

HEMAS HOLDINGS PLC [HHL.N0000]

DOWNGRADE TO SELL AND DISCONTINUE COVERAGE

"FAIR VALUE ACHIEVED; TIME TO BOOK PROFITS"

Fair Value: FY27E - LKR 36.0

Previous Report in Aug-25 – DOWNGRADE TO HOLD

In our previous report, we upgraded our earnings forecasts for HHL to LKR 9.0Bn for FY26E and LKR 10.2Bn for FY27E, with corresponding target prices of LKR 30.0 and LKR 36.0 per share. Despite the upward revision to earnings, the limited upside relative to our assessed fair values prompted a downgrade in our recommendation to Hold from Buy.

HHL's 2QFY26 earnings are broadly in line with FCR's expectations

HHL's earnings for the quarter were broadly in line with our expectations. For the quarter, the Consumer Brands segment reported a revenue of LKR 13.4Bn, posting a YoY growth of 21.7%, The segment recorded healthy volume growth across all its segments. The uptick in sales, was further supported by increased marketing efforts, targeted promotional campaigns, and brand-building initiatives. Meanwhile the operating profits and earnings of the segment increased to LKR 2.1Bn and LKR 1.6Bn respectively. For the six month period, the segment delivered cumulative revenue of LKR 22.0Bn, with operating profit and earnings amounting to LKR 2.9Bn and LKR 2.3Bn, respectively. Within the Healthcare segment, the pharmaceutical distribution business sustained its upward momentum through YoY volume growth. The Hospital subsegment recorded strong revenue growth during the quarter, driven by the expansion of service offerings across both hospitals, with operating profits of LKR 1.5Bn and earnings of LKR 1.0Bn. On a cumulative basis, the segment reported revenue of LKR 37.7Bn, with operating profit and earnings of LKR 3.1Bn and LKR 2.1Bn, respectively.

FY27E fair value estimate maintained at LKR 36.0; Upside from new projects seem limited

FY27E earnings have been revised upward by approximately 2.2%, factoring in the expected earnings contribution from the Group's recent acquisition in Kenya. In contrast, FY26E earnings have been slightly revised downward by 4.8% to account for incremental costs related to new product licensing within the Healthcare segment. Given the relatively modest scale of these revisions, we retain our fair value estimates at LKR 30.0 for FY26E and LKR 36.0 for FY27E. FCR is of the view that HHL is trading close to its intrinsic value. The Consumer Brands segment appears to be operating at or near peak capacity, constrained by a mature product portfolio, limited geographic diversification, and sustained margin pressure arising from intense competitive dynamics. While management has articulated plans to expand overseas operations, we expect the near-term earnings contribution from these initiatives to remain limited. In contrast, the Healthcare segment, particularly pharmaceutical manufacturing, continues to exhibit attractive long-term growth prospects, underpinned by a portfolio of high-margin products and a strategic emphasis on rapidly expanding therapeutic areas such as cardiovascular and metabolic health. The extension of government buyback agreements enhances visibility on volume stability. However, the ongoing expansion of the Thalawathugoda hospital is unlikely to contribute meaningfully to earnings for approximately three years. In the interim, earnings from the hospital may decline due to partial closures associated with renovation activities. Additionally, the segment remains exposed to regulatory interventions, which could exert downward pressure on margins despite stable or growing volumes.

Against this backdrop, with fair value estimates maintained at LKR 30.0 and LKR 36.0 for FY26E and FY27E, respectively, and the current share price at LKR 34.6, the implied annualised return for FY27E is estimated at 5.6%. This is materially below our minimum required return of 14.0%, supporting a cautious outlook on the stock. Accordingly, we downgrade our recommendation from HOLD to SELL AND DISCONTINUE COVERAGE.

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Price Performance (%)	1 mth	3 mths	12mths
HHL	-3.6%	4.6%	79.4%
ASPI	-3.4%	2.2%	43.3%

Price movement of HHL vs ASPI (indexed and rebased to 100)



Source: CSE

Minimum Return for BUY:

Buy Below FY27E - [AER of 14% with DPS]: LKR 31.5 HHL categorized as 'Grade A' counter

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