



US\$6.60bn Market cap	37.7% Free float	US\$17.37mn Avg. daily volume
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Target price	54.40	23.6% over current
Consensus price	57.60	30.9% over current
Current price	44.00	as at 22/10/2011

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Underweight	Neutral	Overweight
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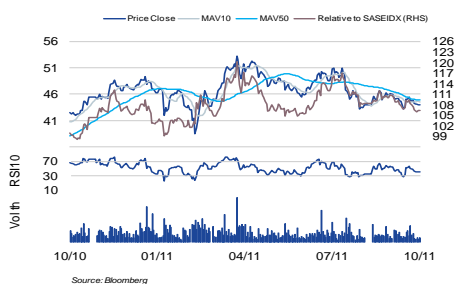
Key themes

We expect Saudi petrochemicals suppliers to outperform global rivals with margins driven by cheap feedstock costs and strong demand coming from Asia. We believe a shift towards expensive feedstock in plants will not constrain profits growth as improving prices and higher volumes should offset the higher costs.

Implications

Yansab's commercial start-up in 2010 is a significant catalyst for the stock. Strong operating performance in the last few quarters has improved the financial condition of the company. As per our definition, Yansab is now Sharia compliant, and we rate the company as Overweight.

Performance

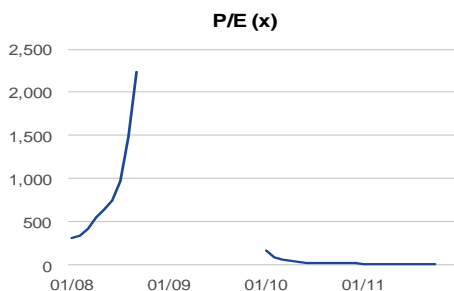


Earnings

Period End (SAR)	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Revenue (mn)	5,822	9,638	10,841	13,173
Revenue Growth		65.6%	12.5%	21.5%
EBITDA (mn)	2,881	4,792	5,110	6,063
EBITDA Growth		66.3%	6.6%	18.7%
EPS	2.97	5.85	6.48	8.19
EPS Growth		96.6%	10.9%	26.3%

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

Valuation



Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

Yansab Q3 results in-line

Yansab reported a strong 132% y-o-y growth in net profit benefiting from higher operating rates and an improvement in product prices, which was in line with our estimates. However, net profit was lower than the street expectations, which resulted in a negative stock reaction post results announcement. Sequentially, earnings declined by 14% mainly due to lower product prices in Q3. We expect average product prices to decline further by another 4% in Q4, before starting to recover from second half of 2012. We believe that Yansab is well placed to grow further over the next two years considering the potential for improving utilization rates. We assign Overweight rating on the stock with a target price of SAR54.4 per share, implying 24% upside.

Q3 performance largely in-line with our expectations: Yansab posted revenues of SAR2.5bn for Q3 2011 (56% y-o-y), slightly above our estimate of SAR2.4bn, on the back of an improvement in the utilization rate, which also translated into better profitability. The company reaped the benefits of an increase in average product prices for ethylene (+32% y-o-y), polypropylene (+30%), and MEG (+53%). Yansab reported a net profit of SAR828mn in Q3, an increase of 132% y-o-y, in-line with our forecast (SAR818mn).

Product prices to remain under pressure till mid-2012: Moderating Chinese GDP growth (9.1% in Q3 2011 and expectations of 8-8.5% in the next 2-3 quarters) coupled with a decline in purchasing managers index (PMI) since June 2011 indicates that the industrial demand in China is slowing. This, coupled with weak US and European economy, can hamper petrochemical exports from Saudi as well as product prices in the next 2-3 quarters. In the first two weeks of October, average prices for most of the petrochemical products declined (see figure 1) versus average prices in Q3. We assume average petrochemical prices to decline by 4% q-o-q in Q4 2011, despite stabilizing crude prices. We might have to revise our estimates in the event of major macroeconomic developments in the US or Europe, affecting oil prices severely.

Margins to be squeezed in Q4: The company reported a sequential decline in gross margins from 42.8% in Q2 2011 to 38.3% in Q3, mainly due to lower product prices and stable cost of sales. We expect gross margins to decline further by 80bps q-o-q to 38.3% in Q4 on the back of declining product prices (mainly ethylene and propylene). However, we believe that stable prices of MEG and benzene, carrying higher margin, can help Yansab partially offset the overall decline in gross margin. Lower gross margin will translate into net margin of 32.4% in Q4 (a decline of 70bps q-o-q).

