



US\$0.910bn Market cap	63.6% Free float	US\$0.781mn Avg. daily volume
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Target price	161.5	18.10% over current
Consensus price	164.5	20.3% over current
Current price	136.75	as at 14/11/2011

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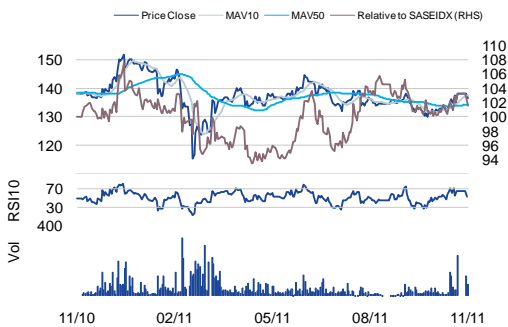
Key themes

Benefiting from robust growth in the Saudi construction market, we believe the ceramics manufacturing industry will continue to grow. Currently, Saudi Ceramics has a strong position in the Saudi market. We believe the strategy of expanding in ceramic tiles will increase the company's growth.

Implications

Saudi Ceramic Company is one of the leading ceramic manufacturing companies in the region. We believe the company will offer good growth in the near future. We also believe the expansions currently taking place coupled with improvements in margins will have a positive impact on the share price.

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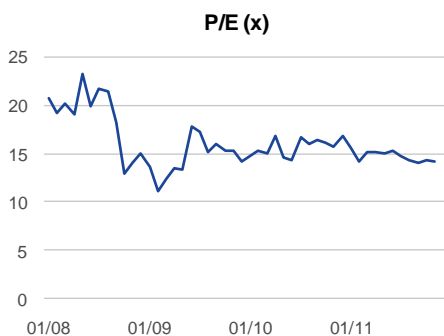


Earnings

Period End (SAR)	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Revenue (mn)	1,080	1,214	1,389	1,684
Revenue Growth	12.7%	12.5%	14.4%	21.2%
EBITDA (mn)	318	376	416	484
EBITDA Growth	12.6%	18.2%	10.8%	16.1%
EPS	8.77	9.75	11.17	13.49
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Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital

Valuation



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Saudi Ceramics

Better margins boosted profits

Saudi Ceramics announced Q3 results with robust bottom line growth of 17% y-o-y but weak sales growth of 5.9%. We attribute this to weaker Ramadan and summer season than we had expected. On the other hand, the company announced it would double its capacity of sanitary ware plant in 2013. In our view, this announcement coupled with ongoing expansions is encouraging and should ensure continuous growth for the company in the medium to long term. Finally, it is worth noting that the share price has fallen by 8% year to date (TASI down 6% year to date) and now trades at a PE ratio of 12.2x and EV/EBITDA of 9.6x. We remain overweight with a target price of SAR161.5.

Revenues below expectation: Q3 revenues grew by 5.9% y-o-y, below our estimate of 14.5%. We believe that we had underestimated the impact of Ramadan and summer holiday season. That said, we believe sales will pick up in Q4 to grow by almost 14 % y-o-y supported by higher volumes. Although SCC announced commencement of trial production from the second phase of the fourth ceramic tile plant in September (Q3), we don't expect a material impact till Q1 2012 as it normally takes 3-4 months to start commercial production for tile plants.

Noticeable improvements in margins: Gross margin of both segments (ceramics and heaters) rose by 3.5pp and 7.5pp y-o-y respectively. These improvements were more than enough to outweigh the slow growth in sales. As a result, aggregate gross profit grew by 19% y-o-y. Further, although SG&A costs/sales increased by almost 3pp y-o-y, it was offset by the hike in gross margin. This resulted in a strong EBIT margin of 20.7% compared to 19% in Q3 2010.

