profit & Loss (RsM)					
Net interest income	-28	-58	6	1,442	2,487
Fees and commissions	296	713	1,146	1,601	2,052
Other operating Income	1,259	2,871	6,410	7,603	9,129
Total operating income	1,526	3,526	7,562	10,646	13,668
Total operating expenses	-832	-1,788	-3,510	-5,381	-6,824
Oper. profit bef. provisions	694	1,738	4,052	5,265	6,844
Bad debt provisions	0	0	-50	-100	-150
Non-operating/exceptionals	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	694	1,738	4,002	5,165	6,694
Tax	-230	-646	-1,328	-1,714	-2,221
Extraord./Min. Int./Pref. Div.	-59	-2	-68	-296	-491
Attributable profit	405	1,090	2,606	3,155	3,982
Adjusted earnings	405	1,090	2,606	3,155	3,982
Growth Rates (%)					
EPS adjusted	-6.1	69.5	65.2	-3.2	26.2
Oper. profit bef. prov.	104.1	150.3	133.1	29.9	30.0
Balance Sheet (RsM)					
Total assets	3,511	12,687	35,245	48,908	67,052
Avg interest earning assets	4,039	7,456	22,674	40,204	55,766
Customer loans	700	2,616	12,316	22,316	32,316
Gross NPLs	0	0	0	0	0
Liab. & shar. funds	3,511	12,687	35,245	48,908	67,052
Total customer deposits	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve for loan losses	0	0	0	0	0
Shareholders' equity	1,784	5,823	17,159	20,230	24,085
Profitability/Solvency Ratios (%)					
ROE adjusted	34.9	28.7	22.7	16.9	18.0
Net interest margin	-0.70	-0.78	0.03	3.59	4.46
Cost/income ratio	54.5	50.7	46.4	50.5	49.9
Cash cost/average assets	35.7	22.1	14.6	12.8	11.8
NPLs/customer loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reserve for loan losses/NPLs	na	na	na	na	na
Bad debt prov./avg. cust. loans	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.5
Loans/deposit ratio	na	na	na	na	na
Tier 1 capital ratio	na	na	na	na	na
Total capital ratio	na	na	na	na	na

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Figure 1. EdelWeiss Capital: 1Q FY09 Results - Highlights (Rupees Million, Percent)

(497)

(691)

1,062

(361)

(63)

(363)

(263)

663

(229)

(14)

36.9

163.2

60.3

57 7

338.9

(824)

(939)

1,466

(526)

(114)

Employee Cost

Pre-Tax Profit

Tax

Minorities

Operating Expenses

-			-					
	1009	1008	YoY %	4008	QoQ%	Citi Investment Research Comments		
Fee and Commission Income	887	816	8.7	1,445	-38.6	Significantly sharper drop than industry volumes (down 26% QoQ); higher revenue drop due to low investment banking revenue and higher derivatives proportion (in-line with industry)		
Arbitrage and Trading (Securities / Derivatives)	703	446	57.5	1,343	-47.7	While somewhat anticipated - decline has been much sharper; a reflection of declining opportunities in the face of much lower industry volumes		
Income from Investments and Dividend	337	78	332.9	185	82.6	Only growth area QoQ - large volume of dividends received in 1Q		
Interest Income	763	98	678.7	1,086	-29.7	Weaker than estimates - sharp unwind of the IPO financing portfolio; loan against securities reported some growth		
Gross Revenues	2,689	1,437	87.1	4,058	-33.7	25% lower than estimates - arbitrage trading and a surprise decline in brokerage revenues leading the fall		
Interest expense	(439)	(149)	194.5	(829)	-47.1			
Net Revenues	2,251	1,288	74.7	3,228	-30.3			

Net Profit 638 419 52.1 826 -22.7 25% below estimates; weaker than anticipated revenues, though there appears to be significant operating flexibility on costs

-39.7

-27.5

-314

-44.5

Source: Company reports, Citi Investment Research

EdelWeiss Capital

Company description

Edelweiss, founded in 1995, started as a niche investment bank that focused on private-equity syndications. It was co-founded by Rashesh Shah, MD and CEO, and Venkat Ramaswamy, ED and Co-head - Investment Banking. Edelweiss has over the years built a diversified product offering in the institutional segment through broking and investment-banking services, backed by a strong treasury and arbitrage trading portfolio. Edelweiss also offers financing against shares, asset and wealth management, and insurance broking. It operates its various businesses directly and through various subsidiaries, which are consolidated under the parent.

Investment strategy

We rate Edelweiss Sell/High Risk. We believe the stock is fully discounting the company's favourable positioning, high growth rates and strong management. Stock-market volumes have declined more than 50% from their peak in October 2007, and remain volatile. We expect global uncertainty to exert continued pressure on stock-market volumes, and are therefore cautious on extrapolating past growth rates and valuations. We expect FY09E industry volumes to slow 5-10% from a high base. While volumes will remain cyclical

QoQ drop due to accounting of bonus in 4Q; YoY growth in-line with

an uncertain environment; excluding impact of STT (change in

-26.4 Some flexibility in operating expenses which provides operating leverage in

classification of STT as op ex from tax paid earlier) QoQ drop is almost 55%

increase in employee base

22% below estimates

and volatile in the near term, we expect growth to normalize to 15-20% in the longer term.

Valuation

Our target price of Rs760 is based on a sum-of-the-parts valuation. We use 18x FY09E EPS - a 20% premium to the current Sensex multiple of 15x - to value its brokerage and related businesses (Rs424), 2x FY09E BV for its financing business (Rs182), and 1.5x FY09E BV for its arbitrage trading business (Rs154). We accord a premium to the brokerage/related businesses to factor in Edelweiss' strong business growth and management record. To better capture the asset-heavy nature of the capital-intensive financing and arbitrage businesses, we use a P/BV approach. We value the financing business at 2x FY09E BV, largely in line with our target multiples for other similar financing businesses, after factoring in its risk-reward profile, growth potential, capital-market dependence and wholesale funding model. We use a lower multiple for arbitrage trading than for the financing business to reflect the former's lower return profile and challenges in scaling up without a corresponding increase in market breadth and volumes.

Risks

We rate Edelweiss High Risk, though our quantitative risk-rating system, which tracks 260-day historical share-price volatility, suggests Speculative Risk due to the stock's short trading history. We prefer High Risk to Speculative Risk because Edelweiss is diversifying its revenue profile from purely brokerage and arbitrage to financing and wealth management, and the company has a good track record. However, its revenues continue to be closely linked to capital market growth and volatility. Upside risks to our target price include: a) stronger than expected growth in brokerage volumes; b) higher than expected returns on the treasury portfolio; c) further infusion of capital/faster than estimated growth in the financing portfolio; d) a decline in interest rates; e) forays into other businesses, including retail brokerage; and f) regulatory changes.

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