Conclusion: Yansab's positive Q3 results support our long term view on the Saudi petrochemical sector. Despite short-term headwinds, we like the company's growth story and believe that increasing operating rates, sustained demand from Asia, and a strong backing from SABIC can result in a substantial earnings growth in the medium-term. Yansab's financial position has improved considerably with net debt/EBITDA of 2.2x in Q3 2011 versus 4.7x a year ago. We assign Overweight rating to the stock with a target price of SAR54.4 per share, implying 24% upside from current levels. The stock currently trades at 2012 P/E and EV/EBITDA multiples of 6.8x and 6.0x respectively, a discount of more than 20% to peer average, which presents an attractive entry point.



Corporate summary

Yansab is handling one of the two major capex projects currently being undertaken by the SABIC group at Yanbu on the west coast. SABIC holds 51% of its Yansab subsidiary and the rest is owned by public shareholders. Yansab is listed on the TASI following an IPO in 2005 and focus on production of basic chemicals such as ethylene and propylene, helping SABIC meet demand coming from Asia and other growth markets. The facility at Yansab commenced commercial production in Q1 2010.

Share information

Market cap (SAR/US\$)	24.75bn / 6.60bn		
52-week range	38.50 - 53.25		
Daily avg volume (US\$)	17.37mn		
Shares outstanding	562.5mn		
Free float (est)	37.7%		
Performance:	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	-4.4%	-11.3%	6%
Relative to index	-3.8%	-5.4%	8%
Major Shareholder:			
SABIC	51%		
GOSI	11%		

Source: Bloomberg, Al Rajhi Capital

Valuation

Period End	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Revenue (SARmn)	5,822	9,638	10,841	13,173
EBITDA (SARmn)	2,881	4,792	5,110	6,063
Net Profit (SARmn)	1,673	3,288	3,645	4,605
EPS (SAR)	2.97	5.85	6.48	8.19
DPS (SAR)	-	-	-	3.27
EPS Growth	na	96.6%	10.9%	26.3%
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.1	7.2	6.0	4.7
P/E (x)	14.8	7.5	6.8	5.4
P/B (x)	3.4	2.3	1.7	1.5
Dividend Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

Petrochemical prices to face near term headwinds from weaker demand from China and uncertain global macro environment

Yanbu National Petrochemicals Growing despite near term headwinds

Product prices are expected to decline in Q4

During Q3 2011, average product price for the key products of Yansab rose by about 29% on a y-o-y basis on improving demand and lower base effect (the prices were sharply lower in Q3 2010). However, on a q-o-q basis, average price declined by about 9% amid global economic concerns. We expect the average product price to decline further by 4% in Q4 2011 due to potentially weaker demand from China, sufficient supply, and uncertain global economic outlook. We estimate the product prices for basic petrochemicals such as ethylene and propylene to decline sharply by 10% and 19% y-o-y respectively in 2012. However, the advanced products such as MEG can see a slight uptick in the prices, arresting the overall drop in the petrochemical prices for Yansab.

Figure 1. Average prices of petrochemical products

(SAR/MT)	Q1 2011	Q2 2011	Q3 2011	Current price	Q4 2011e	2011E	2012E
Ethylene	5,495	5,701	4,985	4,688	4,736	5,208	4,678
QoQ growth	29.9%	3.8%	-12.6%		-5.0%		-10.2%
Propylene	5,865	6,442	4,903	3,960	4,412	5,367	4,358
QoQ growth	23.8%	9.8%	-23.9%		-10.0%		-18.8%
Polypropylene	5,456	6,147	5,742	5,653	5,742	5,788	5,845
QoQ growth	16.2%	12.7%	-6.6%		0.0%		1.0%
MEG	5,493	5,200	5,520	5,486	5,520	5,432	5,632
QoQ growth	15.8%	-5.3%	6.2%		0.0%		3.7%
Benzene	4,303	4,307	4,203	3,769	3,951	4,183	3,932
QoQ growth	19.8%	0.1%	-2.4%		-6.0%		-6.0%

Source: Bloomberg, Al Rajhi Capital

We expect decent Q4 results as compared to Q3

Q4 2011: Expecting a muted performance

Considering pricing pressure in the short-term, we estimate Yansab to post revenues of SAR2.4bn in Q4, a decline of 4% sequentially on a stable utilization rate. We estimate the company to report EBITDA of SAR1.2bn (48% EBITDA margin, a drop of 20bps q-o-q), while operating income is estimated to be SAR896mn. With the lower operating income, we expect net profit to decline by 6% q-o-q to reach SAR779mn.



