

# The Company for Cooperative Insurance

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#### **3Q19 Results Update**

| Recommendation           | Neutral |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Previous Recommendation  | Neutral |
| Current Price (SAR)      | 74.8    |
| Target Price (SAR)       | 72.6    |
| Upside/Downside (%)      | (3.0%)  |
| As of December 17th 2019 |         |

#### Key Data (Source: Bloomberg)

| Market Cap (SAR bn)              | 9.4   |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| 52 Wk High (SAR)                 | 76.0  |
| 52 Wk Low (SAR)                  | 56.7  |
| Total Outstanding shares (in mn) | 125   |
| Free Float (%)                   | 63.2% |

#### Tawuniya vs. TASI (Rebased)



| Price Performance (%)                   | Absolute | Relative |  |  |  |
|---|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| 1m                                      | 4.2%     | 1.5%     |  |  |  |
| 6m                                      | 2.8%     | 11.2%    |  |  |  |
| 12m                                     | 16.7%    | 13.8%    |  |  |  |
| Major Shareholders (%)                  |          |          |  |  |  |
| Public Pension Agency                   | 18.9%    |          |  |  |  |
| General Organization for S<br>Insurance | 17.9%    |          |  |  |  |

#### Gross Written Premium (SAR bn) and Loss Ratio



Source: Bloomberg, Company Financials, FALCOM Research; Data as of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Tawuniya's earnings rise on higher net underwriting income and improved operating results

The Company for Cooperative Insurance (Tawuniya) swung to a net income of SAR 93.0mn in 3Q19 from a net loss of SAR 36.5mn in 3Q18. The net income was up 80.4% QoQ. On an annual basis, the company saw sharp improvements in net underwriting results for the quarter, aided by a rise in gross written premiums (GWPs) across all sectors and lower claims paid. In addition, the increase in general and administrative expense was partially offset by lower policy acquisition costs. The investment income for the quarter more than doubled to SAR 34.9mn. On the other hand, the allowance for doubtful debts stood at SAR 38.0mn compared with a reversal of doubtful debts of SAR 6.2mn in 3Q18.

Tawuniya is the second largest player in the Saudi Arabian insurance market in terms of market cap and enjoys several advantages over other smaller players in the industry. The company benefits from its balance sheet strength, economies of scale, and favorable business and customer mix. To improve its operational efficiency, the company continues to invest in information infrastructure development and enhancing cybersecurity and forging new business alliances. However, the future of the insurance business in KSA is contingent on growth in the private sector workforce and rise in tourism. Moreover, the intense price competition in the health insurance segment, the biggest revenue contributor, and the segment's high claims ratio remain a concern. We retain our Neutral rating on the stock.

- GWPs increased 17.8% YoY to SAR 1.4bn in 3Q19 from SAR 1.2bn, driven by gains across segments such as Medical, Motor, Property and Casualty, and Protection and Savings.
- Net written Premiums climbed 19.7% YoY to SAR 1.2bn in line with the increase in GWPs, but fell 23.0% QoQ.
- Net claims paid declined 26.3% YoY to SAR 1.2bn in 3Q19 from SAR 1.6bn, following a drop in gross claims paid and higher share of reinsurance.
- Policy acquisition costs declined 2.3% YoY to SAR 90.9mn in 3Q19, while net investment income increased 139.0% YoY to SAR 34.9mn.
- Net income for the period swung to a net profit of SAR 93.0mn in 3Q19 from a net loss of SAR 36.5mn in 3Q18. Earnings per share stood at SAR 0.74 in 3Q19 compared with loss per share of SAR 0.29 in 3Q18.
- The combined ratio stood at 80.3% in 3Q19 against 105.4% in 3Q18, as the loss ratio for the quarter fell to 66.2% in 3Q19 from 91.5% in 3Q18.
- The expense ratio for 3Q19 stood at 14.1% compared with 13.9% in 3Q18.
- Tawuniya recently signed a deal with the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah to provide insurance coverage to foreign pilgrims. The four-year contract is expected to generate revenue greater than 5% of the annual gross written premium of Tawuniya in 2018. The company also inked a SAR 115mn contract with Tahakom Investment.

**Valuation:** We revise our target price to a fair value of SAR 72.6 and maintain our "Neutral" rating on the stock.

|                              | 3Q'19 | 3Q'18  | % YoY   | FY19E  | FY18   | % YoY   |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| GWP (SAR mn)                 | 1,423 | 1,208  | 17.8%   | 8,359  | 7,641  | 9.4%    |
| NWP (SAR mn)                 | 1,181 | 987    | 19.7%   | 7,142  | 6,527  | 9.4%    |
| Net Claims Incurred (SAR mn) | 1,460 | 1,606  | (9.1%)  | 6,765  | 6,572  | 2.9%    |
| Net Profit (SAR mn)          | 93.0  | (36.5) | NM      | 281    | (213)  | NM      |
| EPS (SAR)                    | 0.74  | (0.29) | NM      | 2.3    | (1.7)  | NM      |
| Loss Ratio                   | 66.2% | 91.5%  | (25.3%) | 85.5%  | 98.7%  | (13.2%) |
| Expense Ratio                | 14.1% | 13.9%  | 0.2%    | 15.0%  | 15.2%  | (0.2%)  |
| Combined Ratio               | 80.3% | 105.4% | (25.2%) | 100.5% | 113.8% | (13.4%) |
|                              |       |        |         |        |        |         |

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To be Revised: No target price had been set for one or more of the following reasons: (1) waiting for more analysis, (2) waiting for detailed financials, (3)

waiting for more data to be updated, (4) major change in company's performance, (5) change in market conditions or (6) any other reason

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