Other income supported net profit: Net profit grew by 17.2% reaching SAR54mn; this was close to our estimates of SAR53mn. However, this was supported by high other income which normally includes 1) income from Natural Gas Distribution Company (SCC stake is 15.87%), 2) income from Ceramic Pipe Company (SCC stake is 50%), and 3) Scrap and other materials sales. We suspect that the boost mainly came from the latter. Thus, we don't expect it to be sustainable.

New projects: SCC announced that it would build a new plant for sanitary ware (bath room products). This new plant should double its capacity by adding 36,000 tons per annum of sanitary ware products. As a result, total capacity will reach 70,000 tons pa, or between 5.5mn-6mn pieces pa. We believe that this expansion not only will ensure continuous growth for the company, but should act as a catalyst for the share price as well. (See table 1 for SCC project pipe line)

Conclusion: We think the expansion in sanitary ware is encouraging and should ensure continuous growth for the company. Looking ahead, we expect SCC to sustain its double digit revenue growth streak and report a 2011 revenue growth of 12.5%. Despite the weak growth in sales, Q3 results were overall satisfactory considering the spectacular improvements in margins; we have accordingly revised our forecasts. We maintain our Overweight rating and target price of SAR161.5, implying 18% upside. SCC stock trades at 2012 EV/EBITDA multiple of 9.6x and offers a dividend yield of 3.3%.



Corporate summary	Share information	Valuation																																																							
Saudi Ceramic Company is one of the oldest and leading ceramics producers in the Middle East with a market value of around SAR3.4bn. The company manufactures and markets ceramic products such as ceramic tiles, sanitary ware (bathroom products) and road markers; in addition, the company manufactures water heaters. The company intends to launch production of red bricks by 2012.	Market cap (SAR/US\$)	3.412bn / 0.910bn																																																							
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Saudi Ceramics projects pipeline future looks bright

Saudi Ceramics has set ambitious plans to ensure growth in the future. Although the project pipeline might seem optimistic, we believe the Saudi residential market will continue to grow and absorb the increase in supply. Furthermore, as mentioned in previous reports, Saudi Ceramics is gradually widening its channel with the government and hence we believe the company will benefit from the government's mega housing projects. Below we present Saudi Ceramics projects pipeline.

Figure 1. Saudi Ceramics: Projects pipeline

Due	Project	Segment	Description
Q1 2012	Phase 2 (final phase) of fourth ceramic tile plant	Tiles	In Sep 2011, trial production started. It usually takes 3-4 month to start commercial production for tiles. This phase will add 9 mn sqm pa to make the total tile production 52 mn sqm pa. This phase is expected to generate around SAR150mn in revenues pa when running at full capacity
Q3 2012	Phase 1 of red bricks plant	Red bricks	We expect SCC to start commercial production in Q3 2012. The capacity for phase one is 264 kton and is expected to generate SAR51mn in revenues pa when running at full capacity
Q1 2013	Modification of two production lines in the second tile plant	Tiles	Two old production lines that produce 4 million sqm pa will be modified to produce 12 million sqm pa. By completing it, SCC tile capacity will reach 60 million sqm pa
Q3 2013 *	Phase 2 of red bricks plant	Red bricks	SCC did not announce how many phases will be done to complete the red bricks plant. However, we believe it will be completed in three phases. We assume the second phase will be completed in Q3 2013. We also assume that the second phase will add 216 ktons pa of red bricks when running at full capacity
Q3 2013	Phase 1 of the second sanitary ware plant	Sanitary ware	We expect commercial production to start in Q3 2013. The capacity for phase one is 18 kton pa and expected to generate SAR75mn in revenues pa when running at full capacity
Q3 2014 *	Phase 2 (final phase) of the second sanitary ware plant	Sanitary ware	We expect commercial production to start in Q3 2014. The capacity for the second phase is 18 kton pa. By adding this phase, the full capacity of sanitary ware products will reach almost 70 kton pa or between 5.5mn - 6mn pieces pa.
Q3 2014 *	Phase 3 (final phase) of the red bricks plant	Red bricks	We expect the third and final phase of the red bricks plant to be completed in Q3 2014. By adding this phase, the full capacity of red bricks will reach 690 kton pa

* ARC estimates

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital



Q4: growth continues

Below we summarize sales breakdown and profits for Q3 and Q4 for both years 2011 and 2010 (our estimates vs. actual results).