Figure 2. YANSAB: Q3 and Q4 results (actual and our estimates)

(SAR mn)	Q3 2010 actual	Q2 2011 actual	Q3 2011 ARC est	Q3 2011 actual	% chg y-o-y	Q4 2010 actual	Q4 2011 ARC est	% chg y-o-y
Revenues	1,603	2,660	2,388	2,498	55.8%	1,892	2,403	27.0%
Gross profit	502	1,139	1,002	976	94.4%	710	920	29.6%
Gross margin	31.3%	42.8%	42.0%	39.1%	776 bps	37.5%	38.3%	76 bps
EBITDA	721	1,346	1,208	1,205	67.2%	926	1,153	24.5%
EBITDA margin (%)	45.0%	50.6%	50.6%	48.2%	328 bps	48.9%	48.0%	-97 bps
Operating Profit	469	1,084	945	953	103.3%	671	896	33.5%
Net profit	356	964	818	828	132.4%	555	779	40.4%
Capex	(228)	(10)	(48)	(50)	-78.2%	(162)	(48)	-70.3%
Capex / Sales	14.2%	0.4%	2.0%	2.0%	n/m	8.5%	2.0%	n/m
Net debt	13,409	11,898	11,338	10,566	-21.2%	13,597	9,540	-29.8%
Net debt / Annualized EBITDA (x)	4.7	2.2	2.3	2.2	n/m	3.7	2.1	n/m

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

Valuation: attractive at current levels

We calculate WACC at 12.4% for Yansab

We have used the long-run discounted economic profit (DEP) to arrive at the fair valuation of Yansab. We have assumed a WACC of 12.4% which stems in part from relatively low interest on debt; by our calculation, Yansab pays an effective interest rate of 3.7% on gross debt. On the other hand, beta i.e. the company's systematic risk is 1.27x based on Bloomberg data. Higher beta indicates the stock is more volatile and therefore riskier, but provides the potential for higher returns. Using capital asset pricing model, we arrive at cost of equity of 14.7%. We estimate a terminal debt/ (debt plus equity) ratio of 20% for Yansab in the medium-term.

Yansab's enterprise value lies almost equally in invested capital and discounted economic profits

As the company launched its operation in 2010, we believe that the value of the company lies both in invested capital as well as in future economic returns. Discounted economic profit, i.e. the present value of future economic returns or returns above cost of capital, represents almost half portion (about 49%) of our appraised fair enterprise value for Yansab of SAR40.2bn. From appraised fair enterprise value, we subtract net debt to arrive at estimated fair equity value of SAR30.6bn. On this basis, we estimate Yansab's fair value per share at SAR54.4.

Figure 3. Yansab valuation: Discounted Economic Profit

	(SAR mn)
Total value created / (destroyed)	19,861.6
Opening Invested capital	20,305.2
Total Enterprise Value	40,166.8
Value of Debt (2011E)	(9,540.2)
Equity Value	30,626.6
No. of Shares (mn)	562.5
Fair Value per share (SAR)	54.4



The facility at Yansab commenced commercial production in Q1 2010

We estimate Yansab to pay dividend from 2013 onwards

We expect Yansab to achieve ROCE of 16.7% in 2011

Income Statement (SARmn)	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Revenue	-	5,822	9,638	10,841	13,173
Cost of Goods Sold	-	(3,652)	(5,711)	(6,652)	(7,976)
Gross Profit	-	2,170	3,927	4,189	5,197
Government Charges					
S.G. & A. Costs	(29)	(123)	(156)	(108)	(198)
Operating EBIT	(29)	2,046	3,771	4,080	4,999
Cash Operating Costs	(29)	(2,940)	(4,846)	(5,731)	(7,109)
EBITDA	(29)	2,881	4,792	5,110	6,063
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	(835)	(1,021)	(1,029)	(1,064)
Operating Profit	(29)	2,046	3,771	4,080	4,999
Net financing income/(costs)	-	(376)	(408)	(322)	(252)
Forex and Related Gains	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	43	25	-	-
Other Expenses					
Net Profit Before Taxes	(29)	1,713	3,388	3,758	4,747
Taxes	-	(40)	(100)	(113)	(142)
Minority Interests	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit available to shareholders	(29)	1,673	3,288	3,645	4,605
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(1,842)
Transfer to Capital Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Adjusted Shares Out (mn)	562.5	562.5	562.5	562.5	562.5
CFPS (SAR)	(0.05)	4.46	7.66	8.31	10.08
EPS (SAR)	(0.05)	2.97	5.85	6.48	8.19
DPS (SAR)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.274
Growth	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Revenue Growth			65.6%	12.5%	21.5%
Gross Profit Growth			81.0%	6.7%	24.1%
EBITDA Growth	14.2%		66.3%	6.6%	18.7%
Operating Profit Growth	14.2%		84.3%	8.2%	22.5%
Net Profit Growth	14.2%		96.6%	10.9%	26.3%
EPS Growth	14.2%		96.6%	10.9%	26.3%
Margins	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Gross profit margin		37.3%	40.7%	38.6%	39.5%
EBITDA margin		49.5%	49.7%	47.1%	46.0%
Operating Margin		35.2%	39.1%	37.6%	38.0%
Pretax profit margin		29.4%	35.2%	34.7%	36.0%
Net profit margin		28.7%	34.1%	33.6%	35.0%
Other Ratios	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
ROCE	-0.2%	9.8%	16.7%	15.5%	17.9%
ROIC	-0.2%	10.2%	18.0%	19.6%	24.0%
ROE	-0.5%	25.7%	36.6%	29.3%	29.4%
Effective Tax Rate	0.0%	2.4%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%
Capex/Sales		11.2%	1.5%	6.0%	9.0%
Dividend Payout Ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%
Valuation Measures	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
P/E (x)	na	14.8	7.5	6.8	5.4
P/CF (x)	na	9.9	5.7	5.3	4.4
P/B (x)	4.4	3.4	2.3	1.7	1.5
EV/Sales (x)	na	6.5	3.6	2.8	2.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	na	13.1	7.2	6.0	4.7
EV/EBIT (x)	na	18.4	9.1	7.5	5.7
EV/IC (x)	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.4
Dividend Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital



