

# Etihad Etisalat Co.

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#### 2Q22 Results Update

Recommendation	Neutral				
Previous Recommendation	Neutral				
Current Price (SAR)	38.8				
Target Price (SAR)	42.0				
Upside/Downside (%)	8.2%				
As of August 18, 2022					
Key Data (Source: Bloomberg)					

Market Cap (SAR bn)	29.9
52-wk High (SAR)	44.7
52-wk Low (SAR)	29.2
Total Outstanding shares (in mn)	770.0
Free Float (%)	72.0%

#### ETIHAD ETISALAT vs. TASI (Rebased)



Price Performance (%)	Absolute	Relative
1m	9.0%	(0.2%)
6m	11.3%	10.2%
12m	21.3%	10.0%

# Major Shareholders (%)

Emirates Telecommunications Corp. (Etisalat) 27.99%

#### Revenue (SAR bn) and EBITDA Margin (%)



Source: Bloomberg, Company Financials, Yaqeen Capital; Data as of August 18, 2022

#### August 19, 2022

#### Improvement in wholesale and business segments drives top line, net income to seven-year high

Etihad Etisalat Co. (Mobily)'s revenue expanded 4.6% YoY to SAR 3.9bn in 2Q22, driven by 28.7% YoY surge in the wholesale segment and 5.9% YoY growth in the business segment. The rise in the top line was also supported by a healthy rise in the FTTH customer base and overall subscriber base. Cost of sales fell 1.0% YoY during the quarter, leading to 8.7% YoY surge in gross profit to SAR 2.3bn. Consequently, gross margin expanded 225 bps YoY to 59.8% during the quarter. Reported EBITDA rose 10.3% YoY to SAR 1.5bn in 2Q22, reflecting rise in the top line and operational efficiency. EBITDA margin expanded by 196 bps YoY to 38.0% in 2Q22. Increase in finance and zakat expense was offset by the higher top line, leading to 47.5% YoY growth in the net profit to SAR 359.5mn. Consequently, the net margin improved 268 bps YoY to 9.2% during the quarter.

Mobily reported strong performance in 2Q22, as the company reported its highest quarter revenues and net income for the past seven years. The company recorded high EBIDTA which reflects the efficiency measures implemented. Resilient growth in wholesale and business segments, FTTH active base and subscriber base drove the company's topline during the quarter. Growth in the business segment was supported by product innovation, digital solutions, and expansion in projects. Increase in the top line and operational efficiency helped Mobily report the highest gross margin in the sector. Debt reduced by more than SAR 1bn in the last 12 months, driven by Mobily's continued focus on its deleveraging strategy. Consequently, the net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio improved to 2.06x in 2Q22 from 2.40x in 2Q21. CAPEX surged 18.2% YoY and 45.3% QoQ during the quarter and was primarily utilized for 5G rollout and Internet-of-Things (IOT) infrastructure. The company faces several headwinds in the form of stiff competition in the telecom sector and stringent regulations. Despite lower debt levels, Mobily's finance cost increased during the quarter owing to rise in SAIBOR rates amid rate hikes by SAMA. Finance charges are likely to increase further during the year as more rate hikes are anticipated, which will put pressure on the bottom line. Considering these factors, we maintain our "Neutral" rating on the stock.

- Mobily's revenue rose 4.6% YoY SAR 3.9bn in 2Q22, due to increase in revenue contribution mainly from the wholesale and business segments. On a quarterly basis, revenue increased 2.3% from SAR 3.8bn in 1Q22.
- Gross profit soared 8.7% YoY to SAR 2.3bn as cost of sales declined by 1.0% YoY to SAR 1.6bn during the quarter. As a result, gross margin expanded to 59.8% from 57.6% in 2Q21.
- Reported EBITDA surged 10.3% YoY to SAR 1.5bn, while EBITDA margin expanded to 38.0% in 2Q22 from 36.1% in 2Q21, owing to the ongoing operational efficiency measures.
- Decline in impairment loss and higher other income led to 35.3% YoY rise in operating income to SAR 518.9mn in 2Q22. Consequently, operating margin widened to 13.3% from 10.3% in 2Q21.
- The net profit surged 47.5% YoY to SAR 359.5mn during the quarter, despite rise in finance cost and zakat expenses. As a result, the net margin expanded to 9.2% from 6.5% in 2Q21.
- Reported CAPEX increased 18.2% YoY to SAR 319mn during the quarter owing to continual roll-out of 5G and IOT infrastructure.

**Valuation:** We revise our target price to a fair value of SAR 42.0 per share but maintain our "Neutral" rating on the stock.

	2Q22	2Q21	% YoY	FY22E	FY21	%YoY
Revenues (SAR mn)	3,899	3,728	4.6%	15,501	14,834	4.5%
Gross Profit (SAR mn)	2,333	2,147	8.7%	9,077	8,672	4.7%
Operating Profit (SAR mn)	519	384	35.3%	1,900	1,668	13.9%
Net Profit (SAR mn)	360	244	47.5%	1,298	1,072	21.1%
EPS Basic (SAR)	0.47	0.32	47.5%	1.69	1.39	21.1%
Gross Margin (%)	59.8%	57.6%	2.2%	58.6%	58.5%	0.1%
Operating Margin (%)	13.3%	10.3%	3.0%	12.3%	11.2%	1.0%
Net Profit Margin (%)	9.2%	6.5%	2.7%	8.4%	7.2%	1.2%

Source: Company Financials, Yaqeen Capital



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Neutral: The Target share price is either more or less than the current share price by 10%.

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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 from Yaqeen Capital.

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