Figure 2. Saudi Ceramics: Q3 results vs. our estimates and our expectation for Q4 results

(SAR) mn	2010Q3A	2011Q3E	2011Q3A	YOY % chg.	2010Q4A	2011Q4E	YOY % chg.
Ceramic revenue	202	231	217	7.4%	206	245	18.6%
Heaters revenue	53	55	53	0.2%	73	73	0.3%
Total revenue	255	286	270	5.9%	279	318	13.9%
Gross profit	90	104	107	19.1%	102	120	17.0%
Gross margin %	35.4%	36.4%	39.9%		36.7%	37.7%	
EBITDA	71	82	84	18.6%	82	96	18.1%
EBITDA margin %	29.9%	27.7%	29.3%		29.3%	30.4%	
Net profit	46	53	54	17.2%	57	64	13.1%
Net margin %	18.1%	18.5%	20.1%		20.4%	20.2%	

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital



We expect 2011 revenues to reach SAR1.2bn and net profit to reach SAR244mn

We expect SCC to increase its DPS SAR0.5 every year

We expect SCC to continue its double digit revenue growth over the next three years

SCC is trading on 2012 PE of 12.2x

Income Statement (SARmn)	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Revenue	958	1,080	1,214	1,389	1,684
Cost of Goods Sold	(605)	(688)	(757)	(876)	(1,053)
Gross Profit	352	392	457	514	631
Government Charges					
S.G. & A. Costs	(156)	(171)	(201)	(211)	(269)
Operating EBIT	197	221	256	302	362
Cash Operating Costs	(675)	(762)	(838)	(973)	(1,200)
EBITDA	282	318	376	416	484
Depreciation and Amortisation	(86)	(97)	(120)	(114)	(122)
Operating Profit	197	221	256	302	362
Net financing income/(costs)	4	5	(4)	(14)	(16)
Forex and Related Gains					
Provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income					
Other Expenses					
Net Profit Before Taxes	200	226	252	288	346
Taxes	(3)	(6)	(8)	(9)	(9)
Minority Interests					
Net profit available to shareholders	197	219	244	279	337
Dividends	(75)	(88)	(100)	(113)	(138)
Transfer to Capital Reserve					
	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Adjusted Shares Out (mn)	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
CFPS (SAR)	11.32	12.65	14.56	15.74	18.37
EPS (SAR)	7.89	8.77	9.75	11.17	13.49
DPS (SAR)	3.00	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.53
Growth	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Revenue Growth	11.7%	12.7%	12.5%	14.4%	21.2%
Gross Profit Growth	10.0%	11.3%	16.5%	12.4%	22.9%
EBITDA Growth	8.9%	12.6%	18.2%	10.8%	16.1%
Operating Profit Growth	7.6%	12.3%	15.7%	18.2%	19.7%
Net Profit Growth	10.8%	11.2%	11.2%	14.6%	20.8%
EPS Growth	10.8%	11.2%	11.2%	14.6%	20.8%
Margins	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Gross profit margin	36.8%	36.3%	37.6%	37.0%	37.5%
EBITDA margin	29.5%	29.4%	31.0%	30.0%	28.7%
Operating Margin	20.5%	20.5%	21.1%	21.8%	21.5%
Pretax profit margin	20.9%	20.9%	20.7%	20.7%	20.5%
Net profit margin	20.6%	20.3%	20.1%	20.1%	20.0%
Other Ratios	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
ROCE	15.5%	15.4%	14.8%	15.9%	17.1%
ROIC	14.6%	14.7%	14.7%	14.7%	17.3%
ROE	24.9%	23.6%	22.5%	22.4%	23.4%
Effective Tax Rate	1.5%	2.8%	3.2%	3.0%	2.5%
Capex/Sales	28.0%	16.6%	20.2%	18.0%	16.0%
Dividend Payout Ratio	38.0%	39.9%	41.0%	40.3%	41.0%
Valuation Measures	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
P/E (x)	17.3	15.6	14.0	12.2	10.1
P/CF (x)	12.1	10.8	9.4	8.7	7.4
P/B (x)	4.0	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.2
EV/Sales (x)	4.0	3.7	3.4	2.9	2.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.6	12.5	11.0	9.6	8.3
EV/EBIT (x)	19.5	18.0	16.2	13.3	11.0
EV/IC (x)	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.8
Dividend Yield	2.2%	2.6%	2.9%	3.3%	4.1%