Continuous investments are expanding balance sheet

Balance Sheet (SARmn)	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Cash and Cash Equivalents	606	1,446	3,722	7,298	8,266
Current Receivables	858	2,080	2,617	3,159	3,711
Inventories	738	901	1,153	1,510	1,712
Other current assets	24	75	22	22	22
Total Current Assets	2,208	4,427	7,493	11,967	13,689
Fixed Assets	18,576	18,426	17,587	17,253	17,414
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill					
Other Intangible Assets	30	37	32	32	32
Total Other Assets	310	274	234	194	154
Total Non-current Assets	18,916	18,737	17,853	17,479	17,600
Total Assets	21,124	23,163	25,346	29,446	31,289
Short Term Debt	916	947	1,262	1,262	1,262
Accounts Payable	276	256	384	407	395
Accrued Expenses	488	1,023	961	1,394	1,581
Zakat Payable	-	35	-	-	-
Dividends Payable	-	-	-	-	-
Other Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	1,679	2,261	2,608	3,063	3,238
Long-Term Debt	13,696	13,464	12,000	12,000	10,905
Other LT Payables	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	81	98	109	109	109
Total Non-current Liabilities	13,777	13,562	12,109	12,109	11,015
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-
Paid-up share capital	5,625	5,625	5,625	5,625	5,625
Total Reserves	43	1,715	5,004	8,649	11,412
Total Shareholders' Equity	5,668	7,340	10,629	14,274	17,037
Total Equity	5,668	7,340	10,629	14,274	17,037
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	21,124	23,163	25,346	29,446	31,289

We expect a decline in net debt on account of higher cash flow from operations

Ratios	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Net Debt (SARmn)	14,006	12,965	9,540	5,964	3,902
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(479.44)	4.50	1.99	1.17	0.64
Net Debt to Equity	247.1%	176.6%	89.8%	41.8%	22.9%
EBITDA Interest Cover (x)		7.7	11.7	15.8	24.1
BVPS (SAR)	10.08	13.05	18.90	25.38	30.29

Cashflow Statement (SARmn)	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Net Income before Tax & Minority Interest	(29)	1,713	3,388	3,758	4,747
Depreciation & Amortisation	-	835	1,021	1,029	1,064
Decrease in Working Capital	(1,758)	(868)	(800)	(443)	(579)
Other Operating Cashflow	0	673	423	(113)	(142)
Cashflow from Operations	(1,787)	2,353	4,032	4,232	5,090
Capital Expenditure	(1,471)	(649)	(142)	(656)	(1,186)
New Investments	-	-	(470)	-	-
Others	15	(663)	5	-	-
Cashflow from investing activities	(1,455)	(1,312)	(608)	(656)	(1,186)
Net Operating Cashflow	(3,242)	1,041	3,424	3,576	3,904
Dividends paid to ordinary shareholders	-	-	-	-	(1,842)
Proceeds from issue of shares	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of Exchange Rates on Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Other Financing Cashflow	2,155	700	-	-	-
Cashflow from financing activities	2,814	(201)	(1,148)	-	(2,937)
Total cash generated	(427)	840	2,276	3,576	968
Cash at beginning of period	1,033	606	1,446	3,722	7,298
Implied cash at end of year	606	1,446	3,722	7,298	8,266

Ratios	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Capex/Sales		11.2%	1.5%	6.0%	9.0%

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

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"**Overweight**": Our target price is more than 15% above the current share price, and we expect the share price to reach the target on a 6-9 month time horizon.

"**Neutral**": We expect the share price to settle at a level between 5% below the current share price and 15% above the current share price on a 6-9 month time horizon.

"**Underweight**": Our target price is more than 5% below the current share price, and we expect the share price to reach the target on a 6-9 month time horizon.

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