Source: Company data, Al Rajhi Capital



With huge expansions taking place, SCC balance sheet is expanding

Net debt/EBITDA is slightly high due to huge expansions but financing cost is relatively low

We expect Capex to be around SAR788mn between 2012 and 2014

Balance Sheet (SARmn)	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Cash and Cash Equivalents	36	39	45	184	230
Current Receivables	109	100	114	139	219
Inventories	357	425	495	542	606
Other current assets	39	49	69	69	69
Total Current Assets	541	613	724	933	1,124
Fixed Assets	1,176	1,259	1,384	1,520	1,668
Investments	60	52	62	62	62
Goodwill					
Other Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Assets	2	2	2	2	2
Total Non-current Assets	1,237	1,313	1,448	1,583	1,731
Total Assets	1,778	1,925	2,171	2,517	2,855
Short Term Debt	289	345	379	379	379
Accounts Payable	126	53	64	69	202
Accrued Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Payable	-	-	(100)	(113)	(113)
Other Current Liabilities	66	57	58	58	58
Total Current Liabilities	480	454	400	566	699
Long-Term Debt	406	430	567	567	567
Other LT Payables	0	1	-	-	-
Provisions	33	38	45	45	45
Total Non-current Liabilities	439	468	613	613	613
Minority interests					
Paid-up share capital	250	250	250	250	250
Total Reserves	609	753	909	1,088	1,293
Total Shareholders' Equity	859	1,003	1,159	1,338	1,543
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Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	1,778	1,925	2,171	2,517	2,855

Ratios	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Net Debt (SAR)	659	736	901	762	716
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	2.33	2.31	2.40	1.83	1.48
Net Debt to Equity	76.8%	73.4%	77.8%	57.0%	46.4%
EBITDA Interest Cover (x)	(80.7)	(69.6)	93.7	29.0	30.7
BVPS (SAR)	34.35	40.11	46.35	53.52	61.74

Cashflow Statement (SARmn)	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
Net Income before Tax & Minority Interest	200	226	252	288	346
Depreciation & Amortisation	86	97	120	114	122
Decrease in Working Capital	15	(162)	(92)	108	(12)
Other Operating Cashflow	3	14	2	(9)	(9)
Cashflow from Operations	304	175	282	501	447
Capital Expenditure	(268)	(179)	(245)	(250)	(269)
New Investments	2	11	(9)	-	-
Others					
Cashflow from investing activities	(267)	(168)	(254)	(250)	(269)
Net Operating Cashflow	37	7	28	251	178
Dividends paid to ordinary shareholders	(64)	(76)	(188)	(113)	(132)
Proceeds from issue of shares					
Effects of Exchange Rates on Cash					
Other Financing Cashflow	-	-	-	-	-
Cashflow from financing activities	(27)	(4)	(22)	(113)	(132)
Total cash generated	10	3	6	139	46
Cash at beginning of period	25	36	39	45	184
Implied cash at end of year	36	39	45	184	230

Ratios	12/09A	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
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"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.

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